



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH
Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, May 19, 2015
7:30 to 8:20 pm

Present: Warden Russell Boucher, Chairperson
Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillors: Donnie MacDonald Bill MacFarlane
Mary MacLellan Vaughan Chisholm
Angus Bowie Pierre Boucher
Hugh Stewart Rémi Deveau

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor – Boudrot & Rodgers Law Firm
Corey LeBlanc, Antigonish Casket
Matt Draper, The Reporter
Greg Morrow, The Hawk
Ken Kingston, CJFX
Shannon Long, Constituency Assistant, Antigonish MLA
Gallery

Regrets: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Warden Boucher called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. No changes were identified.

Min #2015-069 (Approval of Agenda)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of April 21, 2015.

Min #2015-070 (Approval of April 21st Council Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that the Municipal Council Minutes of April 21, 2015 be approved. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Alec Ross – Flag Design Contest Winner – H.M. MacDonald Elementary School

Mr. Alec Ross, accompanied by Mr. Daniel Ross and Mr. J. Dayman (H.M. MacDonald School Principal), was introduced by Councillor MacLellan. Alec was the winner of a school flag design held at the school, which was part of a class activity that involved learning about the history of the Canadian flag to commemorate the 50th anniversary of its design.

Mr. Ross explained that his inspiration was a desire to create a design that was “simple, unique, and symbolic”, incorporated the school colours, and had a way of representing the school’s mascot – a black bear. Mr. Ross was congratulated and thanked for his presentation by the Warden on behalf of the members of Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the following:

1. Staff Sgt. Glassford – RCMP Monthly Report - April.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Report – April 30, 2015

Min #2015-071 (Bulky Waste Collection Tender)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan that the tender for the Bulky Waste Collections be awarded to Eastern Sanitation Limited in the amount of \$41,630.61. Motion Carried.

Min #2015-072 (1st Reading – Storage Building Amendment)

MOVED by Councillor Bowie, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald that the amendment to allow for storage buildings (which include “Accessory Buildings”) as a permitted use in the Rural General development areas of the Plan Areas be given first reading. Motion Carried.

Min #2015-073 (South-West Antigonish Area Advisory Committee)

MOVED by Councillor Bowie, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm the County disbands the South-West Antigonish Area Advisory Committee. Motion Carried.

Min #2015-074 (2015/2016 Sewer Rate)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that the 2015/2016 Sewer Rate be set at \$311.00 per user unit. Motion Carried.

Committee of the Whole Report – May 5, 2015

Min #2015-075 (Low-Income Tax Exemption Threshold)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that the maximum income threshold for the low-income tax exemption be raised to \$20,000.00 a year. Motion Carried.

Committee of the Whole Report – May 19, 2015

Min #2015-076 (Tax Account Write-Offs)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that Municipal Council write-off the tax accounts as identified in the staff memo dated May 5, 2015. Motion carried.

Min #2015-077 (2015 Single-Axle Cab & Chassis Plow Truck Tender)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council approve the recommended Tender for a new 2015 single-axle cab & chassis for a plow . Motion carried.

Min #2015-078(Big Marsh Branch Road Petition)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council endorse a letter to accompany a petition submitted by the Big Marsh Branch Road residents for ditching and gravelling. Motion carried.

Min #2015-079 (Bonvie-MacDonald Rinks to Links Golf Tournament)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Bowie that Municipal Council fund a team at a cost of \$1500 for the Bonvie-MacDonald Rinks to Links Golf Tournament, to be held on June 15, 2015. Motion carried.

MOTIONS

Min #2015-080 (Striking the Tax Rate)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan that Municipal Council adopt the budget and strike the tax rate as per the resolution attached to the May 19, 2015 Municipal Council Minutes. Motion carried.

Min #2015-081 (Borrowing Resolution)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that Municipal Council approve the borrowing resolution as attached to the May 19, 2015 Municipal Council Minutes. Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor MacFarlane wished to express praise to Mr. Horne and Municipal Staff for all of the work that had been done in the preparation of this year's budget.

Councillor Chisholm reported that he had attended:

- The Liberal Party breakfast session where Mr. Ford Rice from the Strait Regional School Board had given a presentation

Councillor Deveau reported that he had attended:

- A Crime Prevention meeting

Councillor MacLellan reported that she had attended:

- Saltscapes Expo in Halifax, which had excellent attendance and where local Antigonish Town and County business had donated a basket worth over \$1600 for a raffle

- An ACALA meeting
- Visits with Victoria County representatives regarding cell phone services in rural areas, as part of looking into service concerns in District 1.

Councillor Boucher reported that he had attended:

- The UNSM conference in White Point

Deputy Warden McCarron reported that he had attended:

- Arena Commission Meeting (noted that the 50/50 is still ongoing)
- A meeting a Wayne O'Connor (Clerk with NSP) regarding service concerns and communications
- The morning session of the St. FX graduation ceremonies

Warden Russell Boucher reported that he had attended:

- REN meetings as part of the Liaison Oversight Committee
- Lieutenant Governor's Awards in Mabou
- The afternoon session of the St. FX graduation ceremonies
- The UNSM Spring Workshop at White Point
- The St. FX Kehoe fundraising dinner in Halifax

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Highway 337 Paving Concerns

Councillor MacLellan brought forward a concern from District 1 resident Velma MacEachern regarding the condition of the road surface on Highway 337 for a six (6) kilometer stretch in the Cape George-Ballantyne's Cove area, and asked that the Municipality endorse a letter to provincial transportation department personnel, TIR minister Geoff MacLellan and Antigonish MLA Randy Delorey. Discussion followed.

Min #2015-082 (Highway 337 Resurfacing Request)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council endorses a letter to provincial representatives requesting the resurfacing of a portion of Highway 337. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2015-083 (Motion to Adjourn)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Boucher that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:19pm. Motion carried.


Warden Russell Boucher


Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer