1) Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Russell Boucher

2) Approval of Agenda

3) Approval of Municipal Council Minutes of February 16th, 2016

4) Business Arising from Minutes

5) Presentation
   i. Chandra Gavin (Local Business Owner) - Cellular Coverage in District 1 & 2

6) Correspondence

7) Committee Reports
   i. Committee of the Whole – February 16th, 2016
   ii. E-Poll – February 2nd, 2016
   iii. E-Poll – February 25th, 2016
   iv. E-Poll – March 8th, 2016
   v. Committee of the Whole – March 2nd, 2016
   vi. Committee of the Whole – March 15th, 2016 *(will be provided at meeting)*

8) Motion(s)

9) Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Committees, and Commissions

10) Miscellaneous Business
   i. EDPC Appointments

11) Adjournment
The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**Min #2016-010 (Approval of Agenda)**

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**


**Min #2016-011 (Approval of January 19th Council Minutes)**

MOVED by Councillor Deveau and SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that the Municipal Council Minutes of January 19th, 2016 be approved. Motion carried.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING
Amendments to the Antigonish County Subdivision By-law
John Bain, Director of the Eastern District Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendments to the Antigonish County Subdivision By-law. The proposed amendments are as follows:

- Clarification that subdivision provisions which apply to private roads also apply to private lanes; Adding a “bona fide access” requirement for lots created on private roads/lanes and removing the design requirements for a private road/lane subdivision with six lots or less;
- To allow for private lanes or private roads to cross “unmaintained public roads”;
- To allow for landlocked parcels to be created where an access easement must cross a railway right-of-way; and
- To allow for the creation of lots 950 square metres or less in area which are being created for a purpose that will not require the construction of an on-site sewage disposal system.

Mr. Bain opened it up for questions from Council.

Deputy Warden McCarron asked if there was a provision in the by-law if a resident owns a piece of land which was 1100 square metres, that they did not have to put on an on-site sewage disposal system. Mr. Bain said there is not currently but they could make it into two parcels of land.

Councillor MacFarlane gave kudos to Mr. Bain on convening the professional community and making these amendments.

Alternative Voting By-law
Mr. Horne reviewed the Alternative Voting By-law, stating that it was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

In order for the Municipality to offer electronic voting in the 2016 Municipal Elections, this Alternative Voting By-law must be approved and adopted.
PRESENTATION

Antigonish Affordable Housing Society

Colleen Cameron and Angus MacGillivray presented to municipal council.

AAHS is working hard to pull together the necessary funding to move forward with a proposed 14 unit housing development. Consultants reported that there is a lot of competition for charitable dollars in Antigonish. The consultants stated that it would be very difficult for the society to raise the money needed to meet their fundraising targets.

There are currently about 131 applicants on a waiting list from the town and county for affordable housing.

The AAHS are looking forward to moving forward with a 4 unit building which would include two one-bedroom units and two two-bedroom units. Two of the four units would be barrier free. The County has committed $100,000 over 5 years to the AAHS. The Society is hoping to get this year’s portion and next budget year’s portion by May 2016.

Warden Boucher thanked the members of the Antigonish Affordable Housing for presenting to Municipal Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole – February 2nd, 2016

Min #2016-014 (Renewable Energy MOU)
MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that Municipal Council proceed with the development of an MOU for renewable energy and share in proportional costs. Motion Carried.

Min #2016-015 (Municipal Vignettes)
MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart that Municipal Council award the proposal for Municipal vignettes to Leah Johnston and Jeff Babineau for $13,920. Motion carried.

Min #2016-016 (Keppoch Lease Clause)
MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm that Municipal Council approve the amendment to the Keppoch Lease Clause to be in the name of the Municipality but paid by the Positive Action for Keppoch Society. Motion carried.

Min #2016-017 (Awarding Water Meter Tender)
MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council award the tender for water meters to Neptune Technology Group (Canada) Inc. for a cost of $644,950. Motion carried.

Min #2016-018 (Municipal Property Identification Signage)
MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm that Municipal Council contract WeUsThem Inc. to design the Municipal Property Identification Signage. Motion carried.
Committee of the Whole – February 16th, 2016

Min #2016-019 (Intermunicipal Agreement)
MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Bowie that Municipal Council approve the continued participation of the Municipality in the Intermunicipal Agreement for another 5 years. Motion carried.

Min #2016-020 (Community Partnership Grants Policy)
MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council approve the Community Partnership Grants Policy. Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:
- Library Board Meeting
- Tourism Strategy Meetings
- RK Board Meetings
- Meeting with Sean Fraser and Rodger Cuzner

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:
- RK Meeting
- Meeting with Sean Fraser and Rodger Cuzner
- Meeting with RCMP

Councillor MacFarlane reported that he attended:
- Meeting with Sean Fraser and Rodger Cuzner

Councillor Bowie reported that he attended:
- RK Board Meeting
- Antigonish Community Transit

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:
- Tourism Strategy Meeting
Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:
- RK Board Meeting

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:
- Meeting with RCMP
- Proclamation for Black Heritage Month at StFX University
- Meeting with Sean Fraser and Rodger Cuzner

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Municipal Mural Competition

Mr. Horne reviewed the expressions of interest for the next municipal mural competition.

Mr. Horne thanked the local media for supporting the mural competition, especially 101.5 The Hawk who provided free advertising.

Eight communities expressed interest in hosting the next municipal mural. Each district number was placed in a bowl and Municipal Solicitor Adam Rodgers selected which district would receive the next municipal mural. District #9 was selected, therefore the Havre Boucher Community Development Association will receive the next municipal mural.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2016-023 (Motion to Adjourn)
MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:38pm. Motion carried.

Warden Russell Boucher

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
March 3, 2016

Good evening council members,

I have come to speak to you this evening regarding the lack of cell service in my area. My husband John, myself and our two younger children reside in Cape George, a small coastal fishing community in Antigonish county, along route 337. John and I run a charter boat tourism operation out of Ballantyne’s Cove and we are also commercial fishermen.

We have been having issues with the lack of reliable cell service, and even the lack of service at all in many areas that we live and work in. The poor cell service causes us considerable problems in the day to day operation of our business. We rely on cell service while at sea to access services such as at-sea monitoring, which is a requirement by regulation on some of our fishing licenses, and access to emergency services such as 911.

We have in the past had a medical emergency at sea that required contact with 911, and we had difficulty maintaining a connection during that emergency. Fortunately for us it was not life threatening. Regardless of that fact, it was very distressing for me to try to administer care through the direction of the 911 operator while our connection was repeatedly lost. This also added to the stress for the injured person.

We have also had instances where we could not reach our required at-sea monitor and have had to actually turn away from land and sail out to sea to get a connection with a tower either in Inverness or Prince Edward Island. This is the case when we are only a few miles away from our local land mass. Each tuna season I have to put a special long distance plan on our cell phones to ensure that we do not end up with a huge phone bill because all the towers we are able to pick up are long distance. The fishermen that are fishing just off our shores and calling over to the boat next to them are actually incurring a long distance call charge every time. It can get to be very expensive if I do not plan accordingly.

My husband and I also run a charter boat operation that hosts many guests from around the world. Our clients come here to relax and enjoy all the wonderful things we have to offer, but
many of them are very successful business owners that still need to stay in touch with their companies. This has made me very specifically exclude any lodging in areas that cannot provide the basics of cell service and internet. I do not want to tell a guest to our province that he needs to go stand on a rock on the left side of the property and hold his phone up in the air while facing east in order to get an email or a text to send.

I have been complaining repeatedly for years to Bell with regards to this problem and I receive the same response every time. They say they cannot find any issues with equipment and that no others in my area are complaining of similar issues. I know with certainty that there are many others in my area with the same complaints and there are many who have contacted Bell as well regarding this issue.

The lack of success with the cell service providers has lead me to come to council in the hopes that there may be some way to find a solution as a community rather than as individuals.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. If you have any questions regarding my experiences to date, I would be happy to answer them.

Sincerely,
Chandra Gavin
Giant Bluefin Tuna Charters
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chandra@seasidehighspeed.com
Committee of the Whole was convened at 5:00pm on Tuesday, February 16th, 2016. The following Councillors were present:

- Warden Russell Boucher
- Deputy Warden McCarron
- Councillor MacLellan
- Councillor Bowie
- Councillor Deveau
- Councillor Chisholm
- Councillor MacDonald
- Councillor Stewart
- Councillor MacFarlane

Regrets: Councillor Boucher

The following recommendations were made:

- The Committee recommends that Municipal Council donate $400 and take part in the Grand Kilted Skating Party.

- The Committee recommends to Municipal Council that the Municipality enter a team in the annual Seniors Curling Bonspiel at a cost of $125.00.
An e-Poll was circulated on February 4, 2016 to address the following item of Municipal business.

The following recommendations were made:

The Committee of the Whole recommends to Municipal Council that the Municipality sell the 2008 Top Kick Truck and hook lift system for $27,000.
An e-Poll was circulated on February 25, 2016 to address the following item of Municipal business.

The following recommendations were made:

The Committee of the Whole recommends to Municipal Council that the Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition be permitted to use the Antigonish Arena from August 24 – September 4, 2016.
An e-Poll was circulated on March 8th, 2016 to address the following item of Municipal business.

The following recommendations were made:

The Committee of the Whole recommends to Municipal Council that an RFP for the Sale of Structure and Property - Former Antigonish Correctional Facility be launched, closing on Friday March 18 at 4pm.
February 18, 2016

Mr. Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk
Municipality of the County of Antigonish
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Antigonish, NS B2G 0B4


Dear Mr. Horne,

As in years past we would ask that Council appoint Commission staff to various Municipal positions. As you are aware annual appointments are useful in that they allow us to be prepared in the event we need to prove appointments. We would ask therefore that the following appointments (effective April 1st) be made by Council:

- Administrator - Dangerous and Unsightly Premises: Sean Donovan
  Alternate: John Bain.

- Building Inspector: Harry Martell and Sean Donovan
  Alternates: Leon LeBlanc; Cyril LeBlanc; and David MacKenzie.

- Development Officer: Wanda Ryan
  Alternates: John Bain; Nathan MacLeod; and Andrew Jones.

- Fire Inspector: Leon LeBlanc
  Alternates: Sean Donovan; Harry Martell; and Cyril LeBlanc.

If you have any questions or concerns about these appointments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

John Bain
Director

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