
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 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 Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Councillor John Dunbar
 Councillor Neil Corbett

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

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 5:34pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the minutes. The following items were added:

- Letter of Support for HRM MacDonald school
- In-Camera Item (local RCMP office)
- A change in order of items.

Moved By Councillor MacDonald
Seconded By Councillor Mattie

That the agenda be approved.

Motion Carried

Approval of January 8, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes

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

Moved By Councillor Deveau
Seconded By Deputy Warden Stewart

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of January 8, 2019 be approved as presented

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

New Business

a. **The Nitap Program**

Ms. Melanson provided members of the Committee with a document giving an overview of the Nitap Program. The program came out of the consultations that were held during the MPAL consultations. Nitap was developed to increase activity levels in the community, both physical and social, and to bring people together. An overview of the anticipated schedule was provided, and members of Council were encouraged to participate. Discussion followed. Recreation staff can help coordinate if members of Council are interested in participating.

b. **Antigonish Community Sport Collective**

Ms. Melanson provided an overview and update on the Antigonish Community Sport Collective, which was presented at the Joint Council meeting in December. The program is expected to improve opportunities for scheduling coordination between the different sports associations, to allow more opportunities for participating and development in multiple sports throughout the year. Collaboration among sports association is also anticipated to help with equal access to sports facilities throughout the community. The Collective would be looking for funding and in-kind staff support.

Discussion followed. A suggestion was made to invite Stephanie to come and present again to Council, to provide more detail on the proposed initiative.

Continuing Business

a. **Dog Control By-law and Policy Updates**

Mrs. Schumacher presented a staff report, which included the draft by-law and policy, for revisions that have been made to update the document and policy. A review of the public consultation process and responses was provided, and the changes to the documents based on the feedback from the Committee of the Whole, public consultation, and staff was summarized for the Committee.

Discussion followed. Staff are recommending that the draft by-law be sent to Council for first reading, and that the draft policy be approved.

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart
Seconded By Councillor MacLellan

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council provide first reading to the proposed By-law XX-2019, Being a By-Law Respecting the Responsible Ownership of Dogs.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Chisholm
Seconded By Councillor Deveau

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy.

Motion Carried

b. **Consideration of Economic Development Options**

Mr. Horne brought forward the opportunity for further discussion regarding ESREN. Members of the Committee requested that the discussion be deferred to a later date, in order to permit Committee members who sent regrets tonight to participate. Staff will look to add this item to one of the special meetings being held next week. Discussion followed.

Community Events

The following community events were noted:

- Chase the Ace in St. Joseph's, every Friday
- February 15-23 - Winter Carnival in Pomquet

Staff Reports

Mr. Horne reviewed the staff reports provided in the agenda package. Discussion followed regarding the update on the skateboard park.

Additions to the Agenda

a. **HM MacDonald Letter of Support for Playground Upgrades**

Councillor MacDonald brought forward a request from the HM MacDonald school for a letter of support for playground equipment.

In Camera Items

Councillor MacFarlane joined the meeting at 7:19 pm.

Moved By Councillor Chisholm

Seconded By Deputy Warden Stewart

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss the Litigation & Potential Litigation and Contract Negotiations at 7:10 pm.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Deveau

Seconded By Councillor MacLellan


That the in-camera session be adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Adjournment

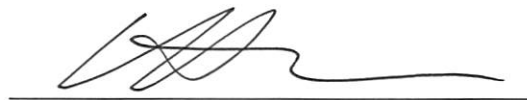
Moved By Councillor Chisholm

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer