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**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF**  
**ANTIGONISH**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, July 17, 2018, 5:30 pm  
Council Chambers  
Municipal Administration Building  
285 Beech Hill Road  
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron  
Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart  
Councillor Mary MacLellan  
Councillor Donnie MacDonald  
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm  
Councillor Remi Deveau  
Councillor Neil Corbett  
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Councillor John Dunbar  
Councillor Gary Mattie

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer  
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

**1. Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron**

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron, at 6:17pm

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Councillor Chisholm asked to include an item regarding a potential rezoning on Somers Road. Councillor Corbett asked for further discussion regarding the power point presentation regarding the West River Sewer Extension.

**Moved By** Deputy Warden Stewart  
**Seconded By** Councillor MacLellan

*That the agenda be approved as amended.*

**Motion : Carried**

3. **Continuing Business**

a. **Consideration of Financial Support for Field of Dreams project,**

Mr. Horne reviewed details regarding the scope of the fully accessible field that is being proposed as part of the Field of Dreams project. Discussion followed regarding the funding that has been committed by other organizations to date for the project. While the facility is within the Town, the Committee recognizes that it also services residents in the County. Consensus around the table was to support a motion to make a contribution of \$50,000 to the project.

**Moved By** Deputy Warden Stewart  
**Seconded By** Councillor Chisholm

*That Municipal Council provide financial support to the Field of Dreams project, which will see an accessible baseball field established at the JH Gillis High School, in the amount of \$50,000.*

**Motion : Carried**

b. **Application to Dissolve the Havre Boucher Village Commission**

Mr. Horne reviewed the steps taken to date regarding the dissolution of the Havre Boucher Village Commission, including notification of any affected parties.

**Moved By** Councillor Corbett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Deveau

*That, pursuant to section 448(2) of the Municipal Government Act, application be made to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to dissolve the Havre Boucher Village Commission.*

**Motion : Carried**

4. **New Business**

a. **Discussion of the By-Law Respecting the Control and Regulation of Dogs**

Mr. Horne provided a review of events in Guysborough that have taken place over the last few weeks, which was followed by an email from a gentleman who noted that he wished to see breed-specific language be removed from the Dog By-law. Mr. Horne noted that the Municipality's by-law is already under review, and any thoughts from Council regarding this latest issue is welcomed. Discussion followed.

b. **Request for a bus Shelter**

Councillor Deveau noted that a family in his District is looking for a bus shelter. A call-out has been done to see if there are any in the County that could be re-

homed, but none have been identified. Discussion followed regarding precedent for bus shelters built or contributed in the past.

**Moved By Councillor Deveau**

**Seconded By Councillor MacDonald**

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council provide up to \$500 for the construction of a bus shelter.*

**Motion : Carried**

**c. Acadian Forest and Farm School Grant**

Mr. Horne provided a verbal update on the status of the farm school that is being developed in the County. The Forest School has been provided a grant through Farm Credit Canada, but that grant must be administered by the County. Paperwork is pending. Approval from Council will be sought once further information is available.

**d. Discussion of Municipal Consultation**

Mr. Horne provided a brief review of the proposed amendments to Provincial legislation that was circulated by the NSFM earlier this month. These amendments include expenditures that a Municipality can make; a requirement for all municipalities to have a comprehensive Planning Strategy meeting minimum criteria; and finally, shoreline setbacks creating coastal protection zones.

Discussion followed regarding the consultation process for these amendments, both in terms of what has taken place already, and what is anticipated. Concern was expressed, particularly with respect to the coastal protection proposal, and whether sufficient public consultation has taken place. Staff can prepare correspondence to provide to both the NSFM and the applicable provincial departments.

**5. Reports from Inter-Municipal Boards, Committees and Commissions**

**a. Antigonish Heritage Museum Board**

Colin MacDonald has accepted to replace Judy Julian as the Municipality's representative on the Heritage Museum Board.

**Moved By Councillor MacDonald**

**Seconded By Councillor Deveau**

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council appoint Colin MacDonald as the Municipality's representative on the Heritage Museum Board.*

**Motion : Carried**

b. **Antigonish Arena Corporation**

Mr. Horne provided an update on the efforts to date for hiring an auditor for the arena, other funding for the arena, the old structure for the Commission has been wound-up and the new structure is in place, and advertisements will soon be the paper seeking interest from members of the public to sit on the Board. Councillor MacFarlane enquired regarding what efforts would be made for women and minorities to be represented on the new Board.

c. **Antigonish Crime Prevention**

Councillor Deveau provided an update on the Senior Safety Coordinator position, and invited Councillors to utilize this service for any constituents in their riding. The Bike Rodeo took place in June, and a lobster roll sale will be set up in the John Paul Centre and the Anglican Church during the Special Olympics.

d. **Eastern District Planning Commission**

Councillor MacFarlane provided an update regarding the Town joining the Commission. Trevor Boudreau is now the Chair for the Commission.

e. **Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committee**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place in September.

f. **Eastern-Strait Regional Enterprise Network**

Mr. Horne circulated a letter from the ESREN Liaison and Oversight Committee, requesting each member municipality's consent to the three recommendations outlined in the letter. Discussion followed. Consensus was given by the Committee to support the first two of the three recommendations in the letter, and leave the final item (committing to a three-year funding agreement) until a similar agreement is provided by the Province.

g. **Pictou Antigonish Regional Library**

Councillor MacLellan reviewed a memo provided by the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library requesting an increase in the grant to allow for a cost of living increase for staff. This issue was discussed at the last meeting in June. The request would be for this year's budget.

**Moved By Councillor MacLellan**

**Seconded By Councillor Corbett**

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council increase the Municipal Grant to the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library in the amount of \$3059*

**Motion : Carried**

h. **RK MacDonald Nursing Home**

**Moved By** Councillor MacLellan  
**Seconded By** Councillor MacDonald

*That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss Litigation / Potential Litigation at 7:26 pm.*

**Motion : Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Deveau  
**Seconded By** Councillor MacFarlane

*That the In-Camera Session be adjourned at 7:28pm*

**Motion : Carried**

6. **Community Events**

Members of the Committee provided information on the following upcoming community events:

- Chicken Dinner at Pomquet Fire Hall on Sunday August 5th, 11-2
- Arisaig Community Dev. having a concert at lighthouse on wharf on the 29th
- Tracadie VFD 50th anniversary on the 4th

7. **Additions to the Agenda**

a. **Potential Rezoning Request on Somers Road**

Councillor Chisholm was contacted by a resident who purchased a property on Somers Road in the Tax Sale and wants to develop the property for commercial purposes, but feels that the Planning Commission is not in favour of it. Mr. Horne provided further information: an application has been made to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy, and is in the process of processing that application for consideration by Council in the fall. Staff will follow-up with the EDPC to get further details on the timeline for the application being processed.

b. **Power Point Sewer Presentation**

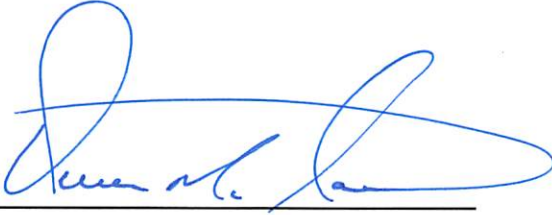
Councillor Corbett asked whether the power point presentation that was provided for the West River Sewer Extension could be replicated for any proposed Havre Boucher sewer extension in the Frankville area. Discussion followed.

8. **Adjournment**

**Moved By** Councillor MacLellan  
**Seconded By** Councillor Deveau

*That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:39*

**Motion : Carried**



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer