



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

7:30 to 9:00 pm

Present: Warden Russell Boucher, Chairperson
Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillors: Donnie MacDonald Bill MacFarlane
Mary MacLellan Pierre Boucher
Angus Bowie Vaughan Chisholm
Hughie Stewart

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor – Boudrot & Rodgers Law Firm
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
John Bain, Director, Eastern District Planning Commission
Corey LeBlanc, The Casket
Matt Draper, The Reporter
Greg Morrow, The Hawk
Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM
Gallery

Regrets: Councillor Rémi Deveau

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher, who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Warden Boucher called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

The following item was added to the Agenda.

- 1) Under #8 - Correspondence, add item v) Minister of Transportation acknowledgement of Pictou County's letter re: Highway 104 twinning

Min #2015-001 (Approval of Agenda)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of November 18, 2014.

Min #2015-002 (Approval of November Minutes)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that the Municipal Council Minutes of November 18, 2014 be approved. Motion carried.

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of December 16, 2014.

Min #2015-003 (Approval of December Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor Boucher, SECONDED by Councillor Bowie, that the Municipal Council Minutes of December 16, 2014 be approved. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Community Health Board

Dan Fougere (Antigonish CHB Chair), Andrea Donovan (Community Health Promotion Officer) and Jaime Smith (Marram Consulting) gave a presentation providing an overview of the composition and role of the Community Health Board, the role of the Community Health Plan, and the anticipated processes as the next Community Health Plan (2015-2018) is drafted. The presenting members asked for Council's assistance in identifying and connecting with local groups to facilitate the community consultation efforts being undertaken as part of the plan development. Further, Council was asked for assistance with encouraging participation in the consultation process.

Members of Council asked to be notified as the consultation meetings are scheduled, so that they could help to promote the meetings. Further, the suggestion was made that County Recreation staff be consulting for contact information for community groups and halls. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Warden Boucher thanked the representatives for their presentation.

Positive Action for Keppoch

Dr. John Chaisson provided an update on the recent progress with the development of the Keppoch, including the construction of trails, improvements to buildings, and a number of projects planned for the facility that will continue to increase the recreation opportunities and services being made available to users. Dr. Chaisson noted that the facility is hoping to host a major bike race in the future, and is looking to obtaining the infrastructure necessary to provide cross country skiing opportunities, constructing additional shelters and warming huts, completing the children's park, and adding a children's climbing structure.

Dr. Chaisson noted that the facility would be hosting a Fun Day on February 15th, and would be launching a membership campaign on that date. A formal request for funding from the County would be submitted in the future.

Warden Boucher thanked Dr. Chaisson for his presentation.

St. FX Rowing Club

Katie Edwards and Wendy Langley provided a presentation providing some recent background on the St. FX Rowing Club and its success in the last few years with hosting high-caliber rowing events. This has led to the club being awarded the opportunity to host the 2015 Canadian University Rowing Championships, to be held October 31st through November 1st. Approximately 26 teams are expected to participate, translating into about 350 athletes, plus their coaches, volunteers, and families.

The Rowing Club is looking for organizations to sponsor this event, and hope that the County will consider providing support at the "presenting" level for three reasons: The event will result in permanent infrastructure within the County to support future events; the event will result in a great deal of local spending by both organizers and participants; and the Club and its enhanced Olympic-

class facilities represent a valuable youth development opportunity in the community. The handouts provided at the meeting outlining event details and budget considerations are attached.

Ms. Edwards and Ms. Langley were thanked for their presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the following:

1. Elaine Wagner, UARB – Confirmation of receipt of Boundary Review Study
2. Disestablishment of Antigonish Regional Development Authority
3. Lease – Justice, Antigonish County Jail
4. Thank-you Letter – Arisaig Community Development Association
5. Minister – TIR Hwy 104 Twinning request from Pictou County

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Report – January 13, 2015

Min #2015-004 (Street Light Request)

MOVED by Councillor Pierre Boucher and seconded by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that a street light be installed at Randall's Bridge in Bayfield. Motion Carried.

Min #2015-005 (Strategic Priorities)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald and seconded by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that Municipal Council adopt the "Strategic Priorities Chart & Priority Work Program" for continuous use at each Council meeting, quarterly review, and annual updating. Motion Carried.

Min #2015-006 (Priority Setting Update Session)

MOVED by Councillor Hugh Stewart and seconded by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the Municipal Clerk Treasurer schedule an annual Priority Setting Update session to be held prior to the setting of the annual operating budget. Motion carried.

Min #2015-007 (Crime Prevention Bonspiel)

MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau and seconded by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that the County sponsor a team and donate a prize for the Annual Crime Prevention Curling Bonspiel. Motion Carried.

Committee of the Whole Report – January 20, 2015

Min #2015-008 (Antigonish Arena Floor Repairs)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron and seconded by Councillor Stewart that the Municipality of the County of Antigonish earmark funding in the 2015/2016 budget for the work and costs required to replace the rink slab at the Antigonish Arena, as set out in the Opinion of Probable Costs provided by CJ Mac Engineers and Surveyors. Motion carried.

Min #2015-009 (Volunteer Fire Department Registration)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that Municipal Council approve the registration of the Antigonish County Volunteer Fire Department, the Four Valleys Volunteer Fire Department, the Pomquet Fire and Emergency Services, and the Tracadie & Area Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried.

Min #2015-010 (UNSM Resolution Request)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane and seconded by Councillor Stewart that Municipal Council approve a resolution for the UNSM 2015 Fall Conference concerning the establishment of "New England Day" in Nova Scotia on the first Saturday of August each year. Motion carried.

Min #2015-011 (Special District Grant Request)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Stewart that Municipal Council approve a Special District Grant funding request in the amount of \$5,000 for the Mini Trail Community Centre in District 2. Motion carried.

Min #2015-012 (Streetlight - Failte Lane)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor Boucher that Municipal Council approve a streetlight at the intersection of Failte Lane and West Lochaber Road. Motion carried.

MOTIONS

By-law Respecting the Regulation of Discharges to the Public Sewer Systems

The by-law presented for Council's consideration for first reading are amendments to the Sewer By-law. The proposed amendments were developed using a sewer use model by-law from the Department of Municipal Affairs, with input from Department of Environment. These amendments have been reviewed by our Finance, Planning and Public Works departments, and have been reviewed and endorsed by our consulting engineers. This amended by-law has also been reviewed and shared with the Town of Antigonish because a significant percentage of the wastewater utilizes the Town's wastewater treatment plant.

The amendments are intended to update the Municipality's regulations concerning sewer systems, disposal of waste and discharges into the sanitary sewer. The existing By-law has been in place since the early 1980s with few changes. Since the by-law is based on provincial model, it is more likely to align closely with by-laws across the province and in the surrounding region.

If approved by Council for first reading, staff will arrange a Public Hearing at a future Municipal Council meeting.

Min #2015-013 (Sewer By-law)

MOVED by Councillor McFarlane and seconded by Councillor MacDonald that Municipal Council give first reading to the By-law Respecting the Regulation of Discharges to the Public Sewer System. Motion carried.

Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use by-law for the Antigonish Fringe Plan Area (formally the Antigonish County Planning Area)

This item is returning after a Public Hearing was held back on December 16th. At that hearing, three concerns were raised by Marc Ouellette of Somerled Properties, which are, in no particular order: 1) Automobile service stations are by Development Agreement; the Architectural and Site Design Guidelines; and the Maximum height for Ground Signs of 10.7 metres (35 feet). A memo outlining those concerns and providing justification for proceeding with the amendments was prepared by Planning staff and provided to Municipal Council.

Two options have been provided in that memo to Council for proceeding with the proposal. Staff's understanding is that Council would like to entertain Option #1, which is to approve the proposed by-law with staff immediately working on an amendment to review the issues raised and prepare an amendment to address them. Once solutions are found for the issues at hand, they can be dealt with to amendments to the plan to be adopted tonight (once approved by Provincial Director of Planning).

Through further discussion with Council, it became clear that a preamble to the motion would be appropriate, logged in the minutes, which would read as follows:

With its motion to approve the Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law, while respecting the necessary public process, Municipal Council is also directing planning staff to immediately develop an amendment for Council's consideration that would see a sign to the height proposed by Somerled Properties (100 ft) permitted on its property and provide a framework for similar signage related development requests to be considered.

Min #2015-014 (Antigonish Fringe Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law)

MOVED by Councillor McFarlane and seconded by Deputy Warden McCarron that Municipal Council adopt the draft Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for the Antigonish Fringe Plan Area (formally the Antigonish County Planning Area). Motion carried (5 in favour, 2 abstentions).

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Donnie MacDonald reported that he had attended:

- New Year's Levee
- Community Roundtable on Transportation

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron reported that he had attended:

- New Year's Levee

Warden Boucher reported that he had attended:

- Met with Cape Breton-Canso MP Rodger Cuzner to discuss the Antigonish Arena
- New Year's Levee

Min #2015-015 (Motion to Adjourn)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron and seconded by Councillor Bowie that the meeting adjourn at 9:01pm. Motion carried.

Warden Russell Boucher

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer