

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

A Committee of the Whole Meeting was held Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administrative Centre, 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish NS.

Present were:           Warden Russell Boucher, Chair  
                          Deputy Warden Owen McCarron  
                          Councillor Mary MacLellan  
                          Councillor Angus Bowie  
                          Councillor Vaughan Chisholm  
                          Councillor Bill MacFarlane  
                          Councillor Donnie MacDonald  
                          Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer  
                          Shirlyn Donovan, Interim Deputy Clerk  
                          Jamie Chisholm, Department of Transportation - Area Supervisor  
                          Doug Cameron, Department of Transportation  
                          Gussie MacInnis, Department of Transportation  
                          John Beaton, CEO of Regional Enterprise Network  
                          Maggie MacDonald, NSCC Student  
                          Adam Rodgers, Solicitor – Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm  
                          Andrea Boyd-White, Facility Manager - St. Martha's Regional Hospital

Regrets:                Councillor Hughie Stewart  
                          Councillor Pierre Boucher  
                          Councillor Rémi Deveau

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden Boucher, at 5:33pm.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Street Light Request – Intersection of Pomquet River Road and Meadow Green Road
- Letter of Support Request
- Street Light Request – South River Road

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Moved by Deputy Warden McCarron and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the Committee of the Whole minutes March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be approved as presented. Motion carried.*

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Department of Transportation Area Manager, Jamie Chisholm, along with Doug Cameron and Gussie MacInnis were in attendance to meet with the Committee.

Doug Cameron cited that the Winterworks program is over as of April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Spring Weight restrictions are in effect and the roads are very vulnerable. They have started spring grating on some roads now that they can access. They are doing as much pothole patching as they can. They will have to draw all the lines back on the road that disappeared through the winter, this will take 6-8 weeks depending on weather.

Jamie, Doug and Gussie reviewed a list of the tentative work for the coming year.

Councillor MacLellan asked about getting a guardrail in Maryvale where the road washes out. Gussie said that would not cost a lot of money and they should be able to go it.

Deputy Warden McCarron asked about the deterioration of pavement, why it is happening quicker than usual, particularly in the roundabouts. Jamie said the roundabouts specifically are deteriorating more quickly because they have to be done so broken up and they are travelled on so quickly after.

Councillor MacDonald asked about how Jamie's budget for maintenance is divided up between Antigonish, Guysborough and St. Mary's. Jamie said it is based on the number of kilometers per area with some flexibility.

Councillor MacDonald asked if once it comes time for graters to be on the road, would they be staffed all the time. Jamie confirmed when it comes time to grating they will do the best they can to have all machines staffed. Jamie also noted that equipment and personnel takes up 70-75% of the total budget.

Councillor Chisholm asked about guardrail in Addington Forks and Doug confirmed that it is still on the Agenda.

Councillor MacFarlane asked if there is any way to put a temporary lane on Highway 7 approaching the Highway 4 interchange. Jamie said that project goes through the Construction budget so there isn't really anything he can do about it. It is on the radar to upgrade that interchange in the next few years.

Warden Boucher asked about gravelling the second half of New Road. Gussie said it will probably be done next year. Myette Road will be done this year.

Warden Boucher thanked Jamie, Doug and Gussie for coming in and meeting with the Committee. Jamie suggested going forward if they come in to meet with Council, perhaps coming up with a brief agenda in advance so they can come prepared with necessary information.

## **ESREN CEO, JOHN BEATON**

Regional Enterprise Network CEO, John Beaton was in attendance to meet with the Committee. John started on February 1, 2016, they are just starting to get going. They are just getting everything going that is involved with a start-up; CRA, financing, Board Governance etc. They have to have their Business Plan completed by August. Once the business plan is developed they will look at hiring staff.

He is offering business development support to current business and new start-ups around the area. There is a new focus provincially is on trying to make small business export ready and being investment ready.

Mr. Beaton spoke about the Search Conference which will be taking place in late May or early June. Councillor MacDonald asked they can still submit names for the Search Conference. Mr. Beaton said it is not too late and just to forward the names onto him.

He wants to take a different approach from the RDA, they will be doing development but it will be driven by the business community. They have been working with groups like the Cape Breton Partnership and doing some land asset mapping. There is a Municipal Oversight Committee which will meet with the Board on a regular basis.

Councillor MacFarlane asked if the asset mapping should be on file from the RDA. All information that had previously been collected is unable to be accessed through the Business Retention Expansion International because of the Privacy Act.

Warden Boucher thanked John for coming in and meeting with the Committee.

### **AMENDMENT TO POLICY #6**

Staff is requesting the Committees approval of an amendment to Policy #6 – Policy Regarding Garbage Collection Drivers. The amendment would see the addition of Heritage Day to the list of Holidays. Heritage Day has been a civic holiday in Nova Scotia since February 2015.

*Moved by Councillor MacFarlane and seconded by Councillor MacDonald that Municipal Council approve the amendments to Policy #6. Motion carried.*

### **BULKY WASTE COLLECTION TENDER**

One response was received for the request for proposals for the Spring 2016 Bulky Waste Collection contract for 2016. Eastern Sanitation Limited submitted a bid for \$44,544.75, including HST, which has been specified to include:

- The supply of all labour; and,
- 2 rear-load collection vehicles to transport all designated materials to the Beech Hill Solid Waste Resource Management Facility

The bulky waste collection is scheduled to take place during the two-week period running May 23-27 and May 30 – June 3, 2016.

Mr. Horne informed the Committee that Eastern Sanitation has offered to conduct a Fall Bulky Waste Collection for a cost of \$39,000. This will be considered during budget deliberations.

*Moved by Councillor MacFarlane and seconded by Councillor Chisholm that Municipal Council award the tender for bulky waste collection to Eastern Sanitation Limited for a total cost of \$44,544.75. Motion carried.*

### **CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC SPONSORSHIP**

We have been asked to sponsor a team in the Annual Chamber Golf Tournament taking place on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Antigonish Golf & Country Club. The cost for putting in a team of 4 is \$525. The County has participated in this tournament in the past.

The Committee came to the consensus that they will not participate in this golf tournament.

### **E-VOTING – CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT**

Mr. Horne reviewed the documents regarding e-Voting in the upcoming Municipal Election.

Halifax Regional Council assigned the RFP that they originally assigned to Intelivote to Syctl Canada. Interivote would be responsible for the equipment and the personnel.

The consideration for Municipal Council is, would we like to proceed with e-voting for the 2016 Municipal Election and would we like proceed with Syctl Canada.

Mr. Horne let the Committee know that Dean Smith from Intelivote will be on town on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> to present to Town Council.

The Committee came to the general consensus that they will not pursue e-voting for this election.

### **SPECIAL DISTRICT GRANT UPDATE**

The Committee was provided an update on their Special District Grant balances. Staff will ask Vera to contact all Councillors that have a balance to get direction on where they want their funds allocated to.

### **UNSM SPRING CONFERENCE**

The UNSM Spring Conference will be taking place at the Old Orchard Inn in Greenwich, NS from May 4-6<sup>th</sup>. The cost to attend the conference is \$292.50.

No Councillors have indicated that they would like to attend.

### **STREET LIGHT REQUEST - MEADOW GREEN ROAD & POMQUET RIVER ROAD**

Deputy Warden McCarron is requesting a street light at the T-intersection of Pomquet River Road and Meadow Green Road. A pole will have to be erected.

*Moved by Deputy Warden McCarron and seconded by Councillor MacDonald that Municipal Council approve the request for a street light at the intersection of Meadow Green Road and Pomquet River Road. Motion carried.*

### **LETTER REGARDING HIGHWAYS**

Deputy Warden McCarron received a letter from Fraser Dunn outlining concerns over highway maintenance. He is a former government employee who is engaged in highway construction. He is convinced that many millions of taxpayer dollars could be saved by correcting some existing construction and maintenance practices.

Mr. Dunn mentioned concerns about: Longitudinal asphalt joints, driveways, lack of shoulder maintenance, widening on curves, removal of existing asphalt, and wash boarding caused by snowplow blade.

Deputy Warden McCarron would like Council to send a letter of support to the Minister of Transportation for Mr. Dunn's letter.

*Moved by Deputy Warden McCarron and seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that Municipal Council will send a letter to the Provincial Department of Transportation in support of Mr. Dunn's letter. Motion carried.*

### **STREET LIGHT REQUEST - SOUTH RIVER ROAD**

Councillor MacFarlane is requesting a street light on South River Road close to the Pump Station.

*Moved by Councillor MacFarlane and seconded by Deputy Warden McCarron that Municipal Council approve the request for a street light on the South River Road. Motion carried.*

### **EVOLVE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT UPDATE**

Mr. Horne reviewed documents which were circulated regarding the Evolve Festival. He also provided the committee with an overview of interactions pertaining to evolve.

The latest update from Mr. Coulter stated that the Municipality would receive the medical plan by April 21<sup>st</sup>. The plan has to be designed and overseen by a licensed clinician.

Councillor MacDonald asked if St. Martha's Regional Hospital was able to accommodate the number of people being taken in to the emergency department from Evolve. Andrea Boyd-White said the hospital is required to deal with all emergencies which are presented initially. Once they are stabilized then they can be move to different facilities as they are able to accommodate. She said the patients brought in from Evolve were all in such a state that they had to remain at St. Martha's.

*Moved by Councillor MacLellan and seconded by Councillor Chisholm that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned to an in-camera session. Motion carried.*

### **LEGAL ADVICE ELIGIBLE FOR SOLICITOR CLIENT PRIVILEGE (In-Camera)**

This subject matter falls within Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act as a matter 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 MacDonald and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the in-camera session be adjourned at 7:49pm. Motion carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved by Deputy Warden McCarron and seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:49pm. Motion carried.*

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Warden Russell Boucher

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Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer