

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 7:30 pm

Council Chambers

Municipal Administration Building

285 Beech Hill Road

Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

1. Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of March 19, 2019 Municipal Council Minutes
4. Business Arising from Minutes
5. Presentations
 - a. Antigonish Arts House
 - b. Antigonish Culture Alive

Sarah O'Toole and Rachel Power will be presenting on behalf of Antigonish Culture Alive.
6. Correspondence
 - a. Deputy Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage - Response to Municipality Support of Library Funding Model
 - b. Thank-you Letter - Wild & Blue Farms Limited
7. Committee Reports
 - a. March 25, 2019 E-Poll
 - b. April 2, 2019 Committee of the Whole
 - c. April 16, 2019 Asset Management

This report will be provided at the meeting.

 - d. April 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole

This report will be provided at the meeting.
8. Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Commissions
9. Motions
 - a. Proclamation - April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

On April 9, Warden McCarron joined representatives from Paqtnkek, the Town of Antigonish, and Saint Francis Xavier University in a ceremony to acknowledge and sign the attached proclamation.

b. Proclamation - May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month

The Municipality has been asked to proclaim May as Lyme disease awareness day, to bring awareness to education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, to help reduce chances of contracting tick-borne diseases.

10. Miscellaneous Business

11. Adjournment

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF **ANTIGONISH**

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

7:30 pm

Councillors Present:

Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Neil Corbett

Regrets:

Warden Owen McCarron
Councillor Vaughn Chisholm

Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Reema Fuller, Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Andrea Boyd, Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Robert Cochrane, Antigonish Highland Society
Irene MacLeod, Antigonish Highland Society
Mike MacIsaac, Antigonish Highland Society
Corey LeBlanc, the Casket
Matt Draper, 89.9X
Drake Lowthers, The Reporter
Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

Call to Order- Chairman, Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart

Deputy Warden Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:41pm

Approval of Agenda

Deputy Warden Stewart called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Min # 2019-032

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of March 5, 2019 Municipal Council Minutes

Deputy Warden Stewart called for any errors or omissions.

Min # 2019-033

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That the Municipal Council Minutes of March 5, 2019 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Presentations

Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre

Reema Fuller and Andrea Boyd provided a summary of the 2018 season and gave an overview of the upcoming season. Summaries of the plays being presented this year were provided for Council.

Festival Antigonish will be submitting a grant request for this year and provided some information about what other funding they have received from other levels of government. Discussion followed. Ms. Fuller and Ms. Boyd were thanked for their presentation.

Antigonish Highland Society

Mr. Robert Cochrane, Mrs. Irene MacLeod, and Mr. Mike MacIssac were in attendance on behalf of the Highland Society. Mr. Cochrane spoke to the impact of the Highland Games economically in the community. A summary of events held throughout the County year-round were also noted. This year, a Highland Hike is being planned at the Keppoch.

Mr. MacIssac, Treasurer, provided an overview of the financial position of the Society, and some of the bigger expenses that are incurred in running the Highland Games. Local businesses are used whenever possible, and a list of local vendors were provided. Businesses who provide in-kind contributions were also recognized.

Mrs. MacLeod provided some final figures regarding revenue, volunteer hours, and the impact of the parade and street fair in the community. This year, the Society is anticipating an increase in costs for the parade for traffic control. Discussion followed. The presenters were thanked for their time.

Correspondence

Deputy Warden Stewart noted that the following items of correspondence were included in the agenda package:

- Letter of Thanks - Dr. John Hugh Gillis Senior Girl's Basketball Team

- Letter of Thanks - Mr. Leyton Stewart on behalf of the Nova Major Bantam Hockey Team
- Petition to DTIR regarding Pleasant Valley Road

Min # 2019-034

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That Municipal Council send a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal noting support for the residents of Pleasant Valley Road who submitted a petition regarding concerns with road conditions.

Motion Carried

Committee Reports

March 5, 2019 Asset Management Committee Report

Min # 2019-035

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council approve issuing a Request for Proposals for the sale of the Antigonish County Court House, subject to a restriction on the demolition of the building and/or significant alteration to the exterior facade or building footprint.

Motion Carried

March 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2019-036

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

That Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to the Council Expense Policy.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-037

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council provide the requested cost-of-living increase to PARL for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-038

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

That Municipal Council approve the amended by-laws for the RK MacDonald Board.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-039

MOVED by Councillor Dunbar

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council approve inactive account write-offs in the amount of \$10,863.27.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-040

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council approve Warden McCarron representing the County at the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance Sport Tourism Awards in Ottawa on March 19, 2019.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-041

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

That Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to the contract with Terrapure Environmental.

Motion Carried

March 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2019-042

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council make housekeeping amendments to the Human Resources Policy Manual for Employees.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-043

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That the Municipality renew the Municipality's gold level corporate sponsorship for Riverside International Speedway for the 2019 year.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-044

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council approve the purchase of two directional signs from the Department of Infrastructure Renewal for the Keppoch, on Highway 104 at exit 30, at the quoted price of \$1800 each.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-045

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

The Committee recommends to Municipal Council that it rescind Motion #2019 – 020 related to the Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network and confirm the Municipality's intent to withdraw, effective March 31, 2019.

Motion Carried

Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Commissions

Councillor MacDonald provided an update on the Warden's Tour stop in his district this month. There was a good turnout and interest from the community.

Motions

Min # 2019-046

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

Whereas, **Purple Day** is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world; and,

Whereas, **Purple Day** was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a then nine-year-old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people to know that if you have epilepsy, you are not alone; and,

Whereas, epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect more than 300,000 people in Canada, and more than 50 million people worldwide; and,

Whereas, the public is often unable recognize the common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid; and,

Whereas, **Purple Day** is celebrated to increase understanding, reduce stigma and show support for those affected by epilepsy.

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Hughie Stewart, Deputy Warden of the Municipality of Antigonish County, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2019 as

“Purple Day”

in the County of Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:25 pm.

Motion Carried

Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

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Owen McCarron, Warden
Municipality of the County of Antigonish
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Dear Warden McCarron:

Thank you for your letter of February 22, 2019, expressing your municipality's support for the proposed new library funding model. I am pleased that members of your Municipal Council had an opportunity to discuss and review the model, a model that we believe will provide a sustainable and equitable solution for libraries to continue to meet the needs of citizens and strengthen communities.

Before any final decisions are made on a new library funding formula, the department will be carefully reviewing the valuable feedback received from the municipalities. As well, since the amount required in the proposed funding model will be an increase to current amounts required in the Libraries Act Funding Regulations, a one-year notice is required for municipalities by April 1, as per the Municipal Government Act. Therefore, a new funding model would not take effect until 2020-21.

I recognize that this is a complex issue and appreciate your input into the process, as well as your diligence in ensuring that the libraries you represent obtain the best funding scenario possible.

Thank you for your support of Nova Scotia's public libraries.

Sincerely,



Tracey Taweel
Deputy Minister



Cc John Blackwell, Chair – Pictou Antigonish Regional Library
Eric Stackhouse, Chief Librarian – Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
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TO: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FROM: GLENN HORNE, MUNICIPAL CLERK TREASURER
SUBJECT: e-Poll REPORT
DATE: March 25th, 2019

An e-Poll was issued on Monday, March 25th, 2019. The following Councillors participated:

Councillor MacLellan
Councillor MacDonald
Deputy Warden Stewart
Councillor Chisholm
Councillor Deveau
Warden McCarron
Councillor Dunbar
Councillor Mattie
Councillor MacFarlane

The following recommendation was made:

The Committee of the Whole recommends to Municipal Council that Vishalle St-Pierre be hired for a one-term (April 2019 -April 2020) as Physical Activity Coordinator.

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TO: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FROM: GLENN HORNE, MUNICIPAL CLERK TREASURER
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
DATE: April 2, 2019

The Committee of the Whole was convened at 5:33 pm on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. The following Councillors were present:

Warden McCarron
Deputy Warden Stewart
Councillor MacLellan
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Chisholm
Councillor Dunbar
Councillor Mattie
Councillor Corbett
Councillor MacFarlane

The following recommendations were made:

1. The Committee recommends that Municipal Council submit a request to the DTIR to conduct a traffic impact / speed study on the stretch of Highway 337 near the entrances to the Mount Cameron subdivision.
2. The Committee recommends that Municipal Council adopt the Strategic Priorities Chart as presented.
3. The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve a contribution of \$5000 towards the Strait of Canso Investment Readiness Proposal.
4. The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the installation of a streetlight at the intersection of New France Road and Highway 104.

April 1-30, 2019 is



Proclamation

I Ask

Statistics Canada reports that in 2015, Nova Scotians reported 635 incidents of sexual assault to police. As one of the most underreported crimes in Canada, only 1 in 10 victims will report incidents of sexual violence. This would mean there were over 6,000 incidents of sexual assault in Nova Scotia in 2015.

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health, legal, and social implications for every person living in Nova Scotia;

Whereas, Rape, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, and sexual harassment continue impact our communities;

Whereas, St. Francis Xavier University and Paqtnkek Mi’Kmaq Nation are both part of the broader Antigonish community, we support and salute both of their continued efforts to prevent sexualized violence, and support those impacted by sexual violence.

Whereas, the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission “Calls to Action” challenge us to both recognize the increased levels of sexual violence experienced by both Aboriginal men and women, as well as to work with Indigenous communities to provide culturally relevant services to address sexual violence;

Whereas, the Antigonish Women’s Resource Centre & Sexual Assault Services Association, Family Services of Eastern Nova Scotia and other anti-violence advocates and support service programs encourage every person to *Ask* for consent in all interactions to role model this healthy, normal part of human interaction in personal and online spaces.

Whereas, With leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Antigonish Town and County through increased prevention and awareness education, community mobilization, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions;

Whereas, the Town and County Governments of Antigonish strongly support the efforts of national, provincial, and local conversations about sexual violence; what it is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address it.

Now therefore be it resolved,

That we, the undersigned, join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. On behalf of our federal and provincial government representatives, members of Antigonish Town Council and the Municipal Council of the County of Antigonish, and St. Francis Xavier University we do hereby proclaim April as **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH** in Antigonish Town and County and we comment this observance to all citizens.

_____ Date: _____
Town of Antigonish

_____ Date: _____
Municipality of the County of Antigonish

_____ Date: _____
St. Francis Xavier University

_____ Date: _____
Paqtnkek First Nation

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
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PROCLAMATION

Lyme Disease Awareness Month

WHEREAS Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a black-legged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*; and

WHEREAS black-legged ticks carrying a variety of diseases or illnesses can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS awareness, education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, can help reduce your chances of contracting tick-borne diseases;

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Warden McCarron, Warden of the Municipality of Antigonish County, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

“Lyme Disease Awareness Month”

in the County of Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish to be affixed this 16th day of April, 2019.

Owen McCarron

Warden of the Municipality of the
County of Antigonish

