



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

7:30pm

Present: Warden Russell Boucher, Chairperson
Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillors: Bill MacFarlane Rémi Deveau
Mary MacLellan Vaughan Chisholm
Donnie MacDonald Hughie Stewart
Pierre Boucher

Regrets: Angus Bowie

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Shirlyn Donovan, Interim Deputy Clerk
Corey LeBlanc, Antigonish Casket
Matthew Draper, Port Hawkesbury Reporter
Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM
Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk
John Buckland-Nicks
Liz Brennan
Jay Ross
Jeff Parker
Sue Adams
Hugh Haley
Alida Campbell
Jack MacPherson
Kim MacDonald
Rachel MacFarlane

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Min #2015-132 (Approval of Agenda)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of June 23rd, 2015.

Min #2015-133 (Approval of September 15th Council Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan and SECONDED by Councillor Boucher, that the Municipal Council Minutes of September 15th, 2015 be approved. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

Antigonish Community Transit

Alida Campbell from Antigonish Community Transit provided an update to Municipal Council now that the transit system has been in operation for one year. She indicated ridership is increasing and they are committed to making the service better and stronger than it already is. Presentation is attached with details.

ACT has purchased a Dodge Caravan to add to their service.

They are seeing trends of the same people using the service so they are becoming a reliable form of transportation for many residents.

Councillor Stewart asked how many County Routes there are. Ms. Campbell said there are Wednesday and Friday routes which travel throughout the County.

Moving forward, ACT is looking to build partnerships with CACL, VON and the Carevan to consolidate services to better serve the residents of the area.

In terms of sustainability, hitting 1000 passengers per month would bring the transit system to a break-even point. For the month of September they had 695 riders.

Councillor MacDonald asked Ms. Campbell to expand on the Dial a Ride Service. She said passengers must call 24 hours in advance to book the service and they can be from anywhere in the County.

Councillor MacLellan asked if they still have the second bus. Ms. Campbell said they still do have 2 buses and 1 van, they must keep the second bus for when the first one goes out of commission or is in for service.

Councillor MacLellan asked how many drivers are employed by ACT. There are 6 paid drivers and 1 volunteer driver.

Across the province most transit systems operate solely on the dial a ride program.

Councillor Deveau asked if the dial a ride is the same cost as the fixed routes. Ms. Campbell said as of right now, yes. They have a fee schedule based on locations within the County.

Warden Boucher thanked Ms. Campbell for her presentation.

Antigonish Climate Resilience: Listening to Our Neighbours

Ms. Feltmate introduced the film "Listening to our Neighbours" which was spearheaded by the Antigonish Climate Resilience.

Councillor Boucher thanked the Antigonish Climate Resilience committee for their work on the film. Councillors were very pleased with the film and thought it was very well done.

Ms. Feltmate informed Municipal Council that UNSM will be awarding the Municipality of the County of Antigonish with the 2015 Climate Change award at the conference in November.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the following:

1. Chez Desleauriers
2. Lynda Mills – Request for water and sewer line extension
3. Buchells LLP – Notice of opportunity to intervene in Court of Appeal proceedings. Municipality of the County of Richmond v. Attorney General of Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.
4. Jamie Chisholm – Department of Transportation (2 items)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Report E-Polls – September 24, 2015

Min #2015-134 (Nutrition Break Sponsorship)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan that the Municipal sponsor a nutrition break at the 2nd Annual Helping the Helpers Education and Awareness Day for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PRSD) for \$100. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Report – October 6, 2015

Min #2015-135 (Review of Eastern Region Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-law)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that the Eastern District Planning Commission begin a review on the Eastern Region Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law. Motion carried.

Min #2015-136 (Re-Allocation of Recreation Funds)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm that the Recreation Department be permitted to re-allocate funds amounting to \$2736 which were left over from the inclusion support leader to help leverage funding to purchase adaptive equipment. Motion carried.

Min #2015-137 (Software Purchase)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Boucher that the Municipality Approve the purchase of On Demand: Parks and Recreation software by Diamond Municipal Solutions. Motion carried.

Min #2015-138 (Proclamations Policy)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm that the Municipality repeal the Proclamations Policy. Motion carried.

Min #2015-139 (Blue Dot Movement)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald that the Municipality endorse the Blue Dot resolution recognizing the right to live in the Healthy Environment. Motion carried.

Min #2015-140 (Special District Grant Request)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that Municipal Council approves the District #2 Special District Grant request of \$3000 for the Paddy Hallow Cemetery. Motion carried.

Min #2015-141 (UNSM Conference Attendance)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that Municipal Council approves the request of five (5) Municipal Councillors to attend the UNSM Conference in Halifax from November 3-6. Motion carried.

Min #2015-142 (Identification of Unaccounted for Properties)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that the Municipality contract Kevin MacDonald to identify unaccounted for properties so they can be assessed and added to the tax roll. Motion carried.

Min #2015-143 (Physical and Health Literacy Conference)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that Municipal Council approves the request for Laura Duggan to attend the Physical and Health Literacy Conference in Halifax on October 22 & 23. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Report – October 20, 2015

Min #2015-144 (Business Ability Banquet)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that the Municipality purchase five (5) tickets to the Business Ability Banquet at a cost of \$50 per ticket. Motion Carried.

Min #2015-145 (Road Naming Policy)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm that the Municipality adopt the Road Naming Policy. Motion carried.

Min #2015-146 (Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that The Municipality submits a letter to the Minister of Agriculture outlining the Municipality's position that the Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock Act NOT be repealed and that any amendments be considered in consultation with municipalities. Motion Carried.

Min #2015-147 (Solar Energy Project)

MOVED by Councillor Boucher, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that the Municipality move forward with a municipal solar energy project, with a system size of 20-25kWh for fiscal 2016-2017. Motion Carried.

Min #2015-148 (Street Lights)

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that the Municipality permit the owners of Noah's Park subdivision to install three (3) street lights. Motion carried.

Min #2015-149 (Courthouse Roof Tender)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm that the Municipality award the tender to fix the Courthouse roof to Mike Worth Contracting for \$15,000. Motion Carried.

Planning Advisory Committee Report – October 20, 2015

Min #2015-150 (Property Rezoning)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Boucher that Municipal Council approve the request to rezone the property located at PID# 10056174 from Hamlet Highway Commercial (HHC-1) to Hamlet Residential. Motion Carried.

Min #2015-151 (Amendment to Central Antigonish Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council amend Policy L-14.2 of the Central Antigonish Municipal Planning Strategy and the corresponding Part 18.1 and 18.2 of the Land Use By-law that addresses the Hamlet Industrial (HI-1) zone permitted uses by development agreement. This amendment would allow new development 'as of right' in the HI-1 zone providing the applicant has received an approval from the Department of Public Works. Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Boucher reported that he attended:

- Household hazardous water drop off
- Treaty Day in Halifax
- Forestry Advisory Meeting

Councillor Stewart reported that he attended:

- Keppoch Fun Day

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- ACALA Meeting
- Joint Council Meeting
- RK Meeting
- Antigonish Climate Resilience Meeting
- Library Conference in Halifax

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:

- Information session on SAFE (Syrian-Antigonish Families Embrace)

Deputy Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- Joint Council Meeting
- Field day for Martha Brown

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- Crime Prevention meetings

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- Heritage Board Meeting
- Cathy's Cancer Walk

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:

- REN Meeting
- Mayors and Wardens Meeting
- Chamber Breakfast
- Treaty Day in Halifax
- Minnie in Motion

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2015-152 (Motion to Adjourn)

MOVED by Councillor Boucher, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:47pm. Motion carried.


Warden Russell Boucher


Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer