

Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors:

Warden Russell Boucher

**Councillor Hugh Stewart** 

Councillor Mary MacLellan Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Vaughan Chisholm

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillor Rémi Deveau Councillor John Dunbar Councillor Gary Mattie 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 Elish Bonant, 98.9 XFM Matthew Moore, 98.9 XFM Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

Gallery:

Angela Bresson, Seaside Wireless

Deputy Chief Robert MacPherson, Antigonish (Town) Fire Department

Chief Pierre Venedam, Pomquet Volunteer Fire Department

Kim MacDonald

Antigonish-area players from the Cape Breton West Islanders Hockey Team,

and their family members

The meeting was called to order at 7:43pm by the Chair, Warden Boucher.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Warden Boucher called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Two items were added to the agenda under miscellaneous business.

# Min #2017-045 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### Min #2017-046 (Approval of Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor Dunbar, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that the Municipal Council minutes of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be approved. Motion carried.

# **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.



#### **PRESENTATIONS**

### Cape Breton West Islanders - Congratulations to Antigonish-area Players

Warden Boucher introduced the members of the Cape Breton West Islanders hockey team from Antigonish County and Town, and they received a standing ovation from those in attendance for their performance at the Telus Cup in April. Warden Boucher then invited each team member to come forward to be individually recognized and to receive a gift of hooded sweatshirts from the Municipality. The team members in attendance were:

- Mr. Mike Matthews, Trainer
- Mr. Logan Chisholm, Player
- Mr. Jacob Hudson, Player
- Mr. Ewan MacDonald, Player
- Mr. Fearghus MacDonald, Player
- Mr. Ryan MacLellan, Player
- Mr. Calum MacPherson, Player
- Mr. Jacob Stewart, Player
- Mr. Sean Stewart, Player
- Mr. Jack Morris, Player

A photograph was then taken with the team, and the members were again congratulated and thanked for coming.

#### <u>Seaside Wireless Communications – Volunteer Fire Department Initiative Winners</u>

Ms. Angela Bresson was introduced by Warden Boucher, and announced that the winning local departments of the Seaside Wireless Communications Volunteer Fire Department Initiative were the Antigonish (Town) Volunteer Fire Department and the Pomquet Fire Department. Representatives from each of these organizations were present to receive cheques from the Municipality and Seaside Wireless. Council and Seaside Wireless were thanked by the Volunteer Fire Departments.

### Dr. John Chaisson – The Keppoch

Dr. John Chaisson provided members of Council with a photo slideshow presentation of the activities and development projects that had taken place at The Keppoch over the past year. Universal access, mental health initiatives, trail building, races, and family fun days were all featured. Funding received by The Keppoch over the past year was also put towards the purchase of cross country grooming equipment, and permanent bathroom/change room facilities on the site. Dr. Chaisson provided a brief review of plans for upcoming developments at The Keppoch for this upcoming year. Warden Boucher thanked Dr. Chaisson for his presentation, and Councillor Stewart presented Dr. Chaisson with a contribution from his Special District Grant.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence has been received from the following:

 a) Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal – response to a petition to have Pomquet Lake Road Paved;



- b) St. FX University a thank-you on behalf of the Business Administration Program for supporting the student project this past term.
- c) NS Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage information regarding the 2017/2018 Heritage Development;
- d) UNSM copies of their Election Brochure for each Council Member.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### RCMP Monthly Report - March 2017

Mr. Horne introduced the RCMP monthly report for March 2017, which was included in the agenda package and includes a summary of the local detachment's activities.

# Committee of the Whole - May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

# Min #2017-047 (Financial Analyst Posting)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that Municipal Council approve the job description for the Financial Analyst position, and that Municipal Council publically post an employment opportunity with the Municipality to fill this position. Motion carried.

## Min #2017-048 (Receptionist Maternity Leave Posting)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Mattie, that Municipal Council publically post an employment opportunity with the Municipality to fill the Receptionist position for a one-year maternity leave. Motion carried.

## Min #2017-049 (Write-Offs)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council write-off the following accounts on the roll:

Roll #	Balance
01687433	\$142.14
02752034	\$86.80
07201710	\$543.71
07201869	\$79.04
07202881	\$1,223.81
07204140	\$437.47
09006648	\$652.62
10107873	\$871.78
10343224	\$184.95
2683733	\$1,290.96
TOTAL	\$5,513.28

Motion carried.



### Min #2017-050 (Spring Bulky Waste Tender Award)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron, that Municipal Council accept the bid submitted by Eastern Sanitation Limited, in the amount of \$47, 217.44 (HST included) for the collection of bulky waste material throughout the County during the weeks of May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion carried.

### Min #2017-051 (Hope Lane Streetlight)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan, that Municipal Council approves a streetlight being installed on Hope Lane. Motion carried.

# Active Transportation Advisory Committee - May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Councillor Deveau read the committee report, noting that no recommendation had been made. The Committee has been making arrangements for a workshop, scheduled to take place on June  $6^{th}$ , and continues to explore the possibility of a passport program.

# Committee of the Whole - May 16th, 2017

### Min #2017-052 (Low Income Property Tax Reduction Request)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar that Municipal Council approves a 30% tax reduction for AAN09707956. Motion carried.

# Min #2017-053 (Brierly Brook Paving Request Support Letter)

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council draft a letter in support of the request of the resident group in Brierly Brook to pave a portion of that road. Motion carried.

#### Min #2017-054 (East Antigonish Education Centre Scholarship/Bursary)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Mattie, that Municipal Council approve a scholarship / bursary contribution of \$200 to the East Antigonish Education Centre. Motion carried.

## Min #2017-055 (Riverside International Speedway Sponsorship)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron, that Municipal Council approve the purchase of a gold-level sponsorship package from Riverside International Speedway at a cost of \$2875 (incl. HST). Motion carried.

#### Min #2017-056 (Antigonish Downtown Business Association Street Party)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart, that Municipal Council approve a \$750 contribution to the Antigonish Downtown Business Association Street Party, taking place during the St. FX Economic Forum. Motion carried.



## Min #2017-057 (École acadienne de Pomquet Scholarship / Bursary)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that Municipal Council approve a scholarship / bursary contribution of \$200 to the École acadienne de Pomquet. Motion carried.

## Min #2017-058 (Bonvie MacDonald Rinks to Links Golf Classic)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart, that Municipal Council sponsor a team for the Bonvie MacDonald Rinks to Links Golf Classic tournament 2017. Motion carried.

## **UPDATES AND REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Deputy Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- > April 20<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting in Port Hawkesbury
- > April 27<sup>th</sup> volunteer awards banquet
- May 7<sup>th</sup> St. FX afternoon convocation ceremony

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:

- ➤ May 3<sup>rd</sup> OHS meeting
- > May 8<sup>th</sup> Affordable Housing Association meeting

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- > SRSB meetings regarding the John Hugh Gillis Feeder System Review
- Joint Town and County Council meeting
- Volunteer awards banquet
- Saltscapes

Councillor Mattie reported that he attended:

- > May 5<sup>th</sup> UNSM meeting in Port Hawkesbury
- May 7<sup>th</sup> High School Fundraiser
- ➤ May 8<sup>th</sup> RK MacDonald Meeting
- May 9<sup>th</sup> AT Committee Meeting
- > May 10<sup>th</sup> NS Engagement event
- May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> UNSM Spring Workshop at St. FX
- May 13<sup>th</sup> AT meeting

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- Crime Prevention meeting
- Hot meal program at St. James United Church with Crime Prevention team
- > AT Committee meeting May 9<sup>th</sup>

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- > SRSB meetings regarding the John Hugh Gillis Feeder System Review
- > Volunteer awards banquet
- May 8<sup>th</sup> RK MacDonald meeting (building and grounds re: Dementia Garden development)
- Brierly Brook Road meeting



➤ May 10<sup>th</sup> Volunteered at Mayfest

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:

- > Chamber meeting at the People's Place Library
- > May 4<sup>th</sup> Mayors and Wardens meeting
- ➤ May 7<sup>th</sup> UNSM meeting
- May 7<sup>th</sup> St. FX Convocation ceremony
- UNSM Spring Workshop at St. FX
- SRSB meetings regarding the John Hugh Gillis Feeder System Review

#### **MOTIONS**

### Min #2017-059 (Road Name Change Petition – Chaisson Lane)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar, that Municipal Council approve the road name change petition to give the name Chemin Chiasson Lane to a previously un-named private lane. Motion carried.

### Min #2017-060 (Borrowing Resolution - CIBC)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart, that Municipal Council provide authorization for the Municipality to borrow from CIBC on the following basis:

- Operating line(s) \$2,000,000
- Visa \$60,000
- Visa \$5,000

Motion carried.

## Min #2017-061 (Cost Shared Program for Paving Subdivision (J Class) Streets)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that Municipal Council accept the cost estimates supplied by NSTIR for the repaving of Ponderosa Drive and Heritage Drive for fiscal year 2017-2018, and wish to proceed with construction as per terms of Agreement 2015-002. Motion carried.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

#### Letter of Congratulations to Pagtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation

Councillor Dunbar noted for members of Council that the Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation has been awarded a financial performance certificate that places the community in the top ten per cent of the best managed First Nations in Canada. The certificate was issued following a review of the band's financial performance over the past five years by the Vancouver-based First Nations Financial Management Board. Councillor Dunbar suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent from the County to Paqtnkek.

#### Min #2017-062 (Congratulatory Letter to Pagtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation)

MOVED by Councillor Dunbar, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan, that Municipal Council send a letter of congratulations to Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation on their recent receipt of



financial performance certificate that places the community in the top ten per cent of the best managed First Nations in Canada. Motion carried.

#### Signing of Access Awareness Week Proclamation

Warden Boucher invited Kim MacDonald to join him in the signing of the Access Awareness Week Proclamation, which was passed on a motion made by Councillor Mattie and seconded by Councillor Stewart at the April 18, 2017 meeting of Council.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

# Min #2017-063 (Motion to Adjourn)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, seconded by Councillor Deveau that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:40pm. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, for Warden Russell Boucher Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer