

Present:

Councillors: Deputy Warden Owen McCarron  
Councillor Mary MacLellan Councillor Rémi Deveau  
Councillor Donnie MacDonald Councillor John Dunbar  
Councillor Hugh Stewart Councillor Gary Mattie  
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: None

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer  
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor- Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm

Media: Corey LeBlanc, The Casket  
Matthew Moore, 98.9 XFM  
Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by the Chair, Deputy Warden McCarron.

A moment of silence was observed out of respect for the late Warden Russell Boucher, Marie MacDonald (Councillor MacDonald's mother), and Dianne MacFarlane (Councillor MacFarlane's sister-in-law).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Deputy Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

**Min #2017-064 (Approval of Agenda)**

*MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Deputy Warden McCarron called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Min #2017-065 (Approval of Minutes)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Mattie, that the Municipal Council minutes of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be approved. Motion carried.*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **SELECTION OF WARDEN**

Deputy Warden McCarron turned the meeting over to Clerk-Treasurer Glenn Horne at 7:38pm. Mr. Horne reviewed a memo prepared by staff outlining the requirements of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) when the vacancy of the Warden's seat occurs. Subsection 12(3)(b) of the MGA stipulates the requirement for the selection of a new Warden at the first meeting of Council to occur after the seat becomes vacant. Mr. Horne then outlined the process for selection for the members of Council.

Mr. Horne asked for nominations for the seat of Warden.

*Moved by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that Deputy Warden McCarron be nominated for the seat of Warden.*

Deputy Warden McCarron accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations for the seat of Warden.

Mr. Horne then asked for nominations for the seat of Deputy Warden, as this seat now sat vacant.

*Moved by Councillor Deveau and seconded by Councillor Mattie that Councillor Stewart be nominated for the seat of Deputy Warden.*

Councillor Stewart accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations for the seat of Deputy Warden.

Mr. Horne noted that there were two motions on the table for members of Council to consider:

**Min #2017-066 (Position of Warden) and Min #2017-067 (Position of Deputy Warden)**

*MOVED by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that Deputy Warden McCarron be nominated for the seat of Warden.*

*AND*

*MOVED by Councillor Deveau and seconded by Councillor Mattie that Councillor Stewart be nominated for the seat of Deputy Warden.*

*Motions carried.*

The meeting was turned back to Warden McCarron at 7:41pm. Both Warden McCarron and Deputy Warden Stewart thanked the members of Council for their elections, and spoke in memory of the late Warden Boucher and his service to the community.

### **SELECTION OF A SPECIAL ELECTION DATE**

Mr. Horne reviewed the staff memo outlining the required timetable for a special election when a Council seat becomes vacant, as per the Municipal Elections Act. Should Council choose to set a date for the special election tonight, the deadline for the election date would be Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>, with nominations to close on Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup>. A question was asked whether advance polls would be available; Mr. Horne responded that they would.

**Min #2017-068 (Selection of Special Election Date)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane and seconded by Deputy Warden Stewart that a special election for District 9 be held on Saturday, August 19, 2017. Motion carried.*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence has been received from the following:

- a) St. Martha's Regional Hospital Auxiliary; Mayfest Thank-you.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**Min #2017-069 (Low-Income Tax Exemption Increase)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar, that Municipal Council approve an amendment to Clause 2.6 of Policy 15 ("Tax Exemption Policy for Low Income Tax-Payers") to increase the amount of exemption provided to qualifying property owners from \$100 to \$125. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-070 (Annual and One-Time Grant Requests)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that Municipal Council approve annual and one-time grant requests as proposed by the Antigonish Heritage Museum (conditional on being matched by the Town of Antigonish), Antigonish Community Transit Society, Senior Safety Coordinator, Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores, Strait Area Search and Rescue Association, and the CACL/Royal Canadian Legion Arras Branch 59. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-071 (Tenders)**

*MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan, that Municipal Council permit the advertisement of tenders for bids on work to be done on the County Court House and Municipal Office, and for the Somers Road waterline extension. Motion carried.*

**MOTIONS**

**Min #2017-072 (Authorization of Signing Authority for the Municipality)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Mattie, that Municipal Council authorize Warden Owen McCarron as a signing authority for the Municipality. Motion carried.*

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

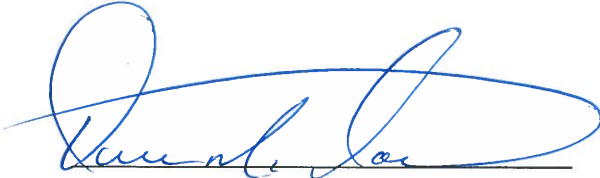
**Notice of Joint Council Meeting**

Mr. Horne provided members of Council with notice that a Joint Council meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7pm at the Student Union Council Chambers, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Bloomfield Centre, at St. FX University.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Min #2017-073 (Motion to Adjourn)**

*MOVED by Councillor Deveau, seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the Council meeting adjourns at 7:51pm. Motion carried.*



**Warden Owen McCarron**



**Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer**