

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Monday, June 29, 2020

8:00 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 Gary Mattie

Councillor Neil Corbett

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

Matt Draper, XFM

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 8:28 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Min # 2020-080

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of June 8, 2020 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

Min # 2020-081

That the Municipal Council Minutes of June 8, 2020 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Committee Reports

May 25, 2020 Committee of the Whole

Min # 2020-082

That Municipal Council appoint Mr. Hayston Lam as the Emergency Management Coordinator for a two-year term.

Motion Carried

June 11, 2020 E-Poll

Min # 2020-083

That the Municipality provide a letter of support for each graduation event organized by groups representing the graduates of our three high schools, from Municipal Council provided all public health conditions are met and followed and further requiring notice to police, fire and EHS.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-084

Provide the following “grants” to groups organizing local graduation celebrations:

- Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School \$2500
- Ecole Acadienne de Pomquet \$500
- East Antigonish Academy \$670

Motion Carried

June 18, 2020 Joint Police Advisory Board

Deputy Warden Stewart reviewed the Committee report for Council.

June 22, 2020 Asset Management Committee

Councillor MacFarlane declared a conflict with the first two recommendations in the committee report, so they were read out by Mr. Horne and Councillor MacFarlane did not participate in the vote.

Min # 2020-085

That Municipal Council agrees to proceed with J-Class Road cost-shared projects for Willowdale Lane, Gilfoy Road and Grandview Drive.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-086

That Municipal Council accepts the cost estimates and wishes to proceed to construction with J-Class Road cost-shared projects for Sylvan Valley Road, Sylvan Valley Lane, D. MacIsaac Road and Townsend Street.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-087

That Municipal Council reject the bid received in response for the RFP for exterior renovations at the County Courthouse.

Motion Carried

June 22, 2020 Committee of the Whole

Min # 2020-088

That the Committee recommends that the Municipality of the County of Antigonish apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to Amalgamate the two existing water utilities (Fringe Area and Lower South River and Area) into the Antigonish County Water Utility and to apply for changes in its rates for water and water service, fire protection to the Municipality of the County of Antigonish and changes to its rules and regulations for customers served by the Antigonish County water utility, as set out in the water rate study prepared by G.A. Isenor Consulting Limited in association with Blaine S. Rooney Consulting Limited.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-089

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council send a letter to the Minister of Transportation noting concerns with the delay in the application of dust control on gravel roads in the County.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-090

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council move from the Clerk-Council to the CAO-Council model of municipal governance and appoint Glenn Horne as Chief Administrative Officer.

Motion Carried

June 29, 2020 Committee of the Whole

Min # 2020-091

That Municipal Council set a Public Hearing date for the donation of land on Appleseed Drive to the Antigonish Affordable Housing Association.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-092

That Municipal Council proceed with J-class Road cost-sharing with the Province for the paving of Somers Road, subject to the Local Improvement By-law.

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Horne provided notice of the Council break of regularly scheduled meetings during the months of July and August. Special meetings will be scheduled as needed during those months.

Warden McCarron thanked Council and staff for their work, and provided a reminder of the virtual Canada Day celebrations that were scheduled to take place. The media was also thanked for their attendance at the meetings over the past year.

Adjournment

Min # 2020-093

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:43 pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Owen McCarron

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer