

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

A Committee of the Whole Meeting was held Tuesday, May 17th, 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 Vaughan Chisholm
 Councillor Rémi Deveau
 Councillor Pierre Boucher
 Councillor Bill MacFarlane
 Councillor Donnie MacDonald
 Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
 Shirlyn Donovan, Interim Deputy Clerk
 Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Regrets: Councillor Hughie Stewart
 Councillor Angus Bowie

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden Boucher, at 5:31pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Antigonish Affordable Housing Society
- Highway Liaison Committee
- Acquisition, Sale, Lease And Security Of Municipal Property (In-Camera)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor MacDonald and seconded by Deputy Warden McCarron that the Committee of the Whole minutes May 10th, 2016 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ASHRU – An update from ASHRU was provided to the Committee in the agenda package.

4-H EXCHANGE – Council reviewed the request from the 4-H Exchange group. Council has come to the consensus that each Councillor will give \$50 from their District Grants and Deputy Warden McCarron will top up the remainder to a maximum of \$1200.

STRAIT AREA GROUND SEARCH & RESCUE ASSOCIATION - Council has asked staff to check with other municipalities within SAGSARA's catchment area to see if they will be funding their operations. Mr. Horne presented the findings:

Town – No

St. Mary's – No

Guysborough - \$10,500 only payable with all the other units are on board

Port Hawkesbury – Still deliberating

Richmond – Still deliberating

Inverness – Still deliberating

BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Ms. Duggan and Mr. Horne presented the Fiscal 2016/17 Operating Budget. They noted that Councillors may ask questions at any time during the review of the budget.

Deputy Warden McCarron asked if it might be cheaper for the Municipality to use solar powered LED lights for our street lights.

Ms. Duggan reviewed the Revenue and Expenditures budgets. She highlighted expenditures that are new for this year such as the purchase of office phones, Virtual City Hall and e-send.

Deputy Warden McCarron asked if there were any alternatives to having a fall bulky waste pick up such as having a day at the landfill with no tipping fees. He had a call from a resident who stated that there are too many restrictions on our bulky waste collection.

Warden Boucher thanked staff for their hard work developing the budget.

ANTIGONISH AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Councillor MacDonald wanted to inform Council that the Antigonish Affordable Housing Association has been awarded \$100,000 in funding from Housing Nova Scotia. The agreement is to be signed this week by Antigonish Affordable Housing and Housing Nova Scotia. A formal announcement will be made in June at the AGM.

HIGHWAY LIAISON COMMITTEE

There have been some concerns raised about the dust coming from the construction of the new highway. Deputy Warden McCarron suggested Council contact the Highway Liaison Committee to see if something can be done.

Deputy Warden McCarron thinks we should request for the RCMP to do incident reports on dangerous areas of the road such as the Lower South River Bridge with the large pot hole and submit them to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

ACQUISITION, SALE, LEASE AND SECURITY OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY *(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 Deputy Warden McCarron and seconded by Councillor Chisholm that the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the In-Camera session be adjourned at 8:01pm. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Deputy Warden McCarron and seconded by Councillor MacDonald that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:01pm. Motion carried.

Warden Russell Boucher

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer