
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2020, 6:00 pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron
Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Vaughn Chisholm
Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Neil Corbett
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Councillor John Dunbar

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Allison Duggan, Director of Finance
Marlene Melanson, Director of Recreation

1. **Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron**

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron, at 5:52 pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. One item was added: Oyster Farm in Monkshead Harbour.

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of May 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in the minutes.

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of May 14, 2020 be approved as presented

Motion Carried

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Mr. Horne provided an update on the grant conversation, specifically with respect to the questions that were asked to be taken forward to Festival Antigonish. No final decisions on any grant requests have been made yet.

5. **Continuing Business**

There was no continuing business.

6. **New Business**

a. **Canada Day Activities Update**

Ms. Melanson provided the Committee with an update on the opportunity that has come up to collaborate with the Town to hold a virtual Canada Day celebration. Anticipated programming, advertising and expenses were reviewed. Discussion and questions followed. A concern was raised about accessibility of the event if it is only available online, and whether broadcasting on the local radio station or through local cable might be an option.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council supports the virtual Canada Day celebrations being collaboratively held with the Town of Antigonish.

Motion Carried

7. **Additions to the Agenda**

a. **Oyster Farm in Monkshead**

Councillor Deveau provided an update on a Zoom conference discussion that was held by a group that are looking at opportunities to put an oyster farm in Monkshead Harbour. Several residents have since come forward with some concerns. If Councillor Deveau hears anything further, he'll bring it to the Committee for information.

8. **In Camera Items**

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss the security of Municipal Property, Personnel Matters, and Contract Negotiations at 6:15pm.

Motion Carried

Councillor MacFarlane declared a conflict of interest related to an item in the in-camera subject matter and left the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee return to open session at 7:07 pm.

Motion Carried

9. **Adjournment**

Moved

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal
Clerk/Treasurer