

Present:

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

Regrets: None

Also present:

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor- Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm
Corey LeBlanc, The Casket
Matt Draper, The Reporter
Heather MacAdam, 98.9XFM
Mike MacEachern, Antigonish Visitor Information Centre
Mark Gabrieau, Antigonish Visitor Information Centre
Gallery

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Min #2018-031 (Approval of Agenda)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden McCarron called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of March 6th, 2018.

Min #2018-032 (Approval of Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Corbett, that the Municipal Council minutes of March 6th, 2018 be approved. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Presentations

Antigonish Visitor Information Centre

Mr. MacEachern provided members of Council with an update regarding the relocation of the Visitor Information Centre to the Nova Landing development. The new location will be within the convenience store, which will provide year-round access to information for visitors to the community. The VIC is looking to make more use of technology, with touch-screen information kiosks and social media mediums. Flyers and maps will also be available to visitors. Discussion followed. Mr. MacEachern noted that the opening of the VIC will hopefully take place in early April. Mr. MacEachern and Mr. Gabrieau were thanked for their presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Horne correspondence received an included in the agenda package. The note from Mr. Stewart was accompanied by a copy of the team's season program, which was shown to Council.

Mrs. Schumacher reviewed the correspondence received from the St. Martha's Hospital Auxiliary requesting sponsorship of their Mayfest event. The Municipality has sponsored this event at the Bronze level (\$250) in the years 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2017.

Min #2018-033 (Mayfest Sponsorship)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan, that Municipal Council sponsors Mayfest 2018 in the amount of \$250 (Bronze Sponsorship). Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Antigonish Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee - February 21st, 2018

Min #2018-034 (St.FX & AREMO Agreement on Cooperation and Coordination)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council approve the Agreement on Cooperation and Coordination Respecting an Emergency Response between the Antigonish Regional Emergency Management Organization & the Governors of the St. Francis Xavier University. Motion carried.

Joint Council Advisory Committee – February 21st, 2018

Min #2018-035 (Antigonish Arena Corporation IMA)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar, that Municipal Council approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town and County of Antigonish creating the Antigonish Arena Corporation. Motion carried.

Planning Advisory Committee – February 26th, 2018

Councillor MacLellan read the report to Council, noting that no motions had been made at that Committee meeting.

Active Transportation Committee – February 27th, 2018

Councillor Deveau read the report to Council, noting that no motions had been made at that Committee meeting.

Joint Police Advisory Board – March 1st, 2018

Deputy Warden Stewart read the report to Council, noting that no motions were made at that Committee meeting.

Committee of the Whole – March 6th, 2018

Min #2018-036 (ESREN IMA Amendment Request)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Stewart, that Municipal Council approve the amendment of the ESREN Inter-Municipal Agreement to include the Town and Mulgrave. Motion carried.

Min #2018-037 (Strategic Priorities Update)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Stewart, that Municipal Council adopts the 2018 Strategic Priorities Update for continuous reference at each Council meeting, quarterly updates, and annual strategic priority reviews. Motion carried.

Min #2018-038 (Annual Priority Setting Sessions)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that Municipal Council requests the Clerk Treasurer to schedule an annual priority setting update session prior to the start of the annual budget process. Motion carried.

Min #2018-039 (Inactive Account Write-offs)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council Municipal Council write off the following amounts on accounts deemed inactive:

Roll #	Balance	Background
05091438	\$638.96	moved mobile
05112478	\$65.25	wrongly assessed, changed to farm in 2013
07120850	\$55.67	moved mobile
07122896	\$2,136.20	uncollectable, includes tax sale fee from 2014, duplicate account
07129645	\$900.62	moved mobile
07140134	\$412.86	moved mobile
07153538	\$260.64	moved mobile
09018522	\$89.46	moved mobile
09218386	\$6.58	mapping error
09292209	\$1,206.32	Double assessed
09707093	\$817.74	Crown purchased land for highway
10259673	\$36.28	moved mobile
TOTAL	\$6,626.58	

Motion carried.

Min #2018-040 (Refund for Property Destroyed by Fire)

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar, that Municipal Council approves a refund of \$187.11 to Assessment Account 02926547 for 2017 property taxes, due to reassessment of property destroyed by fire. Motion carried.

Min #2018-041 (Monastery Graffiti)

MOVED by Councillor Dunbar, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Stewart, that Municipal Council condemns the actions of those who applied the racist graffiti in Monastery, and extends their support to the Paq'tnkek First Nation and the students of the East Antigonish Education Centre/Academy. Motion carried.

Asset Management Committee – March 20th, 2018

No report was available; this meeting will be rescheduled.

Committee of the Whole – March 20th, 2018

Min #2018-042 (Rec/MPAL Operational Plan Tender)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Corbett, that Municipal Council award the Rec/MPAL Operation Plan Tender to Peak Experiences Consulting & Rick Gilbert Consulting at a cost of \$16,098 + HST. Motion carried.

Min #2018-043 (Elective Travel Assistance Grants)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Mattie, that Municipal Council adopt the recommendations in the Request for Decision dated March 20, 2018 regarding amendments to the Community Partnerships Grant Policy (Policy 36) to include "Elective Travel Assistance Grants" for a one year period. Motion carried.

Min #2018-044 (Letters Regarding Act 85)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Corbett, that Municipal Council write letters noting concerns regarding the Province's proposed Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts to 1998, the Municipal Government Act Respecting CBRM. Motion carried.

UPDATES AND REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:

- ERSWM meeting, where an update was given on an efficiency study with details available after March 23rd. Councillor MacDonald also noted that advertisement was going to be in the paper and online regarding plastic film reduction efforts

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- Department of Community Services information session

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- Crime Prevention meeting; first meeting with the new Coordinator
- March 11th Keppoch Fun Day and Funding Announcement

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- RK Building and grounds meeting; updates regarding the dementia garden, staff retirement announcements
- Launch of Festival Antigonish
- RK Committee meeting

Councillor Dunbar reported that he attended:

- Joint Town & County Council meeting
- Eastern AAC meeting at Paq'tnkek
- AT Advisory Committee meeting
- Pancake Breakfast at the Eastern Antigonish Education Centre/Academy
- RCMP/SRSB meeting March 20th

Councillor Corbett noted that he attended:

- Meeting regarding the Havre Boucher Village Commission
- Pancake Breakfast at the Eastern Antigonish Education Centre/Academy
- Fundraiser Dance in Havre Boucher for local resident
- Community re-roofing effort in Havre Boucher

Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- Joint Council meeting
- Strait of Canso meeting
- EMO meeting
- February 23rd meeting with Min. Delorey regarding the Glaze Report
- SAFE Community AGM
- Arena Commission meeting
- Halifax session – Vibrant Active Nova Scotia Symposium
- March 11th Keppoch Fun Day and Funding Announcement
- Shannex Parkland Antigonish opening

MOTIONS

EDPC Appointments

Min #2018-045 (EDPC Appointments)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, and seconded by Councillor Chisholm, that Municipal Council approves the annual appointments of Eastern District Planning Commission staff to Municipal positions, as proposed. Motion carried.

Streetlight Request

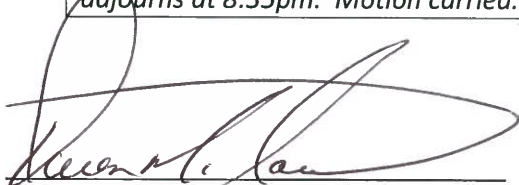
Min #2018-046 (Streetlight at Frasers Mills)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart, and seconded by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council approves the installation of a streetlight in Frasers Mills. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2018-047 (Motion to Adjourn)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:35pm. Motion carried.



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer