

---

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF  
**ANTIGONISH**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

Monday, May 25, 2020, 5:30 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 Vaughan 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  
Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator

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 5:31 pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

Moved and Seconded

*That the agenda be approved.*

**Motion Carried**

---

3. **Approval of May 21, 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 21, 2020 be approved as presented.*

**Motion Carried**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Mr. Horne spoke to the Community Partnership Grants that remain outstanding for decision. Staff put forward suggested amounts for those grant requests, based on the original request, the service proposed, and what would be a reasonable contribution from the Municipality. The group was happy with those suggested amounts - they will be put forward as part of the overall budget for consideration.

5. **Delegations**

There were no delegations.

6. **Continuing Business**

a. **Update on NSFM Initiatives and Weekly Video Conference**

Mr. Horne spoke to the summary included in the agenda package and reviewed the presentation from Dr. Strang that was shared with the NSFM and has been shared with the business community for consultations. Discussion followed.

7. **New Business**

a. **Consideration of Budgeting for Strategic and Inter-Municipal Initiatives**

Mr. Horne provided an overview of several strategic and inter-municipal initiatives that are being considered as part of the budget. Consensus was given to support an off-leash dog park shared with the Town on land adjacent to the park. A strategic initiatives session with the new Council after the election was given the go-ahead for inclusion in the budget. Phase two of the Inter-Municipal IT initiative was reviewed, and a request for an amount to be budgeted to keep that initiative moving forward would be moving forward with the budget as well.

The final item, the Community Navigator position, was discussed and an amount was slated for the budget to keep that project moving forward with a number of community partners. This position would work along with the NSHA Recruiter, but would differ from their role in that they would organize a visit and assist with community orientation/establishment in the community, along with focussing on recruiting family physicians to the area.

---

8. **Reports from Inter-Municipal Boards, Committees and Commissions**

a. **Antigonish Heritage Museum Board**

There was no meeting to report on.

b. **Antigonish Arena Association**

The next meeting is May 27th. An update was provided about the upcoming Antigonish Minor Hockey final draw.

c. **Antigonish Crime Prevention**

The Senior Safety Coordinator will be providing small gifts to seniors' apartments throughout the County.

d. **Eastern District Planning Commission**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 28th.

e. **Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management Committee**

No meeting of the Committee to report on, but Councillor MacDonald has been following-up with ERSWM staff on waste-related issues.

f. **Pictou Antigonish Regional Library**

The libraries are working on their plan for re-opening their facilities.

g. **RK MacDonald Nursing Home**

The next Board meeting is on May 28th.

h. **County Paqtneq Joint Steering Committee**

No meetings have been arranged yet.

9. **Community Events**

There were no community events to report.

10. **Additions to the Agenda**

Mr. Horne spoke to concerns raised regarding dust control in an email from Councillor Dunbar. Discussion followed.

11. **In Camera Items**

Moved and Seconded

*That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss the Acquisition, Sale, Lease, and Security of Municipal Property and Contract Negotiations at 6:06 pm.*

**Motion Carried**

Moved and Seconded

*That the Committee return to open session at 7:00 pm.*

**Motion Carried**

Moved and Seconded

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council appoint Mr. Hayston Lam as the Emergency Management Coordinator for a two-year term.*

**Motion Carried**

Moved and Seconded

*Approve the attached MOU for use of the Library space by the Chamber of Commerce until March 31, 2021, AND work with the Town and PARL to:*

- *Update an agreement between the Municipality, Town and PARL for use of the People's Place Library, clarifying the authority and responsibility of each partner, and the expectations around budgeting, reporting, contracts and leases; AND*
- *Draft a lease with the Chamber of Commerce to replace the MOU, effective no later than April 1, 2021.*

**Motion Carried**

**12. Adjournment**

Moved

*That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:01 pm.*

**Motion Carried**



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal  
Clerk/Treasurer