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**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF**  
**ANTIGONISH**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 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 Vaughan Chisholm  
Councillor Remi Deveau  
Councillor Gary Mattie  
Councillor Neil Corbett  
Regrets: Councillor John Dunbar  
Councillor Bill MacFarlane  
Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer  
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 5:39pm

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

Physician Recruitment was added to the agenda.

**Moved By** Deputy Warden Stewart

**Seconded By** Councillor Mattie

*That the agenda be approved as amended.*

**Motion Carried**

3. **Approval of January 15th Committee of the Whole Minutes**

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

**Moved By** Deputy Warden Stewart

**Seconded By** Councillor Corbett

*That the Committee of the Whole minutes of January 15, 2019 be approved as presented.*

**Motion Carried**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. **Continuing Business**

a. **Consideration of Economic Development Options**

Mr. Horne suggested that the Committee make a decision regarding the future of ESREN.

Councillor Mattie liked the idea of having an ESREN staff member at Council meetings. Councillor Mattie suggests renewing the contact for another year.

Councillor Corbett asked if the Province had agreed to pay their commitment. Mr. Horne said that the province has agreed to pay the committed amount going forward but not back dating.

Councillor MacLellan sat in on the meeting about Chinese Tourism and would like to support the REN for another year.

Councillor MacDonald agrees to support the REN for another year.

Deputy Warden Stewart agrees to support the REN for another year.

Councillor Deveau agrees with staying in for another year and give notice again for a year from now.

Councillor Chisholm agrees to support the REN for another year.

Warden McCarron would like to push the REN for measurable outcomes. Warden McCarron stated that the Municipality withdraw their current notice of withdrawal and give notice for a year from now. If they do not meet the outcomes then we do not move forward.

Mr. Horne suggested to Council that Guysborough has not made their decision whether they will stay with the REN. If Guysborough were to leave, the Municipality would not have to pay more, they would scale the organization accordingly. The decision that the Committee makes tonight would have to hold true whether Guysborough stays or goes.

Going forward Council will give a list of 2-3 major outcomes that they would like to see the REN meet. They will be given until December of 2019 to meet those outcomes. Mr. Horne also stresses how important Board Recruitment is.

Councillor Mattie has some concerns around local businesses seeing any benefit from the REN.

The Committee came to the consensus to withdraw their current notice and stay with the REN for one more year.

**6. New Business**

**a. Consideration of a Special Event Permit**

We have received a Special Event Permit for Nova Scotia Summer Fest August 23 & 24. A conditional event permit can be issued based on the conditions being met.

**Moved By** Councillor Mattie

**Seconded By** Councillor Deveau

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve a conditional permit for Nova Scotia Summer Fest, proposed to take place at Keppoch Mountain on August 23 & 24, 2019. The following conditions would apply:*

- *A complete operational plan including provisions for emergency access, severe weather and sewage management shall be provided to the Municipality for its consideration on or before April 5, 2019, at 4pm. Any deficiencies with this plan identified by the Municipality shall be addressed to the satisfaction of the Municipality.*
- *A site plan/map and an on and off-site parking plan shall be provided to the Municipality on or before April 5, 2019, at 4pm. Any deficiencies with this plan identified by the Municipality shall be addressed to the satisfaction of the Municipality.*
- *Proof of insurance shall be provided to this office on or before April 5, 2019, at 4pm.*
- *All other provisions of the Municipality's Special Events Bylaw are in force and shall be adhered to unless approved in writing by Municipal Council.*

**Motion Carried**

**b. Community Partnership Grants**

Ms. Donovan reviewed the new Community Partnership Grant Policy, Guidelines Document, Application Form, and Leadership and Travel Assistance Grants Policy.

Councillor MacLellan asked for clarification on whether the grants can be used to fund part-time staff wages.

**Moved By** Deputy Warden Stewart  
**Seconded By** Councillor MacLellan

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to the Community Partnership Grants Policy.*

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor MacDonald  
**Seconded By** Councillor Mattie

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council adopt the Leadership and Travel Assistance Grants Policy as presented.*

**Motion Carried**

7. **Additions to the Agenda**

a. **Physician Recruitment**

Mr. Horne presented a letter from Sarah MacDonald looking to strike a committee of 8-10 people who can roll out the red carpet when physicians come to see St. Martha's. Ideas for how to do this included making a welcome basket, potentially picking them up at the airport, or just being a friendly face to be introduced to.

Warden McCarron stated that we should showcase what our community has to offer. The Committee would meet about once a month or as needed when a recruit comes to town.

8. **Adjournment**

**Moved By** Councillor Chisholm  
**Seconded By** Councillor Deveau

*That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:05pm*

**Motion Carried**



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer