

Present

Mayor Laurie Boucher
Deputy Mayor Diane Roberts
Councillor Mary Farrell
Councillor Donnie MacInnis

Warden Owen McCarron
Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Bill MacFarlane
Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor Neil Corbett

Regrets

Councillor Jack MacPherson
Councillor Willie Cormier
Councillor Andrew Murray

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Also Present

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk Treasurer, Municipality of the County of Antigonish
Jeff Lawrence, CAO, Town of Antigonish
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk, Municipality of the County of Antigonish
Steve Scannell, Special Projects Coordinator, Town of Antigonish
Tom Bennet, AREMC
Craig Seaboyer, alt-AREMC
Corey LeBlanc, The Casket
Representatives from Keppoch

Dr. Chiasson
Eric Smith
Sam Vautour
Greg Stewart

Todd Gorman
Andrew Bradshaw
Coady Spears
David MacKenzie

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Warden McCarron.

2) Approval of Agenda

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Roberts and seconded by Councillor MacInnis that the agenda be approved. Motion Carried.

3) Approval of Minutes

Warden called for any corrections to the minutes of September 20th, 2017. Mrs. Schumacher noted that there was a correction to Mayor Boucher's name on the first page of those minutes.

Moved by Councillor Deveau and seconded by Councillor Chisholm that the minutes of the September 20th, 2017, Joint Council Meeting be approved as amended. Motion Carried.

4) Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

New Business

5a) Recognition of Service – Tom Bennet, EMO

Warden McCarron and Mayor Boucher presented outgoing Antigonish Regional Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Bennet with a certificate, recognizing his service to the community in this role over the past three years.

5b) Recognition of Award – Craig Seaboyer & the Exercise Handshake Team

Warden McCarron read through the announcement of the Ian MacKinnon Award received by Mr. Seaboyer and the Exercise Handshake team in October. Mr. Seaboyer was congratulated by Warden McCarron, Mayor Boucher, and the Committee.

5c) Keppoch Presentation

Representatives from the Positive Action for Keppoch group were on hand to provide members of the Committee with an overview of the development activities that have taken place at the Keppoch over the past few years, and outlined the work that the group was looking to as part of their Capital Works Plan over the next three seasons. A number of the upgrades are to improve the accessibility of the site, and discussion took place regarding community accessibility in getting to the site, including transit and road conditions.

The presenters noted that they would be preparing formal requests to each of the Municipalities, looking for \$50k/year for 2018 and 2019 from the County, and \$15k/year from the Town for these same years. Discussion followed. The presenters were thanked, and members of the Committee provided their compliments to the hard work done to make the Keppoch what it is now.

5d) Consideration of an Approach to Jointly Funded Organizations and Projects

Mr. Horne introduced a proposal for the Committee to consider using the Joint Council meetings as a forum for hearing funding requests from community groups that provide services to both Town and County. The Heritage Museum, the Senior Safety Coordinator, ACTS, DEANS, the arena, and the VIC are all organizations that often present to Councils as part of their funding request. Offering the opportunity to speak to both Councils at once would consolidate the presenting for the representatives, and facilitate communication and collaboration for the Councils. Staff will follow-up with these groups for the February Joint Council meeting.

5e) Consideration of a New Inter-Municipal Agreement for the Arena

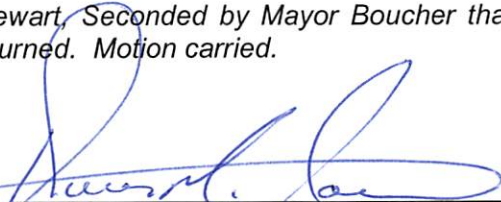
Mr. Scannell reviewed the draft inter-municipal agreement (IMA) provided to the group, outlining where changes had been made as requested by the Committee in August. Discussion was held to clarify topics such as the name used to reference the committee, as well as the representation ratios from the municipalities and the public. A request was made to amend the agreement to include a minimum number of meetings to be held in a year. Consensus was provided to have the IMA reviewed by legal representation once the amendment was made, prior to coming back to the Joint Councils for a vote. Mr. Scannell was thanked for his work on this project.

Motion to Adjourn

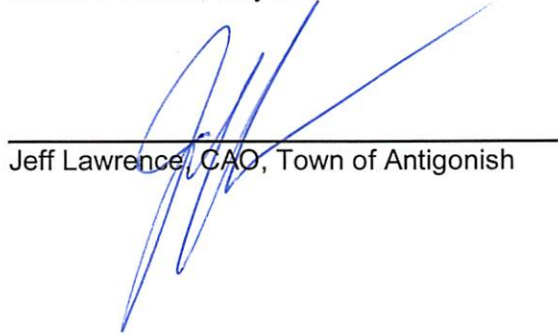
At 8:05 PM it was Moved by Deputy Warden Stewart, Seconded by Mayor Boucher that the Joint Council Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.



Laurie Boucher, Mayor



Owen McCarron, Warden



Jeff Lawrence, CAO, Town of Antigonish



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
County of Antigonish