

## Joint Town and County Council Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 20, 2018, 6:00 pm  
RK MacDonald Nursing Home - Rhubarb Patch Room

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron  
Councillor Mary MacLellan  
Councillor Donnie MacDonald  
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm  
Councillor Remi Deveau  
Councillor John Dunbar  
Councillor Neil Corbett

Mayor Laurie Boucher  
Councillor William Cormier  
Councillor Donnie MacInnis  
Councillor Andrew Murray  
Councillor Mary Farrell  
Deputy Mayor Diane Roberts

Regrets: Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart  
Councillor Gary Mattie

Councillor Bill MacFarlane  
Councillor Jack MacPherson

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer,  
County of Antigonish  
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk, County  
of Antigonish  
Nicole Haverkort, Regional Solid Waste  
Reduction Coordinator/Educator

Jeff Lawrence, CAO, Town of  
Antigonish

Dr. Jane Anne Howard

### 1. Tour of the Dementia-Friendly Healing & Sensory Garden

Members of the Councils were provided with a tour of the new garden facility by RK MacDonald Nursing Home staff, with the tours running from 6:00 - 6:40 pm.

### 2. Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

The meeting of the Joint Town and County Council Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron, at 6:40pm

### 3. Approval of Agenda

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

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Roberts

**Seconded By** Councillor Chisholm

*That the agenda be approved as presented.*

**Carried**

4. **Approval of April 11, 2018 Joint Council Minutes**

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions to the Joint Council Minutes of April 11, 2018.

**Moved By** Councillor Corbett

**Seconded By** Mayor Boucher

*That the Joint Council minutes of April 11, 2018 be approved as presented*

**Carried**

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. **Delegations**

a. **Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management**

Nicole Haverkort was introduced by Warden McCarron. Nicole provided a brief overview of the structure of the local Eastern Region Solid Waste Management committee, as well as the Regional Chairs committee.

6.a.1 **Extended Producer Recovery (EPR)**

Ms. Haverkort provided an overview of the evolution of waste management, and the general costs of providing that municipal service. EPR would apply to packaging and paper, which are the items that are most often found in blue bags. It is a policy tool that would involve industry. The program would bring money to municipalities to manage plastic films, Styrofoam, plastic and glass food jars, etc. This program is intended to offset some of the costs of processing those recyclables.

80% of Canadian Consumers reside in jurisdictions that already have EPR. Nova Scotia currently has a voluntary EPR for milk cartons. A general description was given regarding how the structure in NS might be run, if it were to be set up like that in place in the Province of British Columbia.

This presentation is providing background to the local municipalities in anticipation of the FNSM undertaking a survey in the fall of 2018 to gauge support in the near future. This program could create economies of scale for municipalities, as well as standardization with recycling services in the province.

Opportunities and challenges of the program were reviewed. Ms. Haverkort reviewed the proposed EPR Model for PPP in Nova Scotia, including municipal and business consideration. Discussion followed.

**6.a.2 Plastic Contamination in Organics Recovery**

Ms. Haverkort then gave a quick presentation regarding contamination in the green carts, which can cause difficulties with the compost product that is produced. A review of education efforts and advertising in the community was provided. Plastic products seem to be the biggest problem; the challenges plastics cause were reviewed. The origami pattern for using newspaper to line bins was shown.

While the biodegradable plastics are currently permitted, they are discouraged because they take longer to break down. Further education efforts will be undertaken to encourage more use of paper in the collection of organics. Nicole is proposing to undertake an education / enforcement plan, which will be discussed further with each municipality based on how strict each unit wanted to be. Incentive programs were also reviewed as a possibility. Discussion followed.

**b. Dr. J.A. Howard; Community Engagement in Physician Recruitment**

Dr. Jane Anne Howard was introduced by Warden McCarron. Dr. Howard provided an overview of the services provided by the hospital in the community, as well as the employment impact of that facility. A list of medical positions in the community that are anticipated to be in need of recruitment was reviewed. Local physicians have created a recruitment team to look at ways to attract physicians, with ways to engage and involve the community. They have produced a brochure to use, and have also created a video which was shown to the members of the Councils. Discussion followed. Members of the Councils were expressed the desire to offer any assistance that they could.

**7. Continuing Business**

**a. Update on Skateboard Park**

Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Horne provided an update about efforts being made to secure a location for a proposed skate park in the Town. A potential site has been identified, which has been reviewed by a skate park designer, the local RCMP officer, the Town Recreation Director, as well as representatives from the local skate park groups. The project is likely to be developed in the fiscal 19/20 year, and is anticipated to cost approximately \$60/sq ft. Staff and other partners were thanked for their efforts to make this project a possibility.

8. **Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

9. **Adjournment**

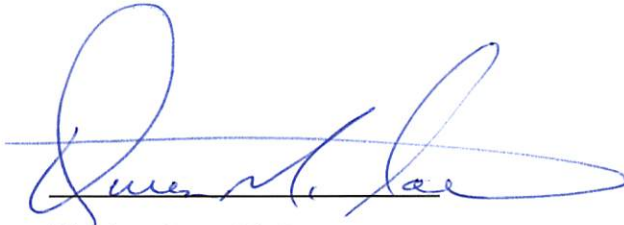
Warden McCarron called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Moved By** Councillor Murray

**Seconded By** Councillor Corbett

*That the Joint Town and County Council Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 8:27 pm.*

**Carried**



Warden Owen McCarron



Mayor Laurie Boucher



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer



Jeff Lawrence, CAO