

# MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF **ANTIGONISH**

## **Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes**

**Monday, September 23, 2019**

**7:30 pm**

### Councillors Present:

Warden Owen McCarron

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Vaughn Chisholm

Councillor Remi Deveau

Councillor Gary Mattie

Councillor Neil Corbett

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

### Regrets:

Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart

Councillor John Dunbar

### Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

### Also Present:

John Bain, Director - EDPC

Corey LeBlanc - The Casket

Andrew Jones, Senior Planner - EDPC

Matt Draper - 98.9XFM

Kenneth Duncan

Ian MacNeil

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### **Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron**

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Several additions were made:

- Aulds Cove / Mulgrave Intersection
- Presentations - add a presentation to the Municipality from the Arisaig Pickleball Association
- Councillor Corbett to speak to NSFM resolutions meeting

Two deletions were requested:

- 3b - approval of minutes from September 17th Council
- 8f - report from September 17th Committee of the Whole

**Min # 2019-116**

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That the agenda be approved as amended.

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of Municipal Council Minutes**

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions.

**Min # 2019-117**

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane

That the Municipal Council Minutes of August 6, 2019 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

**Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Tracy Dunbar, the wife of Councillor John Dunbar, who passed away this past week.

**Statutory Public Hearings**

Mr. Horne reviewed the Public Hearing Protocol to commence the Public Hearings for the noted planning applications.

**Rezoning of the Lands of KAW Developments Limited**

Mr. Bain provided Council with a presentation outlining the rezoning application for KAW Development Limited. Mr. Bain reviewed the methods of notification employed for this public hearing, noting that the notification of the rescheduled hearing date was provided by hand-delivered letters. Site visits were done in June and July, and photographs from those visits were presented. Department of Environmental approval was obtained for the work done to the creek; Department of Transportation approval will be required for any access before permits can be issued.

No written submissions were received regarding the application. One member of the public stopped by the office to speak to a staff member. A phone call was also received earlier in the day by a resident who was looking for a copy of the staff report.

Warden McCarron asked for any individuals in attendance who wished to speak against the application. Mr. Kenneth Duncan spoke to concerns regarding the walking trail and there being no sidewalks on Florence Circle. Mr. Duncan also noted concerns with the merge lane for traffic onto the roadway. Mr. Duncan also voiced concerned with parking on Florence Circle, with upcoming

developments that are proposed in the area. Mr. Duncan requested that Council defer making a decision on the application and noted that he would be providing a written submission in the day following the meeting. Mr. Duncan then left the meeting following his presentation.

Warden McCarron asked for any individuals in attendance who wished to speak in favour of the application. Mr. Ian MacNeil spoke to the application and was asked for further clarification regarding any access concerns onto Florence Circle. Vehicular access has been blocked, and the pathway has been gravelled to facilitate pedestrian access through the site and has resulted in less garbage and better treatment of the site. There is no intention to have vehicular access from the proposed development onto Florence Circle. Discussion followed regarding pedestrian access through the site, with mention of the sewer easement that runs through the site.

Mr. Bain spoke to Mr. Duncan's concerns with proposed residential developments on Florence Circle, explaining the Town regulation regarding the number of bedrooms permitted in a residence under the Town's Land Use By-law, which is not a regulation found in the County's Land Use By-law.

There were no further questions or comments. Following the vote, Mr. Bain reviewed that the advertisement would run in the Casket next week, with a fourteen-day appeal period starting upon the issuance of that notice.

**Min # 2018-118**

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That Municipal Council approve an amendment to the Fringe Land Use By-law to rezone PIDs 1011870, 10118768, and 10118784 from Residential (R-1) to Local Commercial (C-1) to allow for a country market and garden centre.

**Motion Carried**

Application by Allan Anderson to rezone a property on Highway 104 in Aulds Cove

Mr. Jones introduced a Plan Amendment to the Eastern Plan Area Land Use By-law, to add a stand-alone car wash use to the zone. Currently, the use is only permitted as an accessory use to an automobile service station. Staff are recommending approval of the proposal. The application was also reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning Advisory Committee at their meeting on July 29, 2019. The public hearing was advertised in the Casket in accordance with the requirements of the MGA, and no submissions were received from the public.

Councillor Mattie asked about any requirements for the treatment and storage of used water running off from the site and possibly into the Strait. Mr. Bain noted that any site design would have to factor site drainage. Councillor Corbett also requested information about wastewater from the operation, including treatment and retention. Councillor Corbett noted that he felt the development would be a good addition to the community.

There was no one in attendance to speak against or for the application.

**Min # 2019-119**

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That Municipal Council approve the amendment to the Eastern Antigonish County Land Use By law to add 'car wash operations' to the list of permitted uses in the Commercial (C 1) zone.

**Motion Carried**

**Presentations**

Councillor MacLellan provided an overview of the pickleball developments that have taken place at Arisaig, and at the opening Councillor MacLellan and Councillor Mattie were presented with a certificate of appreciation for the County. Councillor MacLellan presented the certificate to Warden McCarron.

**Correspondence**

There was no new correspondence.

**Committee Reports**

July 26, 2019 - e-Poll

**Min # 2019-120**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor Mattie

That Municipal Council award the tender for a waterline extension in Salt Springs at Cameron Kinney Hill to Francis J. Boyle Construction a bid price \$303,665.00 + HST.

**Motion Carried**

August 21, 2019 - e-Poll

Councillor MacFarlane declared a conflict and did not vote on the motion.

**Min # 2019-121**

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That Municipal Council award the tender for asphalt paving on Arbor Drive and Trotters Lane to Nova Construction Co. Ltd. at a bid price \$154,284.00 + HST.

**Motion Carried**

September 3, 2019 - Asset Management Committee

**Min # 2019-122**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council approve the installation of streetlights at:

- Lower West River Road;
- Pinevale Road; and,
- Mattie Settlement.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2019-123**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council set the minimum price for property ID 10071058 at \$1500 plus fees and taxes.

**Motion Carried**

September 3, 2019 - Committee of the Whole

**Min # 2019-124**

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That Municipal Council approve the Household Hazardous Waste Inter-Municipal Agreement.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2019-125**

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED by Councillor Mattie

That Municipal Council send a letter to Minister Delorey's office to inquire why the Poverty Reduction Innovation Fund is no longer accessible and what if anything replaces it.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2019-126**

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council provide a \$2000 grant to HOW Club Antigonish.

**Motion Carried**

September 5, 2019 - Joint Police Advisory Board

Councillor Chisholm reviewed the report included in the agenda package.

September 18, 2019 - e-Poll

**Min # 2019-127**

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor Mattie

The Committee of the Whole recommends that Municipal Council provide a letter of support for an application to the Low Carbon Communities Fund, for a grant to look at the feasibility of solar projects done as partnerships between the County and Paqtnkek.

**Motion Carried**

September 23, 2019 - Committee of the Whole

**Min # 2019-128**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That Municipal Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Joint Police Advisory Board.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2019-129**

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council approves the 2019/2020 Water Utility Budget.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2019-130**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That Municipal Council approves the 2019/2020 Statement of Estimates.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2019-131**

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That Municipal Council send a letter in support of the Minerals Play Fairway Proposal to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Energy and Mines.

**Motion Carried**

**Motions**

Proclamation - September as Spinal Cord Awareness Month

Warden McCarron read out a proclamation regarding the month of September being recognized as Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month.

**Min # 2019-132**

MOVED by Councillor Mattie

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council approve the proclamation of September as Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month as read by Warden McCarron.

**Motion Carried**

Proclamation - September 28th as British Home Child Day in Antigonish

Warden McCarron read out a proclamation recognizing September 28th as British Home Child Day in Antigonish County.

**Min # 2019-133**

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council approve the proclamation of September 28th as British Home Child Day in Antigonish County as read by Warden McCarron.

**Motion Carried**

**Additions to the Agenda**

Discussion Regarding the Auld's Cove / Mulgrave Road Intersection

Councillor Corbett brought forward a concern from his constituents in Aulds Cove regarding concerns with the operation of the intersection at Highway 104 and Highway 344 leading to Mulgrave, particularly during tourist seasons where traffic is heavier. Consensus of Municipal Council was to provide a letter to DTIR regarding concerns with the intersection.

NSFM Resolutions

Councillor Corbett provided a briefing on the NSFM Resolutions that were discussed at a meeting held earlier in the day in Port Hawkesbury. A list of the proposed resolutions being considered was provided to members of Municipal Council for information. Discussion followed.

**Miscellaneous Business**

There was no miscellaneous business.

**Adjournment**

**Min # 2019-134**

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

That the Municipal Council meeting adjourn at 8:43 pm.

**Motion Carried**

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Warden Owen McCarron

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Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer