

Present:

Councillors: Warden Owen McCarron
Councillor Mary MacLellan Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Donnie MacDonald Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm Councillor Neil Corbett
Councillor Rémi Deveau Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor- Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm
Corey LeBlanc, The Casket
Ken Kingston, 98.9XFM
Matt Draper, The Reporter
Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk
Casey Van de Sande, Casey's Vegetables (Antigonish Farmer's Market)
Margaret Cornect, Cornect Family Farm (Antigonish Farmer's Market)
André Lafrenière, Antigonish Farmer's Market
Brian Patton, CBDC-NOBL
Gallery

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by the Chair, Warden McCarron.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. An item of correspondence was added.

Min #2017-119 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

SWEARING-IN OF NEIL CORBETT – COUNCILLOR-ELECT FOR DISTRICT 9

Warden McCarron invited Neil Corbett, Councillor-elect for District 9, to come forward to be sworn in. The *Council Members Oath of Allegiance and of Office* was taken, and Councillor Corbett was fitted with a municipal pin and formally welcomed by Warden McCarron to Municipal Council. Photographs were then taken.

Councillor Corbett expressed his thanks to the constituents of District 9, and expressed that he was proud and excited to be following in the footsteps of Warden Boucher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden McCarron called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of September 5th, 2017.

Min #2017-120 (Approval of Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor Mattie, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that the Municipal Council minutes of September 5th, 2017 be approved. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

An update on the status of the Demolition Order for the property of Dianne Leblanc, 5417 Highway 7, West River (PID 01211952, AAN 00295825) was provided. Mr. Horne noted that the timeline given for the owner to respond to the Demolition Order had expired, staff had put the demolition work to tender, and that tender had closed and been awarded on Thursday September 14th. Demolition work on the property is expected to be completed no later than Thursday, September 28th.

PRESENTATIONS

Antigonish Farmer's Market

Mr. Van de Sande re-introduced the year-round permanent market building concept that the group has been working on since presenting to the Committee of the Whole earlier in the year, and provided members of Council with copies of the proposed floor plans. Mr. Lafrenière then reviewed some of the economic benefits of farmers markets, as well as some of the environmental features that are proposed to be incorporated into their building. These include a hydronic floor with electric power supplied by solar panels. The potential for community use of the commercial-grade kitchen, as well as the building as a whole for an emergency comfort station, were also discussed.

Financial details were then reviewed. The project is expected to cost \$2.1 million, and the Farmer's Market Board is hoping for funding assistance from various levels of government, with a goal of approximately \$700,000 to be raised at a local level. Presentations requesting support are also being made to the Town of Antigonish, District of Guysborough, and District of St. Mary's. Representatives from the Farmers Market Board were asked about whether other weekly revenue streams were being explored for the building; additional market days, as is common in other communities, was an idea being considered by the Board

Warden McCarron thanked the representatives from the Farmer's Market for their presentation.

Brian Patton – CBDC-NOBL

Mr Patton provided members of Council with a brief overview of the programs offered by CBDC-NOBL, and how they support the start-up and operation of local businesses and entrepreneurs. Some local success stories were shared, and Councillors were encouraged to direct any constituents that may be asking about small-business support to Mr. Patton. Mr. Patton was thanked for his presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the following:

- a) Manon Côté, Director, Ministerial Correspondence Secretariat, Canadian Heritage – September 8, 2017
 - Response regarding the "Not A Sports Bar" letter sent by Council several months ago, identifying CRTC public hearing October 16, 2017
- b) A resident of the Antigonish-Guysborough Road
 - Expressing concerns with the condition of the road and a single-lane bridge. Council was requested to forward this letter to local MLAs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Antigonish Building for Youth Commission (Arena Commission) – August 16th, 2017

No motions were made. Warden McCarron reviewed the items summarized in the Committee Report for Council.

Asset Management Committee Report – September 5th, 2017

Min #2017-121 (Three-Year Cost Sharing Agreement with DTIR)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau, that the Municipality sign a three-year cost share agreement with DTIR for subdivision streets. Motion carried.

Min #2017-122 (Antigonish Court House Lease Extension)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald, that the Municipality sign a lease extension with the Department of Justice for the Antigonish County Court House. Motion carried.

Joint Policy Advisory Board Report – September 14th, 2017

Min #2017-123 (Nova Scotia Police Governance Board Representative)

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Deputy Warden Stewart join the Nova Scotia Police Governance Board. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole – September 19th, 2017

Min #2017-124 (Approval of 2016/2017 Audited Statements)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald, that Municipal Council approves the 2016/2017 Audited Statements. Motion carried.

Min #2017-125 (Approval of the 2017/2018 Water Utility Budget)

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan, that Municipal Council approves the 2017/2018 Water Utility Budget. Motion carried.

Min #2017-126 (Approval of the 2017/2018 Statement of Estimates)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar, that Municipal Council approves the 2017/2018 Statement of Estimates. Motion carried.

Min #2017-127 (Beech Hill Water/Sewer Connection)

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor Corbett, that Municipal Council approve a financial contribution for a service connection at Beech Hill Road up to \$26,000, contingent on a developer contribution of 25%. Motion carried.

Min #2017-128 (Issuance of an RFP for a Market Assessment)

MOVED by Councillor Dunbar, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald, that Municipal Council authorize the issuance of an RFP for a Market Assessment. Motion carried.

Min #2017-129 (Reduction of Property Taxes Due to Fire Damage)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau, that Municipal Council approve the reduction of property taxes for properties damaged by fire, as identified by PVSC. Motion carried.

UPDATES AND REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:

- OHS – a window has been installed at the scale house; the wellness policy is under review by the staff committee, and will be brought to Council following the completion of any revisions

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- ACALA meeting – good summer program attendance and a recipe book fundraiser upcoming
- Library meeting – good summer program attendance as well, and numbers were up for the summer children’s reading contest
- ALBANS meeting – upcoming conference, and discussion about funding and community directional signage to identify library locations

Councillor Mattie reported that he attended:

- August 8th Community appreciation lunch
- August 8th Heatherton Skate Park meeting

Councillor MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- Memorial for the late Hon. Allan J. MacEachern

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- RK MacDonald Public Relations meeting – gearing up for the 60th anniversary of the RK this spring

Councillor Dunbar reported that he attended:

- August 8th Heatherton Skate Park meeting
- August 16th Arena Commission meeting
- August 17th AT Committee meeting

Councillor Dunbar also notified members of Council that Powwow was taking place this upcoming weekend at Paqtnkek.

Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

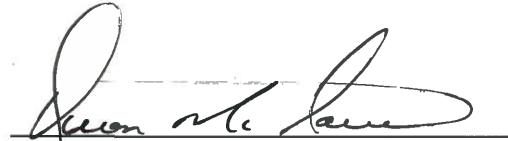
- UNSM Workshop in Halifax
- Town and Gown meeting at St. FX
- Exhibition (ENSE) opening ceremony
- Meetings with Minister Hines and Minister Delorey regarding local highways and cell service coverage
- Meeting with MP Sean Fraser, regarding cell services and rural Internet speeds
- Meeting with DTIR representatives to discuss access management along Trunk 4 (the old Highway 104)
- August 8th Heatherton Skate Park meeting

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Councillor MacFarlane voiced a concern with the function of the intersection of Beech Hill Road with Trunk 4 (the old Highway 104). A number of accidents and near-misses have taken place since the new highway was opened, and the layout and speeds make this a confusing and dangerous area to drive. Representatives from DTIR have recently met with Municipal representatives, and cords are now out to conduct a traffic count at this intersection as well as at the intersection of Trunk 4/Post Road and Lochaber Road/West Street. In the interim, perhaps the speed along this stretch should be reduced. A suggestion was made to write a letter expressing ongoing concern with this intersection to the local MLAs.

MOTION TO ADJOURN**Min #2017-130 (Motion to Adjourn)**

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, seconded by Councillor Mattie that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:43pm. Motion carried.



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer