
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2020, 5:30 pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Present were: 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: Warden Owen McCarron
Councillor Gary Mattie

Staff Present: Allison Duggan, Director of Finance, Acting Municipal Clerk Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
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, Deputy Warden Stewart, at 5:31pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Deputy Warden Stewart called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. One addition was made: Extension of Leave.

Moved By Councillor MacDonald

Seconded By Councillor Corbett

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of February 24, 2020 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

Deputy Warden Stewart called for any errors or omissions in the minutes.

Moved By Councillor MacLellan

Seconded By Councillor Chisholm

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of February 24, 2020 be approved as presented

Motion Carried

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. **Continuing Business**

a. **Government FOCUS Sponsorship Request**

Mrs. Duggan spoke to the presentation that was made by Councillor Smith at the previous Committee of the Whole meeting, where the Committee was asked to consider sponsoring seats at the Female Leadership School taking place in early May. Discussion followed.

Moved By Councillor Deveau

Seconded By Councillor Dunbar

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve sponsoring two seats for the Female Leadership School taking place in May 2020.

Motion Carried

b. **Final Report on the Dissolution of the Eastern-Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN)**

Deputy Warden Stewart spoke to the correspondence that was included in the agenda package, outlining the final steps in the dissolution process of the organization. Discussion followed.

7. **New Business**

a. **EDPC Appointments**

The recommended appointments of Eastern District Planning Commission staff to municipal positions of Building Inspectors, Development Officers, Special Constables, Fire Inspector, and Dangerous and Unightly Premises Administrator, along with their alternates and assistants, were presented from a letter provided by Mr. John Bain, Director of the Planning Commission.

Moved By Councillor MacLellan

Seconded By Councillor MacFarlane

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves the annual appointments of Eastern District Planning Commission staff to Municipal positions, as proposed.

Motion Carried

b. SRCE International Student Program - Questions for Consideration

Mrs. Duggan spoke to a letter received from the Strait Regional Centre for Education, providing information about their International Student Program. The letter included several questions about the program for Council, to facilitate discussion about awareness and opportunities for the program. Discussion followed.

8. Staff Reports

Mrs. Duggan reviewed the staff reports that were included in the agenda package.

9. Additions to the Agenda

a. Extension of Leave

Mrs. Duggan noted that Councillor Mattie's would be absent from Council due to illness. The excused absence that was provided for the month of February was proposed to be extended for one month.

Moved By Councillor Deveau

Seconded By Councillor Dunbar

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council extend the leave for Councillor Mattie for one month.

Motion Carried

10. In Camera Items

Moved By Councillor MacLellan

Seconded By Councillor Corbett

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss the Acquisition, Sale, Lease, and Security of Municipal Property and Contract Negotiations at 5:51

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Chisholm

Seconded By Councillor Corbett

That the in-camera session adjourn at 6:18pm.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Deveau
Seconded By Councillor Corbett

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council appoint Linda Arsenault at the Returning Officer for the 2020 Municipal Election.

Motion Carried

11. **Adjournment**

Moved By Councillor Deveau

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 6:20pm.

Motion Carried

Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart

Allison Duggan, Acting Municipal
Clerk/Treasurer