

Present: Warden Russell Boucher
Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillors: Bill MacFarlane Rémi Deveau
Mary MacLellan Angus Bowie
Donnie MacDonald Vaughan Chisholm

Regrets: Hughie Stewart
Pierre Boucher

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: Mike MacEachern
Matt Schumacher

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 10(a) Tax Sale Update
- A letter from the AIFF was added as item 6(f)
- Item (9) was moved up to become item 6(g)

Min #2016-112 (Approval of Agenda)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of July 26th, 2016.

Min #2016-113 (Approval of Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that the Municipal Council minutes of July 26th, 2016 be approved. Motion carried.

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of August 25th, 2016.

Min #2016-114 (Approval of Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan, that the Municipal Council minutes of August 25th, 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:

- Port Hawkesbury Veterans Memorial Park Society
 - Thank-you letter for donation
- Antigonish Marksmen Association
 - Thank-you letter for Community Partnership Grant
- Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs, Office of the Minister
 - Municipal Capacity Building funding notice for e-send and Virtual City Hall
- ACALA / Fit4Lit
 - Thank-you note for support
- HOW Club of Antigonish
 - Thank-you letter for grant
- Antigonish International Film Festival
 - Thank-you letter for funding and offer to use Council Chambers
- Email from John Barter
 - Notice of resignation from the Antigonish Arena Commission

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development and Industrial Park Commission – August 23, 2016

Min #2016-115 (Industrial Park Lot Tender for Sale)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that the County proceed with a tender for the sale of Lot 08-5, PID #01287887 located in the Industrial Park. Motion carried.

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Min #2016-116 (Sylvan Valley Sanitary Sewer Feasibility Study)

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald that the Sylvan Valley Sanitary Sewer Feasibility Study proceed as proposed by SNC Lavalin at a cost of \$9,915.00 + HST. Motion carried.

Min #2016-117 (County Court House Exterior Repair Tender)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that Keltic Painters and Repair be awarded the tender for exterior repairs to the County Court House in the amount of \$17,650.00 + HST. Motion carried.

Min #2016-118 (After School Program Coordinator)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm that Linnea Livingstone be hired for the position of After School Program Coordinator, running for a term of September 6, 2016 to March 31, 2017 (with possibility of extension). Motion carried.

Min #2016-119 (Policy Housekeeping Update)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that Municipal Council:

- 1. Adopt the proposed updated versions of Policies 2 (Position of Warden / Deputy Warden), 12 (Committee of the Whole), 14 (Council Remuneration), and 23 (Council Expense Policy); and,*
- 2. Rescind Policies 26 (Council Expense Allowance) and 33 (Council Meeting and Mileage Reimbursement as a Non-Taxable Benefit).*

Motion carried.

Min #2016-120 (Tax Exempted Properties)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Bowie that the following properties be added to the list of exempt properties listed in Part 1 of Policy 35:

- 1. AAN#10637635, PID 10123883 (Heatherton Development Culture and Wellness Association); and,*
- 2. AAN#10110211, PID 01266014 (Livingston's Cove Harbour Authority).*

Motion carried.

Min #2016-121 (2016 Tax Balance Write-Offs)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that the 2016 balances for the following properties be written off:

- 1. AAN#10637635, PID 10123883 (Heatherton Development Culture and Wellness Association); and,*
- 2. AAN#10110211, PID 01266014 (Livingston's Cove Harbour Authority).*

Motion carried.

Min #2016-122 (NSLA Conference)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald that approval be given for Councillor MacLellan's attendance at the 2016 NSLA conference in Pictou. Motion carried.

Min #2016-123 (Antigonish International Film Festival)

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that a \$500.00 donation be made to the Antigonish International Film Festival, and an offer made for the use of Council Chambers for film viewing as a further in-kind donation, if required. Motion carried.

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Min #2016-124 (3rd Annual Business Ability Banquet Sponsorship)

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan to purchase a table of eight (8) tickets as a sponsorship of the 3rd Annual Business Ability Banquet. Motion carried.

Min #2016-125 (Council & Staff Participation on External Community Boards Policy)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron to approve the proposed Council & Staff Participation on External Community Boards Policy, with an effective date of November 1, 2016. Motion carried.

Min #2016-126 (Aulds Cove Lights)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane to write a letter to Nova Scotia Power articulating community concerns with the brightness of the lights on the transmission line crossing the Canso Causeway. Motion carried.

RK NURSING HOME FOUNDATION APPOINTMENT ENDORSEMENT

The RK Nursing Home has written a letter, dated August 6, 2016, requesting that the Municipality endorse the appointment of Mr. Ralph J. Mattie to the R.K. Foundation, to represent the County of Antigonish.

Min #2015-127 (RK Nursing Home Foundation Appointment Endorsement)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm that Council endorses the appointment of Mr. Ralph J. Mattie to the R.K. Nursing Home Foundation as the representative for the County of Antigonish. Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Deputy Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- ENSE Opening
- New pet food store opening
- Care Van meeting

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- Crime Prevention Board Meeting
- Meeting with Dagger Woods Road residents and MLA Randy Delorey
- Meeting with TIR regarding Highway 104/Dagger Woods Road intersection

Councillor MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- Antigonish Landing Art Installation

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- Antigonish Landing Art Installation
- Closing of Friendship Corner

Council Bowie took the roundtable thanked his Council colleagues, staff, the media and the community for all of his enjoyable terms of service as the Councillor for District 7.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Horne provided a brief update regarding the status of the municipal tax sale. 215 14-day notices were sent out, representing approximately \$370,000 in outstanding taxes. The next step in the process will be the distribution of 60-day notices, during which accounts outstanding may incur additional expenses associated with the preparation for tax sale, such as title searches. A tax sale is scheduled for February 2017.

Warden Boucher took the opportunity to thank Councillor Bowie for his service to the community as District 7 Councillor for the last 18 years. A plaque was presented to Councillor Bowie, and a photograph taken with the members of Council that were present.

Warden Boucher also thanked Council for their support during his term as Warden, and offered his congratulations to those who were acclaimed, and wished the best of luck to those who are re-offering in the election.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2016-128 (Motion to Adjourn)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Bowie that the Council meeting adjourns at 7:55pm. Motion carried.



Warden Russell Boucher



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

