

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF **ANTIGONISH**

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Thursday, May 24, 2018
7:00 pm

Councillors Present:

Warden Owen McCarron
Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Vaughn Chisholm

Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Neil Corbett
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets:

Councillor John Dunbar

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Allison Duggan, Director of Finance
Adam Rogers, Solicitor - Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm

1. Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Two items were added to the agenda: Pomquet School Bursary, and Cell Phone Service.

Min # 2018-086

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Deputy Warden Stewart

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron asked for any errors or omissions in the May 15th, 2018 Council minutes.

Min # 2018-087

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor Mattie

That the Municipal Council Minutes of May 15th, 2018 be approved.

Motion Carried

4. **Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes

5. **Committee Report - Committee of the Whole, May 22, 2018**

Min # 2018-088

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That Municipal Council maintain the Low-Income Exemption Threshold at \$125.00 with a maximum combined household income of \$25,000 for the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

Motion Carried

Min # 2018-089

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That Municipal Council approve maintaining the interest rate on unpaid taxes at a calculation of 6% per annum.

Motion Carried

Min # 2018-090

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council set the due date of 2018/2019 municipal taxes for Friday, June 29, 2018.

Motion Carried

Min # 2018-091

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That Municipal Council approve a reduction of \$183.72 on the 2018/2019 municipal taxes for AAN# 090707956.

Motion Carried

Min # 2018-092

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor Mattie

That Municipal Council approve a reduction of \$176.13 on the 2017/2018 municipal taxes, and a reduction of \$177.56 on the 2018/2019 municipal taxes, for AAN#071115679.

Motion Carried

Min # 2018-093

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council hire Craig Chisholm for the position of Collection Vehicle Operator.

Motion Carried

6. Addition to Agenda: Pomquet School Bursary

Councillor Deveau requested consideration of a \$200 bursary for L'Ecole acadienne du Pomquet.

Min # 2018-094

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That the County provide a bursary in the amount of \$200 to L'Ecole acadienne du Pomquet.

Motion Carried

7. Addition to Agenda: Cell Phone Service

Councillor MacLellan provided an update on efforts to increase cellular infrastructure; it is hoped that some sort of cost-sharing arrangement can be made with other levels of government to allow for additional tower infrastructure to be built. A meeting has been arranged with the Minister of Municipal Affairs next week to discuss this matter further.

8. Motions

Warden McCarron and Mr. Horne both thanked Mrs. Duggan, Director of Finance, for all of the work done on the budget by herself, the Finance Team, and other members of Municipal Staff.

- a. Striking the Tax Rate

Min # 2018-095

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That Municipal Council adopt the budget and strike the tax rate as per the attached resolution.

Motion Carried

b. Borrowing Resolution

Min # 2018-096

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council approve the borrowing resolution as attached.

Motion Carried

10. Adjournment

Min # 2018-097

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That the Council meeting adjourns at 7:18pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Owen McCarron

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer