

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, July 4, 2019, 8:00 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 the June 18, 2019 Municipal Council Minutes
4. Business Arising from Minutes
5. Presentations

There are no presentations
6. Correspondence
 - a. Department of Transportation - Response Regarding Gorman Road
7. In-Camera Items
8. Committee Reports
 - a. July 4, 2019 Asset Management Committee Report

This report will be presented at the meeting.
9. Miscellaneous Business
10. Adjournment

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF **ANTIGONISH**

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

7:30 pm

Councillors Present:

Warden Owen McCarron

Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Vaughn Chisholm

Councillor Remi Deveau

Councillor John Dunbar

Councillor Neil Corbett

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets:

Councillor Gary Mattie

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Matt Draper, 98.9XFM

Sam MacDonald, The Casket

Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

Gallery

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:48 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. There was one addition: Trunk 4 in Beech Hill Road.

Min # 2019-086

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Approval of May 21, 2019 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions.

Min # 2019-087

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That the Municipal Council Minutes of May 21, 2019 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Presentations

Kristina Richard - Congratulations Presentation

Warden McCarron provided a plaque to Kristina Richard to congratulate her on her achievements with the Special Olympics.

Antigonish Barristers Association

Representatives from the Antigonish Barristers Association spoke to Council regarding their concerns with access to Justice in the community, and concerns with courthouse closures in the Community. Their desire to speak to Council is related to the RFP that was issued for the courthouse earlier in the year. The Association would like to work with Council to preserve the Courthouse and ask that its sale be reconsidered. Warden McCarron thanked the Association for their presentation.

Community Partnership Grant Presentations

Presentations were made to the Antigonish Sno-Dogs, Positive Action for Keppoch, Lower South River Ballfield, and Arisaig Parish Community Centre. Photographs were taken with representatives from each group.

Correspondence

Mr. Horne reviewed the correspondence received and circulated cards for Council's information. For the Department of Municipal Affairs - 12-month notice letter Mr. Horne reviewed some items of interest in greater detail, including information about the Assessment Act, the Coastal Protection Act, Library Funding, Legalization of Cannabis and Municipal Costs, and the Accessibility Act.

Committee Reports

Asset Management Committee, June 4, 2019

Councillor MacFarlane reviewed the Committee report. There were no recommendations.

Committee of the Whole, June 4, 2019

Min # 2019-088

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan
SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That Municipal Council endorse the recommendation that Bicycle Nova Scotia engage the services of WSP Canada Inc. to conduct the study and reinforce that the final design/plan of the corridor is to capture complete streets in addition to the Bikeway Corridor.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-089

MOVED by Councillor Deveau
SECONDED by Deputy Warden Stewart

That Municipal Council provide a bursary of \$200 to Ecole Acadienne du Pomquet, and that this bursary recur each year

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-090

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart
SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane

That Municipal Council send a letter to the Cape Breton Central Nova Scotia Railway noting concerns with the dangerous situation at Linwood Station Road.

Motion Carried

Joint Police Advisory Board, June 6, 2019

Deputy Warden Stewart reviewed the Committee report. There were no recommendations.

Committee of the Whole, June 18, 2019

Min # 2019-091

MOVED by Councillor Deveau
SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That Municipal Council issue a Special Event Permit for NS Summer Fest.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-092

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald
SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

The Municipal Council provide a reduction of taxes in the amount of \$4034.56 for AAN09009116 due to property destroyed by fire.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-093

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council set the minimum bids for and approve a tender for properties by Tax Sale as recommended.

Motion Carried

Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Commissions

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- Rinks to Links banquet and golf
- Fire Dept Golf tournament

Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- Sisters of St. Martha's session on the 22nd
- Local AGM for Liberal Association
- Lion's Convention
- FCM

Motions

Recreation Month Proclamation

Warden McCarron read out the Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation.

Min # 2019-094

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

WHEREAS we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks systems in the County of Antigonish, providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors from around the world: and

WHEREAS Recreation enhances quality of life, balanced living and lifelong learning, helps people live happier and longer, develops skills and positive self-image in children and youth, develops creativity, builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles; and

WHEREAS Recreational participation builds family unity and social capital, strengthens volunteer and community development, enhances social interaction, creates community pride and vitality, promotes sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS The benefits provided by recreation programs, services, parks and open space reduces healthcare and social service costs, serves to boost the economy, enhances property values, attracts new business, increases tourism and curbs employee absenteeism; and

WHEREAS Our parks, open space and trails ensure ecological sustainability, provide space to enjoy nature, help maintain clear air and water, and preserve plant and animal life.

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Warden McCarron, Warden of the Municipality of Antigonish County, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as **“Recreation and Parks Month”** in the County of Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous Business

Summer Break

Warden McCarron provided notice of the summer break for Council meetings and thanked the media for their coverage.

Additions to the Agenda

Trunk 4 and Beech Hill Road

Councillor MacFarlane told Council about an accident that took place at the intersection of Trunk 4 and Beech Hill. A local resident, Mr. Bill Kelly, provided assistance at the scene of the accident and Councillor MacFarlane requested that a thank-you letter be provided. Councillor MacFarlane also requested that a letter be sent to the local MLA and Minister of Transportation expressing concerns with the intersection.

Adjournment

Min # 2019-095

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:42 pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Owen McCarron

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer



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Infrastructure Renewal

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Eastern District

June 17, 2019

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

Dear Warden McCarron:

Thank you for your letter of May 13, 2019 on behalf of Councillors Gary Mattie and John Dunbar regarding the request to have Gorman Road and Afton Road paved.

Over the past number of years, it's been the Department's practice to focus asphalt resources on maintaining existing paved roads. As a result, gravel roads were not considered for paving.

Department Policy PO1002 (Cost Shared Projects) indicates any betterment of an existing Local Road may be put forward by the local Municipal Unit for consideration for upgrade through this program.

The new gravel road improvement program and RIM program are also available to upgrade existing gravel roads. We will be evaluating these roads along with other candidates based on existing condition, development and traffic volumes to establish priorities and select candidates as we move forward with these programs. Until this occurs every effort will be made through our annual maintenance activities to keep these roads in an acceptable state of repair.

Thank you for bringing Council's concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,

Basil Pitts C.E.T.
Area Manager
Antigonish-Guysborough

Cc: Doug Cameron, Operations Supervisor
Robert MacInnis, Maintenance Supervisor

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