

Present:

Councillors-Elect: Russell Boucher Owen McCarron
 Bill MacFarlane Rémi Deveau
 Mary MacLellan Hugh Stewart
 Donnie MacDonald Vaughan Chisholm
 Gary Mattie John Dunbar

Regrets: None

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
 Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
 Adam Rodgers, Solicitor- Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm

Media: Corey LeBlanc, Antigonish Casket
 Matt Draper, Port Hawkesbury Reporter
 Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk
 Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM

Gallery: Tammy Feltmate
 Maya Feltmate
 Tracy Dunbar
 Roxanne Cullen
 Helen Mattie
 Heather Dunbar

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by the Chair, Glenn Horne. Mr. Horne noted that item 2) *Approval of the Agenda*, would be moved in the order of business to take place following the swearing-in of Council and elections of Warden and Deputy Warden.

REVIEW OF 2016 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

Mr. Horne read aloud the official election results that were displayed at the front of the room. Those results are as follows:

District 1	Mary MacLellan	Elected
District 2	Donnie MacDonald	Elected
District 3	Hugh Stewart	Acclaimed
District 4	Vaughan Chisholm	Elected
District 5	Remi Deveau	Acclaimed
District 6	Owen McCarron	Acclaimed
District 7	John Dunbar	Elected
District 8	Gary Mattie	Elected
District 9	Russell Boucher	Acclaimed
District 10	Bill MacFarlane	Acclaimed

SWEARING IN OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Rodgers requested that the Councillors-elect swear/affirm the following Oath of Allegiance and of Office:

I, (name), swear (or solemnly affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law;

And that I am duly qualified as required by law for the office of Councillor of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish;

And that I will truly, faithfully, and impartially execute the duties of the offices to which I have been elected to the best of my knowledge and ability;

And that I have not received, and will not receive any payment or reward or promise thereof for the exercise of any partiality or other undue execution of the duties of my office.

The ten Councillors-elect repeated the oath and were deemed to be sworn in.

ELECTION OF THE WARDEN

Mr. Horne then called for nominations for the position of Warden. Councillor MacLellan nominated Councillor Boucher; Councillor Stewart seconded this motion. Councillor Boucher accepted the nomination. Mr. Horne then called for further nominations three times. No other nominations were received, and Councillor Boucher was deemed to be elected Warden by Council.

Mr. Horne then transferred the responsibility of chairing the meeting to Warden Boucher.

ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY WARDEN

Warden Boucher called for nominations for the position of Deputy Warden. Councillor Stewart nominated Councillor McCarron; Councillor Deveau seconded this motion. Councillor McCarron accepted the nomination. Warden Boucher then called for further nominations. No other nominations were received, and Councillor McCarron was deemed to be elected Deputy Warden by Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Min #2016-129 (Approval of Agenda)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of September 20th, 2016.

Min #2016-130 (Approval of Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron, that the Municipal Council minutes of September 20th, 2016 be approved. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the following:

- Strait Regional School Board
 - Notice of the initiation of a school review of the Dr. J.H. Gillis Regional High School feeder system.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Horne noted that there was a UNSM Council Orientation taking place in Truro on November 9th & 10th, and asked whether any members of Council would be interested in attending. Councillor Dunbar and Councillor Mattie both indicated that they were interested. Mr. Horne noted that staff would follow-up with each Councillor to make arrangements.

Mr. Horne provided a brief background on the upcoming Business Ability Banquet, taking place on November 10th. The County has purchased a table of tickets (8), and Mr. Horne asked which Councillors would like to attend. Councillors MacDonald, Chisholm, Dunbar, MacFarlane, MacLellan and Warden Boucher all indicated that they would like / are able to attend. Staff will follow-up with further details about this event.

Mr. Horne noted that the UNSM Fall Convention is taking place from November 29th – December 2nd, and asked what members of Council would like to attend this year. Councillors Deveau and Chisholm, Warden Boucher and Deputy Warden McCarron indicated that they would like to attend. Councillor MacFarlane indicated that he is unable to attend this year. Councillor MacLellan will be receiving recognition for her long-service. Staff will follow-up with the remaining members of Council to determine if anyone else is interested in attending.

Warden Boucher asked to go around the table to see what each member heard while campaigning at the door. All Councillors were also asked to discuss any goals that they may have for this term.

Councillor MacDonald noted that he had the opportunity to hand-deliver 250 flyers, with another 250 being delivered in the mail. Overall, residents that he spoke with indicated that they were happy with the County. Water and Sewer services were a discussion topic, particularly in North Grant. In Lanark, there was discussion regarding water. Street lights, sidewalks, and internet access were also issues with concerns that were brought to his attention. Finally, concern was expressed with road maintenance issues that fall under the umbrella of TIR.

Councillor MacLellan relayed that she had good reception and compliments for the County, with particular good feedback regarding the grants program (availability and impact). New issues were brought to her attention regarding cell phone coverage, and she shared an experience concerning gravel and asphalt road treatments.

Councillor Chisholm shared feedback that he received regarding the desire for water services and chip-seal treatment on Somers Road, which is the last of the J-class roads in the Municipality's portfolio that has not been chip-sealed.

Councillor Dunbar noted that he heard that residents were generally pleased with relatively low tax levels and the support that the County provided to the community centre in Heatherton. He passed along a concern that was brought to his attention from a constituent regarding the County's support of Ground Search and Rescue and their facility in Monastery. Mr. Horne noted that the County had made a contribution to this group through former Councillor Pierre Boucher's special district grant funding earlier in the year.

Councillor MacFarlane commented that his goal for the term was the expansion of the water system, particularly in light of the water supply issues elsewhere in the province following such a dry summer.

Councillor Deveau echoed the concern with water availability, noting that he would like to see water and sewer services extended to the residents in South Side Harbour.

Deputy Warden McCarron expressed that he heard good things about the County's support of a variety of causes, both cultural and community-based, while keeping a reasonable tax rate. He heard complimentary things about the County's staff, and in particular the outside staff, specifically with respect to the efforts to install the water meters. He was looking forward to future Business Park Development projects, and commended Dexter Construction with the twinning project being completed and opened before the deadline.

Warden Boucher noted that he was working on finding a resolution to resident concerns regarding the brightness of the lights on the hydro tower crossing in Auld's Cove. Further, he was looking forward to ongoing opportunities for collaboration and cooperation with the Town.

Councillor Stewart was looking forward to exploring opportunities for the expansion of the water system in his District. He noted that there could be opportunities for future development if the water services were available.

Councillor Mattie expressed an interest in cleaning up areas in his district where there are cars on the lawn or other dangerous and unsightly concerns, as this was a concern raised by constituents at the door.

APPROVAL OF THE ANTIGONISH COUNTY COURTHOUSE LEASE

Mrs. Schumacher provided a brief background, noting that, with the sale of the former Correction Centre, the area of that building leased by Justice for the judges' chambers was now being leased to Justice directly from the new property owner. Due to this, an amendment to the existing lease between the County and Justice for the County Courthouse, dated 1996, required amendment to reflect the change in square footage being leased. A one-year extension/amendment was proposed, to allow staff and Justice to review the current lease in greater detail to ensure that both parties were satisfied with the terms.

Min #2016-131 (Courthouse Lease Extension)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron, that the 2016-2017 lease extension for the County Courthouse be approved. Motion carried.

Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property

This subject matter falls within Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act as matters that a committee may discuss in a closed session. It is recommended a motion be made to initiate an in-camera session.

Min #2016-132 (Motion to Adjourn to In-Camera Session)

Moved by Councillor Deveau and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session at 8:10pm to discuss the acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property. Motion carried.

Min #2016-133 (Motion to Resume)

Moved by Deputy Warden McCarron and seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that the In-Camera session be adjourned 8:29 pm. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2016-134 (Motion to Adjourn)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:30pm. Motion carried.


Warden Russell Boucher


Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer