

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 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 John Dunbar
Councillor Neil Corbett
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Councillor Gary Mattie

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Basil Pitts, Area Manager, DTIR
Doug Cameron, DTIR
Robert (Gussie) MacInnis, DTIR
Angelo Lamanna, Resident of the Fraser Valley
Denis Adamson, Electoral Director, Area B, Fraser Valley Regional
District

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 5:31pm

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

Moved By Councillor MacDonald
Seconded By Councillor MacLellan

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of May 22nd, 2018 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in the May 22nd, 2018 minutes.

Moved By Councillor Chisholm

Seconded By Councillor Deveau

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of May 22nd, 2018 be approved as presented

Motion Carried

4. **Delegations**

Deputy Warden Stewart took the opportunity to introduce two visitors to the community from British Columbia; Mr. Dennis Adamson, the Electoral Director of Area B, Fraser Valley Regional District, and Mr. Angelo Lamanna, a resident of the Fraser Valley.

a. **Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal**

Warden McCarron introduced the staff team in attendance from the local DTIR office. Mr. Basil Pitts, Doug and Gussy provided the following updates:

A brief summary of spring operations and the plans for summer grading and dust control was provided. A number of road and driveway culverts have also been taken care of. Median mowing, asphalt patching, shoulder improvements on Trunk 7, sign repairs and replacement, and brush cutting are underway or planned.

A review of the grading status of the Antigonish-Guysborough Road, which is underway. Detailed reviews of work pending or already completed was provided for Districts 5 through 9, including patching, grading, ditches, brush cutting, culverts, guardrails, and other general repairs.

Mr. Pitts provided a review of the staffing changes made at the local office; Doug and Gussy split the County in half, with a third supervisor that will assist Doug starting in July on a seasonal basis.

Further discussion took place, allowing Council to ask questions about specific locations of concern in their districts, with specific mention of Mount Cameron, grader travel times, a property owned by DTIR in East Havre Boucher where garbage on site is a concern, and the Beech Hill / Trunk 4 Intersection. An update was also provided on the call centre operations.

The DTIR staff was thanked for their time and for coming in to have this discussion with the Committee, and were thanked for doing such a great job.

5. **Continuing Business**

a. **Chip-In for St. Martha's Golf Event**

Mr. Horne reviewed the event and the follow-up staff has done as directed by Council regarding contacting the Town to see if they are interested.

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart

Seconded By Councillor Deveau

That the Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve entering a joint team with the Town of Antigonish in the Chip in for St. Martha's Golf Event, at a cost of \$500 per unit.

Motion Carried

6. **New Business**

a. **Eastern District Planning Commission Request - Alternate Board Members**

Mr. Horne noted the correspondence in the agenda package, and provided a brief background on the reasoning for the request. Discussion followed. Councillor MacDonald volunteered

Moved By Councillor Deveau

Seconded By Councillor MacFarlane

That the Committee recommends that Municipal Council appoint Councillor MacDonald as the County's alternative member on the EDPC Board.

Motion Carried

b. **Ceilidh in the Round Request**

Warden McCarron provided a background on the request; the letter was received during the last week of May, and missed the community grants program intake earlier in the year. Consensus was given to deny the request; a letter will be provided to the organization noting the other contributions made to the St. Martha's Hospital Foundation this year, as well as information about the Community Grants program.

c. **Tender Awards**

6.c.1 **Beech Hill Water and Sewer Extension**

Mr. Horne provided a review of the bids that were received, and the Engineer's recommendation noted in the agenda package.

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart

Seconded By Councillor MacFarlane

That the Committee recommendation that Municipal Council be award the tender for the Beech Hill Water and Sewer Extension to Francis J. Boyle Construction Ltd., at the bid price of \$67,440.00 plus HST.

Motion Carried

6.c.2 Accessibility Upgrades to the Municipal Administrative Building

Councillor Mattie was dialed into the meeting, so that he could participate in the discussion. Mr. Horne provided a review of the Accessibility Upgrades bids that were received, and noted the recommendation of the Engineer. Councillor Mattie noted that including signage for parents with strollers/small children may also be something to include in the accessible parking area. Discussion followed regarding the project plans, with Mr. Horne noting details in the parking lot spacing.

Mr. Horne noted that, in order to permit Councillor Mattie to vote on the matter, this item would be circulated as an e-poll following the meeting.

d. Rescinding the Network Policy

Mr. Horne reviewed the staff report in the agenda package, noting the antiquated language in the policy and the duplication with the new HR policy. Staff is recommending that the policy be rescinded.

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart
Seconded By Councillor MacFarlane

That the Committee recommends that Municipal Council rescind the Network Policy.

Motion Carried

e. Proclamations Policy

Mr. Horne introduced the draft policy before the Committee for consideration. The policy provides guidance for the consideration of proclamation requests, giving staff direction on how to bring these requests before Council. Discussion followed.

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart
Seconded By Councillor MacDonald

That the Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the Proclamations Policy as proposed.

Motion Carried

7. Reports from Inter-Municipal Boards, Committees and Commissions

Heritage Advisory Board

- Councillor Corbett provided an update from the meeting; summer student hiring, nominations for positions, and the scheduling of the next meeting.

Arena Commission

- Audit complete, and the paperwork has been gathered and needs to be submitted to change from the commission over to the new corporation.

Antigonish Crime Prevention

- Senior Safety Coordinator's report in the agenda package. Upcoming fundraising efforts will include a lobster-roll sale during the Special Olympics.

EDPC

- The next meeting is this week; the Town will be joining the EDPC on July 1st

ERSWM

Councillor MacDonald shared that the efficiency study is complete; province-wide study on governance of waste management is due by the end of June. Producer responsibility for waste report is complete and ready for Councils - Nicole will be presenting this report at the Joint Council meeting later this month. Paint program changes are upcoming. Waste audit completed and going to regional chairs later in June - will be public after this. C&D materials plan underway, with more details about stakeholder consultations to come.

Warden McCarron provided an update on the Sustane Technologies company, which was featured at the FCM conference last week with a tour of their plant in Chester. Pellets produced by compacting waste will be used as bio-fuel for neighbouring industry. Once the plant in Chester is up and running, Council may look to take a tour of the operation.

ESREN

- No update to provide.

PARL

- Budget process is underway.

RK Nursing Home

- The operating deficit has been reduced through efficiencies and a donation.

Recreation Open Houses

- Warden McCarron provided a brief update on the open houses that have been held in the last week, and Councillors who have attended gave their feedback on the topic.

8. Community Events

- Mini Trial Community Centre Canada Day Celebrations upcoming - all are invited
- Clan Chisholm holding annual dinner during the Highland Games (Tuesday, July 3rd in Heatherton this year)
- Giant Yard / Plant Sale Sunday June 10th at the Arisaig Hall; proceeds go to Arisaig Community Development Association

10. Additions to the Agenda

a. Infrastructure Discussion Debrief

Mr. Horne made note of meetings that had taken place since the last CoW meeting, with MP Sean Fraser, Minister Mombourquette (Municipal Affairs), and Minister Hines (Minister of Transportation), and provided a brief summary of the topics discussed at each. Staff will follow-up with MP Fraser's team for the summary of funding opportunities discussed at that meeting. The meeting with Minister Mombourquette was regarding cellular coverage, and was very productive. The meeting with Minister Hines was regarding infrastructure funding, and the team in that meeting left feeling very hopeful about the concerns raised by the Municipality being addressed.

b. Challenger Baseball Request

Mr. Horne reviewed a package received from the Town of Antigonish regarding the redevelopment of a ball field into a fully accessible ball field, with help from the Jays Care Foundation. A miscommunication meant that the Municipality hasn't received a formal application regarding the project, but this is being brought forward to the Committee to provide an opportunity to discuss the project. The official applicant would be the Town of Antigonish.

Warden McCarron noted the importance of the project in terms of inclusive recreational facilities and accessibility in the community. Consensus around the table was provided to support the efforts. Thought will be given to how much support will be provided, and the conversation will be continued at a later date.

c. Antigonish Heritage Museum Board Public Member Resignation

Councillor MacDonald noted that the public member appointed to the Antigonish Heritage Museum Board has resigned. Discussion was held regarding the best way to select a new appointee. Councillor MacDonald will bring names back to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

11. In Camera – Contract Negotiations

Warden McCarron called for a motion to go in-camera to discussion Contract Negotiations.

Moved By Councillor Deveau
Seconded By Councillor Dunbar

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss Contract Negotiations at 7:14 pm.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Chisholm
Seconded By Deputy Warden Stewart

That the in-camera session be adjourned at 7:18 pm.

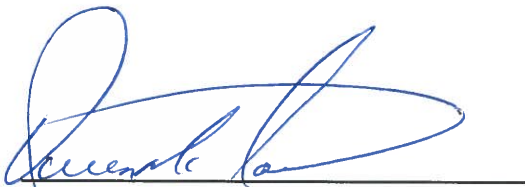
Motion Carried

12. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor MacLellan
Seconded By Councillor Corbett

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer