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Present:

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

Regrets:               None

Also present:           Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer  
                          Beth Schumacher, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
                          Allison Duggan, Director of Finance  
                          Marlene Melanson, Director of Recreation  
                          Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities  
                          Josh Chisholm, Working Supervisory, W&S Operations  
                          Andrew Jessens, Municipal Mechanic  
                          Darlene Thompson, Tax Revenue Clerk I  
                          Tracey MacEachern, Tax Revenue Clerk II  
                          Heather Butler, Recreation Programmer  
  
                          Adam Rodgers, Solicitor- Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm  
  
                          Corey LeBlanc, The Casket  
                          Matt Moore, 98.9XFM  
                          Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk  
  
                          Parker Donham, Director of Communications Seaside High Speed

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by the Chair, Warden McCarron.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Horne noted the deletion of Item 9(a).

**Min #2017-167 (Approval of Agenda)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Warden McCarron called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**Min #2017-168 (Approval of Minutes)**

*MOVED by Councillor Mattie, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Stewart, that the Municipal Council minutes of November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 be approved. Motion carried.*

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor MacLellan asked whether further information had been found out regarding questions that had arisen from the RCMP reports presented in November. Mr. Horne noted that staff would follow-up before the next Council meeting.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Presentation of Municipal Employee Service Recognition**

Warden McCarron invited the following municipal employees forward to be recognized for their service to the municipality, and presented each staff member with a framed certificate:

- Marlene Melanson, Director of Recreation; 25 years of service
- Andrew Jessens, Municipal Mechanic; 15 years of service
- Allison Duggan, Director of Finance; 10 years of service
- Josh Chisholm, Working Supervisory, W&S Operations; 10 years of service
- Heather Butler, Recreation Programmer; 5 years of service

Photographs were then taken with the group.

### **Parker Donham, Seaside Communications**

Mr. Donham provided Council with a general overview of the upgrades to towers and equipment that has taken place in the County in the last two years, and what work is still anticipated in the near future. This includes modifications to the Maryvale tower, to provide a solar array and fuel cell as an alternative means of powering the site. Mr. Donham noted that they were looking for areas of the County that may be a part of a “legacy DSL” system, where efforts to upgrade coverage could be focused.

The floor was then opened to Council for questions. Councillors noted a number of specific locations (businesses, roads, and communities), and Mr. Donham made note of these as opportunities for looking at what coverage options exist or could be looked at. Mr. Donham encouraged members of Council, if contacted by constituents with complaints of slow Internet speeds, to direct them to contact customer service. Mr. Donham provided members of Council with his contact information if they had any further questions.

The Warden thanked Mr. Donham for his presentation.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was reviewed:

- a) Municipal of the District of St. Mary’s – Proposed name change for UNSM.

Council decided by consensus that the Municipality should also send a letter to UNSM, noting similar concerns to those expressed by the District of St. Mary’s.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Asset Management Committee – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Councillor MacFarlane provided a brief overview of the topics discussed at the meeting. No motions had been made.

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

Councillor Deveau provided a brief overview of the topics discussed at the meeting. No motions had been made.

**Committee of the Whole – December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Mr. Horne provided a brief overview of the topics discussed so far at the meeting. No motions had been made prior to that meeting being adjourned for this Council meeting.

**Senior Safety Coordinator – November 2017**

The report submitted was noted for Council's consideration.

**EDPC Building Permit Report – YTD November 2017**

The report submitted was noted for Council's consideration.

**UPDATES AND REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- RK MacDonald Lights of Love tree lighting
- Asset Management Committee meeting
- Council Priority Setting Workshops
- ACALA Cookbook-fundraiser meeting

Councillor Mattie reported that he attended:

- Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Heatherton re: Health Dept. & doctor availability in the community
- RK MacDonald Lights of Love tree lighting
- Asset Management Committee meeting
- Eastern Antigonish Area Advisory Committee meeting
- Fire Department Christmas Party
- Council Priority Setting Workshops

Councillor Corbett reported that he attended:

- Council Christmas Party
- Heritage Museum Board meeting
- VON meeting
- EDPC Board Meeting
- EDPC Christmas Party

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:

- Heritage Museum Board meeting
- RK accreditation meeting
- OHS&W Committee meeting
- Council Priority Setting Workshops

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- Asset Management Committee meeting
- Sledge Hockey event
- Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Heatherton re: Health Dept. & doctor availability in the community
- Council Priority Setting Workshops
- Active Transportation Committee meeting

- Senior's Dinner in Pomquet

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- Council Priority Setting Workshops

Councillor Dunbar reported that he attended:

- Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Heatherton re: Health Dept. & doctor availability in the community
- Asset Management Committee meeting
- Active Transportation Committee meeting

Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- Federation of Agriculture meeting
- Coady Farewell
- RK MacDonald Lights of Love tree lighting
- Aviva Funding Announcement for AAHS
- Swearing-in ceremony for Chief Prosper
- Tree lighting in St. Andrews
- Community Skating party
- Aulds Cove Fire Department Celebration (early retirement of loan on fire truck) and Ladies' Auxiliary Recognition
- Year-end interview at the Hawk
- Chamber of Commerce luncheon
- Council Priority Setting Workshops

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **Government of Canada Consultation on Rural Broadband**

Representatives from Seaside Communications have requested that the Municipality provide a letter to the Government of Canada as part of their consultations regarding who will get access to radio spectrum that is essential to improving Internet speeds in rural areas. Mr. Horne noted that staff has prepared a letter to submit, and will do so if any other providers make a similar request, as improvements to Internet access in the community is a priority of Council.

### **Request to provide letter to the Hon. Leo Glavine, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage, regarding library funding concerns**

Councillor MacLellan brought forward a request that had been received from Eric Stackhouse, Chief Librarian with the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library, encouraging Councils to write to Minister Glavine to express concern with there not being a long-term funding solution in place for libraries.

#### **Min #2017-169 (Library Letter)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, and seconded by Councillor Deveau, that the Committee recommends that Municipal Council send a letter to the Hon. Leo Glavine, Minister of Communities, Culture, and Heritage, expressing concern with the lack of a long-term funding solution for libraries. Motion carried.*

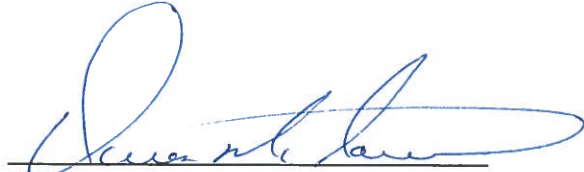
### **New Year's Levee**

Mr. Horne provided advance notice that the Municipality and Town would again be hosting the annual New Year's Levee. Advertisements would be running over the next two weeks.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Min #2017-170 (Motion to Adjourn)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart, seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:58pm. Motion carried.*



**Warden Owen McCarron**



**Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer**