

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

**Council Chambers
Municipal Building**

**Thursday
December 17, 2013**

A Meeting of Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Centre, 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish, NS.

Present were: **Warden Russell Boucher, Chairman**

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Hughie Stewart

Councillor Vaughan Chisholm

Councillor Pierre Boucher

Councillor Angus Bowie

Councillor Rémi Deveau

Also present were: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Debbie Cormier, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Adam Rogers, Municipal Solicitor
Corey LeBlanc, The Casket
Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM
Matt Draper, The Reporter
Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk
Sandi Jantzi, Municipal Alcohol Project
Gallery

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, *Warden Russell Boucher*.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Warden called three times for additions or deletions to the Agenda as presented. Hearing none, he called for approval of the Agenda as presented.

Additions to the Agenda are:

- 1) Correspondence – Responsible Energy Action
- 2) Under 14(b), add Planning Advisory Committee Report (This Report includes the two items that were deleted above as items #6 & 7)

Min #2013-161 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Warden called for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of November 19, 2013 meeting of Municipal Council three times. Hearing none, he called for approval of the Minutes as presented.

Min #2013-162 (Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2013)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that the minutes of the November 19, 2013 Meeting of Municipal Council be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

PRESENTATION – Municipal Alcohol Project

Sandi Jantzi, Municipal Alcohol Project, Knowledge Exchange, Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority appeared before Council to make a presentation. A copy of Ms. Jantzi's presentation is attached to the Minutes.

REPEAL OF BY-LAW

The Municipality has a By-Law entitled "Mischief and Nuisances date September 1973.

Many Provincial and Federal Statutes would override the contents of this 1973 By-Law.

Min #2013-163 (By-Law Repeal "Mischief & Nuisance By-Law")

Moved by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that the Mischiefs & Nuisances By-Law be repealed. Motion carried.

SECOND READING – Amendments to the Land Use By-Law for the Eastern Antigonish Planning Area

Min #2013-164 (Amendment to the Land Use By-Law")

Moved by Councillor Pierre Boucher, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that Municipal Council approve, on second reading, an amendment to the Land Use By-Law for the Eastern Antigonish Planning Area which will amend the Definition of a Recycling Depot and will add a Recovery Depot as a permitted use in the Rural (R-1) Zone. Motion carried.

SECOND READING – Amendment to the Antigonish County Subdivision By-Law

Min #2013-165 (Amend the Antigonish County Subdivision By-Law)

Moved by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that Council approve, on second reading, an amendment to the Antigonish County Subdivision By-Law with regard to private roads by allowing the existing "six lot rule" Section 33 which states: "A maximum of six lots abutting an existing private road which does not satisfy Section 29(1)(b) and (c) may be approved after December 1, 2005" to apply to branch roads within an existing "Private Roads" Subdivision. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Committee Report – December 10, 2013

Min #2013-166 (Physical Activity Coordinator)

Moved by Councillor Angus Bowie, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that Municipal Council approve that Emily Kehoe be hired to cover Shirlyn Donovan's maternity leave for a one year period. Motion carried.

Finance Committee Report – December 10, 2013

Min #2013-167 (Property tax write off)

Moved by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the taxes on Account #05678293 be written off in the amount of \$1,622.20. Motion carried.

Min #2013-168 (Streetlight Request)

Moved by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that Municipal Council approve the request for the installation of a Streetlight at Annie's Bluff. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Report – November 27, 2013

Min #2013-169 (Antigonish Area funding)

Moved by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that Municipal Council provide \$25,000 to the Antigonish Arena Commission for its annual operations and an additional \$25,000 as requested by the Commission. Motion carried.

Min #2013-170 (St. Martha's Regional Hospital Foundation Tree)

Moved by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that Municipal Council provide \$200.00 to the St. Martha's Regional Hospital Foundation Tree of Angles campaign. Motion carried.

Min #2013-171 (Veteran's Affairs Canada Office closure)

Moved by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that Municipal Council pass a resolution and deliver to Julian Fantino, Minister of Veteran Affairs and Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice, urging the Government of Canada to cancel or reverse the decision to close Veterans Affairs Canada offices in the communities of Atlantic Canada: namely Charlottetown, Sydney, and Corner Brook. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES – 2013/14

The Warden indicated that he had reviewed the Standing Committees for 2012/13 and in light of the fact that no Council Members requested changes, the Standing Committees for 2013/14 will remain unchanged.

Min #2013-167 (Standing Committees)

Moved by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that Municipal Council approve the Standing Committee for 2013/14. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron reported that he attended:

- Annual Christmas Parade
- Tree Lighting in St. Andrews

Councillor Angus Bowie reported that the Feasibility Study has been completed on the Heatherton School and it is hoped that a meeting will be held in mid-January to review the results with the public.

Councillor Vaughan Chisholm reported on the renovations at the Heritage Museum. He noted that the heating system is the next step in the renovation process.

Councillor Mary MacLellan reported that she attended:

- CLC Quarry Meeting
- ACALA Meeting
- LBANS Meeting

Councillor Rémi Deveau indicated that he too attended the Christmas Parade.

Warden Russell Boucher reported that he attended on:

- County & Town Councils met in a joint session
- County Tree Lighting
- Met with Dexters regarding their proposed expansion of the gravel pit at James River
- Arena Commission Meeting
- St. F.X. and Coady

The Warden extended his wish to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

On motion of Councillor Mary MacLellan, meeting adjourned.

Warden Russell Boucher

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer