

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

A Special Committee of the Whole Meeting was held Thursday, February 2nd, 2017 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administrative Centre, 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish NS.

Present were: Warden Russell Boucher, Chair
 Deputy Warden Owen McCarron
 Councillor Mary MacLellan
 Councillor Donnie MacDonald
 Councillor Hughie Stewart
 Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
 Councillor Rémi Deveau
 Councillor John Dunbar
 Councillor Gary Mattie
 Councillor Bill MacFarlane
 Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
 Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Regrets: None

The special meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden Boucher, at 5:30pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

An in-camera discussion regarding personnel matters (R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home) was added to the end of the agenda.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Deveau and seconded by Councillor Chisholm that the Committee of the Whole minutes of January 17, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGES MEMO

Mr. Horne spoke to the memo that had been prepared by staff regarding the Local Improvements By-law. Members of the Committee asked questions regarding how local improvement contributions are calculated, the impact/inclusion of future lots created, and the reasonableness of contributions. There was also discussion about the importance of contributions from the Provincial and Federal governments, and the need for support for roads in the County. Mr. Horne noted that each project is considered on an individual basis. A number of further questions were raised, and staff will prepare a further memo for consideration at a future committee meeting.

CAPTIAL PLAN

Mr. Horne presented the Committee with a proposed list of capital projects, and a discussion ensued. Councillors spoke in support of projects for North Grant, Somers Road, Gaspereaux Lake and Southside Harbour Road. Councillor MacFarlane asked that the West River Sewer and Cameron Kinney Hill Water be added to the list as well – members of the Committee consented.

Mr. Horne re-iterated that a number of large projects like the Fringe Water Assessment and Sewer were still being reviewed and would have an impact on the final plan. The Council priorities were divided into two sets of three to approach residents for support under the Local Improvements By-law:

Group 1	Group 2
North Grant Water Somers Road Water Southside Harbour Sewer	Gaspereaux Lake Water West River Sewer Cameron Kinney Hill Water

Staff will prepare options for Council consideration.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (IN-CAMERA)

This subject matter falls within Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act as a matter that a committee may discuss in a closed session. It is recommended a motion be made to initiate an in-camera session.

Moved by MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Deveau that the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:15pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Deveau and seconded by Deputy Warden McCarron that the In-Camera session be adjourned at 7:30pm. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Deveau and seconded by Deputy Warden McCarron that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:31pm. Motion carried.



Warden Russell Boucher



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer