

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF **ANTIGONISH**

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2020

7:30 pm

Councillors Present:

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:

Warden Owen McCarron

Councillor Gary Mattie

Staff Present:

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Allison Duggan, Director of Finance, Acting Clerk
Treasurer

Also Present:

Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk
Matt Draper, 98.9XFM
Gallery

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Deputy Warden Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:27 pm

Approval of Agenda

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

Min # 2020-21

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan
SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of Municipal Council Minutes

Deputy Warden Stewart called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

Min # 2020-22

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That the Municipal Council Minutes of February 10, 2020 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Statutory Public Hearings

Mrs. Duggan read through the Statutory Public Hearing criteria for the benefit of Council and the Gallery.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use By-law for the Fringe Plan Area

Mr. John Bain provided Council with an overview of the proposed amendments to the Fringe Land Use By-law, to provide for limits to the total floor area of a dwelling unit to be used for bedrooms. This amendment has come forward due to previous situations where building permits have been applied for single or duplex dwellings, and then advertised as apartment units. Mr. Bain reviewed the reasons for selecting a percentage as opposed to the total number of bedrooms, and the existing provisions in the By-law permitting apartment buildings via the Development Agreement process.

After the proposed By-law was provided with first reading and the advertisement of the Public Hearing was run, a 150 day clock was started where Building Permits have not been permitted to be issued where they could contradict the proposed amendment. The public hearing was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, and approved by the Planning Advisory Committee. The Planning Advisory Committee had indicated that this was meant to be an interim measure until a further review can be done.

Questions from Council followed.

Deputy Warden Stewart called for any parties in the gallery who were in favour or opposed to the proposed amendment. No parties spoke either in favour or against the amendment.

Min # 2020-23

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That Municipal Council approves an amendment to the Land Use By-law for the Fringe Plan Area to add a special requirement for the R-1, R-2, RG-1, and RG-1 Zones to allow no more than 29% of the total floor area of a dwelling be used for bedrooms.

Motion Carried

Amendments to Schedule A of the By-law Respecting Charges for Local Improvements

Mrs. Schumacher presented the proposed amendment to the Local Improvements By-law for the West River Cross paving and the Beech Hill waterline extension. Deputy Warden Stewart asked if there was anyone in the gallery who was looking to speak for or against the proposed amendment. Two residents were in attendance who asked general questions for clarification about the amendment. One asked whether there would be any change to the charges that had been billed on the 2019/2020 tax bill. Staff clarified that the amount billed on that bill would be the same for the duration of the repayment period identified for that project. The other resident asked for clarification on the percentage of the amount paid by the residents, the Municipality, and the other levels of government. Staff will look into that and respond directly to the resident.

Min # 2020-24

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council approves amendments to Schedule A of the By-law Respecting Charges for Local Improvements to add the West River Cross Paving and Beech Hill Road Waterline Extension

Motion Carried

Presentations

Highland Society

Mr. Joe MacDonald and Mr. Bill Fraser from the Highland Society provided members of Council with an overview of the operations of the annual Highland Games. A request was made of Council for a presenting sponsorship, and information packages were provided for the benefit of Councillors. Mr. Fraser reviewed a number of additional events throughout the County that take place in the community at the same time as the Highland Games. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Fraser were thanked for their presentation.

Correspondence

The correspondence package was reviewed for the benefit of Council.

Committee Reports

February 19, 2020 Joint Town and County Council Committee Report

There were no recommendations from the Joint Council Committee.

February 24, 2020 Asset Management Committee Report

Min # 2020-25

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane
SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council advertise a tender for renovations for the Antigonish County Court House.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-26

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane
SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That Municipal Council approve the advertisement of a tender for repaving, curb and gutter on Mount Cameron Road.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-27

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane
SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That Municipal Council advertise a tender for the spring bulky waste collection.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-28

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane
SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That Municipal Council award the tender for new 4 x 4 truck for the Water and Sewer Department, with an extended warranty, to MacDonald Chrysler at a total price of \$40,105.68 (incl HST).

Motion Carried

February 24, 2020 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2020-29

MOVED by Councillor Deveau
SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council approve a streetlight at Keppoch Road and St. Joseph's Road.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-30

MOVED by Councillor Corbett
SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council approves the recommended tax account write-offs in the amount of \$4026.73.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-31

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm
SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That Municipal Council approves the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Committee.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-32

MOVED by Councillor Dunbar
SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That Municipal Council send a letter to Ministers Lloyd Hines and Randy Delorey outlining concerns with the configuration of turning lanes, and their relationship with the climbing lane (including signage) where New France Road intersects with Highway 104

Motion Carried

March 9, 2020 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2020-33

MOVED by Councillor Dunbar
SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve sponsoring two seats for the Female Leadership School taking place in May 2020.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-34

MOVED by Councillor Deveau
SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves the annual appointments of Eastern District Planning Commission staff to Municipal positions, as proposed.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-35

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council extend the leave for Councillor Mattie for one month.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-36

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council appoint Linda Arsenault at the Returning Officer for the 2020 Municipal Election.

Motion Carried

Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Conferences, and Community Activities

- Councillor Deveau provided an update regarding the Crime Prevention Committee. They are looking for a Chair. They will be hosting a fundraiser dance at the Legion later in the spring.
- Councillor MacDonald provided an update from the ERSWM meeting, including information about a Mercury collection system from lightbulbs. He also noted an AAHS fundraiser at Dooley's on Saturday March 14th.
- Councillor Corbett noted a Havre Boucher dance and dinner on March 14th with a St. Patrick's Day theme.

Motions

Min # 2020-37

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council pass the resolution proclaiming March 26th, 2020 as "Purple Day" for Epilepsy Awareness.

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

Min # 2020-38

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:30pm.

Motion Carried

Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart

Allison Duggan, Acting Municipal
Clerk/Treasurer