
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 6:30 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 Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
Councillor Neil Corbett

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities
Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Also Present: Chris Boyd, EMM Law
Meghan MacGillivray, EMM Law

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 6:36 pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. One item was added: Chamber of Commerce golf tournament.

Moved By Councillor Deveau

Seconded By Councillor MacFarlane

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of May 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

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

Moved By Councillor MacDonald

Seconded By Deputy Warden Stewart

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of May 16, 2019 be approved as presented

Motion Carried

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. **Delegations**

a. **EMM Law**

Mr. Chris Boyd and Ms. Meghan MacGillivray were introduced to members of Council by Warden McCarron. They provided an overview of their firm and their practices. Mr. Boyd and Ms. MacGillivray have had the opportunity to meet staff and were welcomed by members of the Committee.

Councillor Dunbar joined the meeting at 6:40 pm.

6. **Continuing Business**

a. **Budget Deliberations**

Deputy Warden Stewart asked to speak further regarding the request for funds from The Keppoch, which was reviewed at a previous budget deliberation meeting. Discussion followed. Consensus of the Committee was to provide an additional \$30,000 to the amount approved in the community grants program in order to give the full request for support from The Keppoch, for a total contribution of \$50,000.

The opportunity was provided for any remaining questions about the budget. There were no remaining questions. The Committee reiterated their thanks to staff for their work on the budget.

7. **New Business**

a. **Low-Income Tax Exemption Request**

Moved By Councillor Deveau

Seconded By Councillor MacFarlane

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council provide AAN 09707956 with a reduction of 30% on property taxes for the 2019/2020 tax year.

Motion Carried

8. **Staff Reports**

Mr. Horne reviewed the report provided by the RCMP.

9. **In Camera Items**

There were no in-camera items.

10. **Additions to the Agenda**

a. **Antigonish Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament**

The Municipality has been approached by the Chamber of Commerce to participate in their upcoming golf tournament.

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart

Seconded By Councillor MacDonald

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council sponsor a hole at the 2019 Chamber of Commerce golf tournament.

Motion Carried

11. **Adjournment**

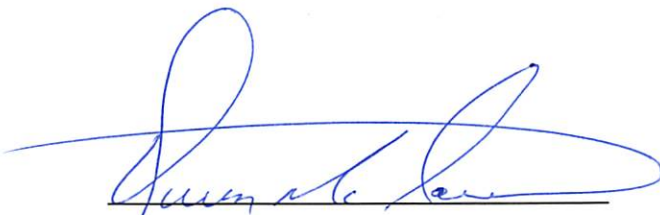
Warden McCarron provided some updates regarding the upcoming President's Dinner at St. FX. Members of Council who are interested in attending are asked to contact Mr. Horne before the end of the week.

Before adjourning, Mr. Horne acknowledged all of the work that Mrs. Duggan has put in with her team to put together the budget.

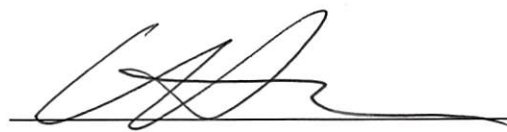
Moved By Councillor Deveau

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer