

Joint Town & County Council Advisory Committee Agenda

Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 6:00 pm

St. Joseph's Community Centre

2752 Ohio East Road

St. Joseph's, Nova Scotia

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1. Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron
 2. Approval of Agenda
 3. Approval of Joint Council Minutes
 4. Delegations

- a. Climate Emergency Presentation

Leslie Buckland-Nicks and David Morgan have asked to make a presentation to Councils regarding a request for a declaration of a climate change emergency.

- b. Port Hawkesbury Paper - Operations Update

5. Continuing Business

- a. Update on Sewage Treatment Plant

Presentation by Ken Proctor, P.Eng, regarding the Town's Sewage Treatment Plant.

6. New Business

- a. Event & Recreation Facilities Update

The Town's Director of Community Development, Steve Scannell, will provide an update on the Sandlot and Skate Park. County Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, Shirlyn Donovan, will provide an update on the 55+ Games.

7. Additions to the Agenda

8. Adjournment

Present

Mayor L. Boucher
Deputy Mayor D. Roberts
Councillor W. Cormier
Councillor M. Farrell
Councillor A. Murray
Councillor D. MacInnis
Councillor J. MacPherson

Warden O. McCarron
Deputy Warden H. Stewart
Councillor N. Corbett
Councillor V. Chisholm
Councillor R. Deveau
Councillor G. Mattie
Councillor D. MacDonald
Councillor M. MacLellan

Absent with Regret

Councillor Bill MacFarlane
Councillor John Dunbar

Staff Present

J. Lawrence, CAO, Town of Antigonish G. Horne, Municipal Clerk, County of Antigonish
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, Town of Antigonish
S Scannell Community Development Director
K. Gorman, Marketing & Communications Officer

Also Present

Delegates

1. Call to Order

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

"It was Moved by Councillor W. Cormier and Seconded by Councillor M. MacLellan to approve the Agenda as presented." Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

"It was Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson and Seconded by Councillor A. Murray to approve the Minutes of the Joint Council Advisory meeting held on December 12, 2018." Motion carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

a. Carl Chisholm, Co-Chair, 2018 Special Olympics Canada National Summer Games

Mayor L. Boucher welcomed Mr. C. Chisholm and invited him to take the Floor.

C. Chisholm presented both the Mayor and Warden with a framed memento on behalf of Special Olympics. He spoke to the success of the 2018 Special Olympics National Summer Games and the community as a whole, and provided statistics from an economic impact report.

Warden O. McCarron applauded the Co-chairs of the event for their commitment.

Councillor M. Farrell expressed her pleasure with the success of the Special Olympics and the commitment of the Co-chairs.

A photo opportunity took place. C. Chisholm left the meeting at 6:09 PM.

Continuing Business

a. All-Wheels Skatepark

S. Scannell, Community Development Director for the Town of Antigonish was in attendance to update Councils on the Skatepark.

Councils were advised that Newline Skateparks have been awarded the tender and noted a design meeting with the public had been held on February 6th, that the company is now interpreting the feedback and will come back to the next meeting with a couple of design options.

Councils were provided details on the status of the budget. S. Scannell further noted they are waiting for responses on funding requests, and that three (3) local and one (1) non-local company(y)ies came forward to express in-kind services. For in-kind services the companies would work with Newline to put a dollar value to the work being provided.

S. Scannell noted he would be attending a meeting with Skatepark Collective later this evening and hopes to obtain additional details on their fundraising. It was noted that a new "Canada Helps" fundraising page has been uploaded to the Skatepark Collective's website. It was noted that Newline will design with budget that exists and adjust plans as funds fall into place.

This project is in Newline's second round of projects, and it is hoped the project will get underway early this summer.

b. Clean Foundation – Coastal Restoration & Saltmarsh Solutions Training Workshops

M. Ross, Engagement Specialist with the Clean Foundation, explained that their organization works with individuals to make positive changes. Councils were provided with a PowerPoint presentation outlining funding providers, and goals. She reviewed their local partners and expanded on their roles, as well as their four international partners, who work in/with similar water temperatures as Nova Scotia.

Councils were provided with an overview of tidal wetlands basics.

M. Ross noted that a Training Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th, 1-4 PM at the People's Place library. M. Ross then provided a brief overview of what the workshop would entail.

M. Ross thanked Council for allowing her to make her presentation and welcomed any questions from Council.

Councillor J. MacPherson provided comment. Mayor L. Boucher questioned whether she had been in contact with local sustainable organizations. M. Ross then responded to questions from Council.

At 6:31 M. Ross concluded her presentation.

b. Antigonish Regional Emergency Management Organization (AREMO)

It was noted that information had been previously distributed. Craig Seaboyer introduced himself and Doug Holmes and noted he would provide highlights of things that have been done over the past year.

C. Seaboyer noted they had moved the Emergency Command Centre, hosted two (2) TMR2 Communications Courses, hosted an Exercise.Handshake and participated in a weather interpretation course. He noted they are explaining the role of REMO to fire departments in the area, that they had attended the Paqtnkek First Nation emergency service appreciation day, and taught ICS 100 courses (3 X 3-hour course) for 17 staff members. Councils were advised that they are looking at the completion and approval of the Antigonish Regional Emergency Plan and creating an exercise routine – at least every 6 months, both tabletop and functional.

C. Seaboyer responded to questions from Councils.

At 6:40 PM Mayor L. Boucher thanked C. Seaboyer for his presentation and he left the meeting

C. Nicole Haverkort, Eastern Region Solid Waste Management

Nicole Haverkort, Regional Coordinator/Educator with Eastern Region Solid Waste Management was in attendance to provide a PowerPoint presentation and information regarding household hazardous waste (HHW).

She noted the household hazardous waste event is a unique event that has been held annually at the Antigonish Market Square and provided details on the program and offered by the Town and County jointly.

She noted that in the past they had partnered with Guysborough for the use of their mobile vehicle, however the Town and County may not have this opportunity this year. She then provided Councils with the set-up costs and explained how the event had worked in conjunction with the Guysborough, noting the event worked well.

N. Haverkort then reviewed promotions and partnerships. Program and funding costs were presented, along with funding received from DIVERT NS.

Councils were advised that most municipal units have a permanent HHW building. N. Haverkort then reviewed the benefits of a permanent location, noting there would be ongoing operation and maintenance costs. She then provided an overview of the types of materials that could be collected

N. Haverkort briefly reviewed other current programs (with no disposal fee), and new programs that will come in to place in 2020.

The benefits of a permanent site were reviewed, along with cost savings that could be had utilizing an existing site. Councils were presented a photo of a Pictou Co. HHW site.

N. Haverkort noted the next step is to determine if Councils want a permanent facility. She noted approximately 50% of the cost of a 'sea can' could be obtained through Divert NS.

Councillor J. MacPherson relayed information he recently became aware of regarding bodily fluid waste.

Questions and answers followed, and Councils generally agreed to have staff to look further into the matter and come back with a report.

At 7:05 PM N. Haverkort concluded her presentation and left the meeting

Physician Recruitment

Mayor L. Boucher spoke briefly about physical recruitment and turned the table to Owen.

Warden O. McCarron noted that he (along with Councillor M. Farrell and then D. Roberts) had met with a total of 2 doctors and an anesthesiologist. Councillor M. Farrell noted they had an opportunity to speak to the highlights of our community, our assets and diversity, along with other positive attributes of the community.

Councillor M. Farrell recognized staff for their efforts in putting together 'welcome' baskets.

Councillor D. Roberts reiterated the sentiments of Councillor M. Farrell.

Mayor L. Boucher noted that she and the Warden would be working a bit closer with the Foundation, with more of a formal committee to be formed to take over from the Mayor/Warden. She noted the need to have those being recruited to get a feel for the Antigonish community, not just in the area for an interview and then to leave.

Warden O. McCarron noted that a recruiter will be hired to work in this region, and the importance to show the recruiter some hospitality. The Warden noted he and the Mayor would be meeting with another prospect tomorrow and stated the importance of showing their involvement.

At 7:12 PM the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Laurie Boucher

Warden Owen McCarron

Jeff Lawrence, CAO, Town of Antigonish

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
County of Antigonish