

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

A Committee of the Whole Meeting was held Tuesday, April 18th, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administrative Centre, 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish NS.

Present were: Warden Russell Boucher, Chair
 Councillor Mary MacLellan
 Councillor Hughie Stewart
 Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
 Councillor John Dunbar
 Councillor Gary Mattie
 Councillor Bill MacFarlane
 Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
 Beth Schumacher, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Regrets: Deputy Warden Owen McCarron
 Councillor Donnie MacDonald
 Councillor Rémi Deveau

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden Boucher, at 7:06pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A request was made to add the following to the agenda, following the staff reports:

- Request for donation

Moved by Councillor MacLellan and seconded by Councillor Chisholm that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Dunbar and seconded by Councillor Stewart that the Committee of the Whole minutes of March 21, 2017 and April 4, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr. Horne noted for the Committee that he had received an update from the Department of Transportation (TIR) regarding the status of the flashing amber lights on Highway 104 at Dagger Woods Road. TIR staff indicated that the issues that required resolution in advance of the power connection were being wrapped up, and activation of the lights was expected shortly.

IN-CAMERA: PERSONNEL MATTERS (SUMMER RECREATION STAFF) AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS (RECORDS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE)

These subject matters fall 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.

Moved by Councillor MacLellan and seconded by Councillor Stewart that the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss Personnel Matters and Contract Negotiations at 7:09pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the recommended hiring for summer recreation staff, as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Chisholm and seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that the In-Camera session be adjourned at 7:24pm. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROVINCIAL CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Mr. Horne reviewed the applications prepared by staff for the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP). These applications were for: the relocations of the sewer line in Sylvan Valley, enhancements to the Beech Hill Solid Waste Management Facility for the intake and disposal of construction and demolition (C&D) debris, and (tentatively) a Somers Road water line extension. Mr. Horne noted that the funding available for the program, which is meant to serve the entire province, is only about \$600,000.

Mr. Horne also provided the Committee with an update regarding the feedback received following the distribution of the Capital Improvements letters to property owners impacted by the proposed Somers Road and North Grant water line extensions. Neither of the projects received the required 66% threshold of positive responses from impacted property owners to permit the projects from proceeding. The Somers Road project was quite close to this threshold, and some follow-up would be taking place to confirm that residents that wished to respond had the opportunity to do so.

Moved by Councillor Chisholm and seconded by Councillor Stewart that the Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) applications made for the Sylvan Valley Sewer, Somers Road Waterline, and C&D Cell Construction. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works staff is seeking a motion from Council to permit the advertisement of a tender for the Spring Bulky Waste Collection, which is anticipated to take place during the last two weeks in May.

Moved by Councillor MacLellan, and seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that the Committee recommend that Municipal Council approve the issuance of a Tender for bulky waste collection during the last two weeks of May, 2017. Motion Carried.

Mr. Horne then provided members of the Committee with notice of an upcoming Joint Town & County Advisory Committee meeting, scheduled to take place on Monday, April 24th with a location to-be-determined. This meeting is being called to provide members of both Councils with the opportunity to speak with representatives from the School Board, including Board members and staff, and the School

Options Committee if possible, regarding the possible closure of the Antigonish Education Centre, as requested by Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting that took place on March 21, 2017.

DONATION REQUEST

Councillor MacLellan notified the Committee that the Friends of the Antigonish Library (FoAL) had launched their 2017 fundraising campaign. Councillors were encouraged to contact Vera to make arrangements for donations if they wished.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane and seconded by Councillor Mattie that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:34pm. Motion carried.



Warden Russell Boucher



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer