

## Joint Town and County Council Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 6:00 pm  
East Coast Credit Union Social Enterprise Centre  
CACL Workshop Antigonish - Lunch Room  
75 St. Ninian Street  
Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2R8

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron  
Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart  
Councillor Mary MacLellan  
Councillor Donnie MacDonald  
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm  
Councillor Remi Deveau  
Councillor Neil Corbett  
Councillor Bill MacFarlane  
Mayor Laurie Boucher  
Councillor Willie Cormier  
Councillor Jack MacPherson  
Councillor Andrew Murray  
Councillor Mary Farrell  
Councillor Diane Roberts

Regrets: Councillor John Dunbar  
Councillor Donnie MacInnis  
Councillor Gary Mattie

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer,  
County of Antigonish  
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk, County of  
Antigonish  
Jeff Lawrence, CAO, Town of  
Antigonish  
Kate Goreman, Marketing and  
Communications Officer, Town of  
Antigonish  
Gina MacInnis, Acting Active Living  
Coordinator, Town of Antigonish

Also Present: Stephanie Spencer, Highland Region Sport  
Consultant  
Dr. Katie Edwards  
Dr. Kent MacDonald, President, St. FX  
University  
Joe MacDonald, Executive Director,  
Government Relations & Strategic  
Initiatives, St. FX University  
Dr. June Webber, Coady Director & Vice  
President, St. FX University  
Dr. Kevin Wamsley, Academic Vice-  
President & Provost, St. FX  
University  
Murray Kyte, VP Advancement, St. FX  
University

### **Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron**

The meeting of the Joint Council Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron, at 6:04 pm.

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**Approval of Agenda**

Warden McCarron called for any additions to the agenda. Mayor Boucher requested one addition: single-use plastics.

**Moved By** Councillor MacPherson

**Seconded By** Councillor Murray

*That the agenda be approved as amended.*

**Carried**

**Approval of Joint Council Minutes of September 19, 2018**

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions to the Joint Council Minutes of September 19, 2018.

**Moved By** Councillor MacDonald

**Seconded By** Councillor MacLellan

*That the Joint Council minutes of September 19, 2018 be approved as presented*

**Carried**

**Delegations**

a. **Stephanie Spencer - Sport Nova Scotia**

Stephanie Spencer from Sport Nova Scotia provided members of the committee with a summary of the Multisport program that has been taking place in the community for several years. The program has several indicators of success; waiting lists, positive feedback, and eleven other programs around the province that are following the Antigonish model.

Sport Nova Scotia is now looking at setting up a multi-sport system: Antigonish Community Sport Collective. Stephanie reviewed the potential benefits of the program, including the partnerships with various organizations throughout the community and province.

A request was made for \$30,000 of support, split evenly between the Town and County, to help to fund the program. These funds would help to cover a staff position, and other amenities, including office space, municipal staff and resource support, would also requested for consideration.

Discussion followed. Stephanie was thanked for her presentation, and the Councils will take the requests back for further consideration.

b. **St. Francis Xavier Administration Team**

Dr. Kent MacDonald was joined by several members of his senior administration team. He provided the Committee with a general update and review of the

operations at the University, and touched on aspects of community collaboration that have happened in the last year, including the new sidewalk along West Street, and the Skateboard Park project. Both the Town and County were thanked for the various ways of support offered.

Discussion followed. Warden McCarron thanked Dr. MacDonald and his team for all of the contributions that St. FX makes to the community, and for coming to speak to the committee this evening.

**Additions to the Agenda**

a. **Single-Use Plastics**

Mayor Boucher spoke to an initiative from several municipalities across the province, who are lobbying the province to restrict or ban single-use plastics, such as plastic bags. This subject has come up at the Town Council meeting, but there was a desire to speak to the Joint Council committee because of the overlap with retail community. Businesses that the Mayor has spoken with recently have felt favourably towards moving away from the use of plastic bags.

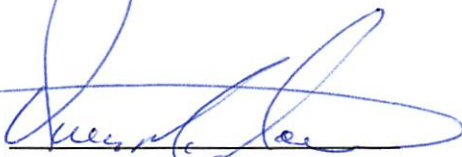
Members of the Committee felt that it would be important for both the Town and County to move together on this initiative. A suggestion was also made to further engage the local business community, by holding meetings, to get feedback on the initiative. Mr. Lawrence suggested that the issue be deferred to staff for analysis and a report, to provide each Council with further information. Discussion followed.

**Adjournment**

**Moved By Councillor Deveau**

*That the Joint Council Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 7:41*

**Carried**



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer



Mayor Laurie Boucher



Jeff Lawrence, CAO