

Present:

Councillors:	Warden Owen McCarron	Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart
	Councillor Mary MacLellan	Councillor Rémi Deveau
	Councillor Donnie MacDonald	Councillor John Dunbar
	Councillor Vaughan Chisholm	Councillor Gary Mattie
		Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: None

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer  
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor- Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm  
Sean Donovan – Dangerous and Unsightly Administrator, EDPC

Matthew Moore, 98.9 XFM  
Deepak Prasad, Family Services of Eastern Nova Scotia / Men’s Health Centre  
Neil Corbett

The meeting was called to order at 7:42pm by the Chair, Warden McCarron.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

**Min #2017-088 (Approval of Agenda)**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Warden McCarron called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Min #2017-089 (Approval of Minutes)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that the Municipal Council minutes of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be approved. Motion carried.*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**CONSIDERATION OF A DEMOLITION ORDER**

Mr. Sean Donovan, Dangerous & Unsightly Premises Administrator, provided Council with the background regarding the property of Dianne Leblanc, 5417 Highway 7, West River (PID 01211952, AAN 00295825). Mr. Donovan noted that all three of the professional restoration companies that entered the dwelling for the purpose of providing a quote to complete the ordered clean-up

reported that the dwelling was unsafe and they could not complete the necessary work and comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Mr. Donovan recommended that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners instructing that the dwelling be demolished and removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes.

Councillor Dunbar asked Mr. Donovan whether the registered letters to the property owner had been returned. Mr. Donovan noted that one of the letters sent was returned, but some were confirmed to be received. Mr. Donovan noted that he had sporadic contact with the owner, but has had success in reaching her by phone on occasion. All of the notices sent by registered mail were also posted directly on the property in question.

Councillor MacFarlane noted the safety concerns brought up by the companies that were asked to quote the clean-up work, including refusal to enter the premises due to the health and safety concerns the condition of the building posed.

**Min #2017-090 (Demolition Order - 5417 Highway 7, West River)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart, that Municipal Council issue an “Order to Remedy Condition” and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners instructing that the at 5417 Highway 7, West River (PID 01211952) be demolished and removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried.*

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Deepak Prasad, on behalf of Family Services of Eastern Nova Scotia, provided members of Council with a brief overview of the services offered to the community by the Men’s Health Centre. Mr. Prasad highlighted an upcoming fundraising event, scheduled to take place on Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> at Piper’s Pub.

Members of Council asked Mr. Prasad questions about the general services, utilization, and staffing of the Men’s Health Centre. Questions about whether the Men’s Health Centre offers tax return assistance or disability supports require follow-up for confirmation. The Centre is looking to expand its services, and will be looking to submit an application for the County’s Community Partnership Grants process early in the New Year. Mr. Prasad was thanked for his presentation.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence has been received from the following:

- a) Letter from Minister Hines – June 26, 2017
  - Response regarding request for paving of a section of Brierly Brook Road
- b) John Bain, Director of the Eastern District Planning Commission
  - 2016-2017 Annual Report and Financial Statements
- c) Letter from Assistant Commissioner Brian Brennan, RCMP NS – July 4, 2017
  - Nova Scotia RCMP 2016 Year in Review Report

- d) S/Sgt. Holly Glassford, Antigonish RCMP – July 11, 2017
  - May and June 2017 Monthly Reports
- e) Randy Lennox, President of Bell Media – July 12, 2017
  - Response to letter of concern sent regarding the “Not A Sports Bar” campaign
- f) Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committee
  - June 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- g) Barry Carroll, CAO of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough
  - Letter of thanks regarding the County’s contribution towards the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex fundraising campaign

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Economic Development Advisory Committee – June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

No motions were made. Warden McCarron reviewed the items summarized in the Committee Report for Council.

### **E-Poll – Finance Department Positions – June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

#### **Min #2017-091 (Financial Analyst Position)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Mattie, that Jacqueline Clearly be offered the full-time position of Financial Analyst. Motion carried.*

#### **Min #2017-092 (Reception & Administrative Support – Term Position)**

*MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar, that Linda Arsenaault be offered the term position of Reception & Administrative Support until July 2018. Motion carried.*

### **E-Poll – East Coast Ceilidh Funding Request – June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

#### **Min #2017-093 (East Coast Ceilidh Funding Request)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald, that the Municipality contribute the cost of sound and production for the East Coast Ceilidh, up to \$2000 + HST. Motion carried.*

### **E-Poll – Administration Building Exterior Stain Tender Award – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

#### **Min #2017-094 (Administration Building Exterior Stain Tender Award)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Stewart, that Municipal Council award the tender for exterior staining of the Administration Building to Tim Leslie at a bid amount of \$16,200 + HST. Motion carried.*

### **E-Poll – Somers Road Waterline Tender Award – July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

#### **Min #2017-095 (Somers Road Waterline Tender)**

*MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald, that Municipal Council award the Somers Road Waterline Extension Project to Northeast Timber Construction Ltd., in the amount of \$298,815 + HST. Motion carried.*

**Active Transportation Advisory Committee – July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

No motions were made. Councillor Deveau reviewed the items summarized in the Committee Report for Council.

**Sustainable Communities Advisory Committee – July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

No motions were made. Councillor Dunbar reviewed the items summarized in the Committee Report for Council.

**Planning Advisory Committee – July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Min #2017-096 (Clifton Developments – Noah’s Park Development Agreement)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council approve on first reading the proposed Development Agreement between Clifton Developments and the Municipality of the County of Antigonish with respect to the construction of a multiple-unit residential building that will contain six (6) units, to be located at the end of the Noah’s Park cul-de-sac off of Vincent’s Way, Sylvan Valley, and schedule a Statutory Public Hearing. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-097 (G.E.A. Developments Incorporated MPA – Lower South River)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Stewart, that Municipal Council schedule a public hearing to discuss the Plan Amendment, Rezoning, and Land Use By-law text amendments proposed by G.E.A. Developments Incorporated for properties in Lower South River. Motion carried.*

**Committee of the Whole – July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Min #2017-098 (Asset Management Plan and Policy)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that Municipal Council approve the Asset Management Policy and Municipal Staff begin preparations to develop an Asset Management Plan. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-099 (2019 Nova Scotia 55+ Games)**

*MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Stewart that Municipal Council submits a joint bid with the Town of Antigonish for the Nova Scotia 55+ Games. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-100 (Tax Write-Off)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan, that Municipal Council write-off the Fiscal 2016/2017 outstanding tax balances on account 10661765 and 10661749 in the combined amount of \$411.87. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-101 (Policy 35 Amendment – Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp. Tracadie)**

*MOVED by Councillor Mattie, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan, that Municipal Council amend Part 1 of Policy 35 (Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations) by adding AAN#10270626, AAN#10270618, and AAN#01415379, which are all owned by the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp to the list of exempted properties in District 8. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-102 (Tax Write-Off)**

*MOVED by Councillor Mattie, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau, that Municipal Council write off the F16/17 and F17/18 taxes for AAN#10270626, AAN#10270618, and AAN#01415379, which are all owned by the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp, in the combined amount of \$3,673.96. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-103 (County Court House Tender 2017)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Mattie, that Municipal Council reject all bids for the Antigonish County Court House – Tender 2017. Motion carried.*

**UPDATES AND REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- Canada Day and Evening events
- CACL funding announcement
- July AT Advisory Committee meeting
- Minister of Municipal Affairs meeting with Council
- CACL BBQ and tour
- Cape George Lighthouse celebrations

Councillor MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- Williams Point Homecoming, and memorial park opening
- Canada Day events
- Minister of Municipal Affairs meeting with Council

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- Canada Day events
- CACL BBQ and tour

Councillor Dunbar reported that he attended:

- Canada Day events
- July AT Advisory Committee meeting

Councillor Dunbar also reminded members of Council of the upcoming Black River music festival

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:

- Canada Events, including those held at the Mini Trails
- AAHS funding announcement
- July 13<sup>th</sup> ERSWM meeting

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- Halifax meeting with the Minister of Communities and Culture (library business)
- Canada Day events
- ACALA Duck Race
- Cape George Lighthouse celebrations

Councillor Mattie reported that he attended:

- East Education Centre Graduation
- RK MacDonald meeting

- Canada Day events
- CACL funding announcement
- Minister of Municipal Affairs meeting with Council
- CACL BBQ and tour
- Cape George Lighthouse celebrations

Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- Presidents Dinner at St. FX
- Clan Chisholm and Highland Society dinners
- Highland Games Parade
- All Wheels Park event
- Minister of Municipal Affairs meeting with Council
- CACL funding announcement
- CACL BBQ and tour
- Williams Point Homecoming
- Cape George Lighthouse celebrations
- Canada Day events

## **MOTIONS**

### **Min #2017-104 (RK MacDonald Appointment)**

*MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Mattie, that Municipal Council re-appoint Councillor MacDonald to the RK MacDonald Nursing Home Board. Motion carried.*

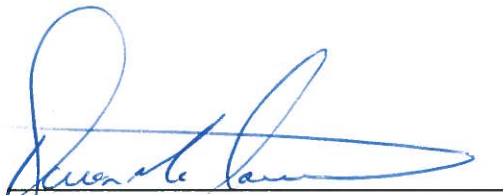
## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Warden McCarron reminded everyone of the Special Election for District 9, scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Warden McCarron noted that today (July 25<sup>th</sup>) was the final date for nominations, and that two submissions had been received.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

### **Min #2017-105 (Motion to Adjourn)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart, seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:34pm. Motion carried.*



**Warden Owen McCarron**



**Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer**