



Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, November 18, 2014
7:30 to 9:00 pm

Present: Warden Russell Boucher, Chairperson
Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillors: Vaughan Chisholm Angus Bowie
Donnie MacDonald Bill MacFarlane
Mary MacLellan Pierre Boucher
Hughie Stewart Rémi Deveau

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Adam Rogers, Municipal Solicitor – Boudrot & Rodgers Law Firm
Joyce Levangie, Recorder
John Baine, Director, Eastern District Planning Commission
Beth Schumacher, Senior Planner, Eastern District Planning Commission
Andrew Fedora, Leader in Sustainability & Outreach
– Port Hawkesbury Paper
Parker Donham, Director of Seaside Communications
John Tully, Michelin Development Fund
Corey LeBlanc, The Casket
Adam Cooke, The Reporter
Greg Morrow, The Hawk
Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM
Gallery

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Warden Boucher called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none, he called for approval of the Agenda.

Min #2014-165 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – October 21, 2014

Warden Boucher called for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of October 21, 2014 Meeting of Municipal Council three times.

Min #2014-166 (Approval of Minutes – October 21, 2014)

MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the Minutes of the October 21, 2014 Meeting of Municipal Council be approved as presented. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Horne reviewed the Public Hearing Protocol in accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*.

For clarifications, Glenn noted that only the ones that were present at the previous meeting can vote on the next item.

Amendment to the Zoning Map in the Land Use By-Law in the Antigonish Planning Area

Beth Schumacher, Senior Planner, EDPC appeared before Council to review an Amendment to the Zoning Map in the Land Use By-Law for the Antigonish Planning Area (Fringe Plan), to rezone a property identified as PID #01249846 from Rural Development (RD-1) zone to Gateway Commercial (GC-1) zone.

At the previous meeting, there were two concerns raised by an attending member of the public pertaining to planning matters, specifically regarding process and site access. These concerns have been remedied by Planning Staff.

Council Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Ms. Schumacher was thanked for her report.

Warden Boucher asked if there was anyone present against the amendment. There was no one present to speak against.

Warden Boucher asked if there was anyone present in favor of the amendment. There was no one present to speak in favor.

Min #2014-167 (Amendment to the Zoning Map – Antigonish Fringe Area)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that Municipal Council approve, on 2nd Reading, the amendments to the Zoning Map in the Land Use By-Law for the Antigonish Planning Area (Fringe Plan), to rezone a property identified as PID #01249846 from Rural Development (RD-1) zone to Gateway (GC-1) zone. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Port Hawkesbury Paper

Andrew Fedora, Leader in Sustainability & Outreach, for Port Hawkesbury Paper appeared before Council with a presentation on Woodlands Activities & Operations. (Presentation attached to the Minutes)

Mr. Fedora, distributed a report entitled “Green Balance” to Councillors for their review. (See attached)

Mr. Fedora invited Councillors and/or anyone from the public to join the Forest Advisory Committee. Their next meeting is scheduled for November 28th.

Council Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Warden Boucher thanked Mr. Fedora for his presentation.

Seaside Communications

Parker Donham, President of Seaside Communications, appeared before Council with a presentation on the Future of Internet Services in Rural Antigonish County.

On October 15, Industry Canada issued a call for proposals from Internet Service Providers under its Connecting Canadians program which aims to give 98% of Canadians access to speeds of 5.0 Mbps, more than three times the speed targets of the BRNS project.

Seaside is preparing a response to Industry Canada’s RFP. If the application is successful, they will be able to increase the speeds provided in Antigonish County. The application requires them to assemble a great deal of technical, geographic, and financial information, along with a number of required documents in time for a January 12, 2015 filing deadline. Among many things, the application requests a “Municipal Council Resolution” indicating support/approval for the proposed project from each municipality where they propose to provide increased speeds.

Council Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Donham was thanked for his presentation.

Min #2014-168 (Support Resolution – Seaside Communications)

MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that Municipal Council support a Resolution for Seaside Communications to participate in the Connecting Canadians Project. Motion carried.

Michelin Development Fund

John Tully, Michelin Development Nova Scotia, appeared before Council with a presentation on a job creation program they offer, which focuses on start-up and existing small businesses in the counties of Antigonish, Colchester, Guysborough, and Pictou. (Presentation attached to the Minutes)

Council Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Tully was thanked for his very interesting presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from Mayor Carl Chisholm, Town of Antigonish, expressing the Town's support for the twinning of Highway 104 from Sutherland River, Pictou County to the newly twinned section outside the Town of Antigonish.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Report, E-Poll – November 7, 2014

Min #2014-169 (Furnace Service Contract - Library)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that Black & MacDonald be awarded the furnace service contract for the Library at the bid price of \$43,044.00 + HST for a three (3) year term. Motion carried.

Planning Advisory Committee Report – November 17, 2014

Min #2014-170 (Antigonish Fringe MPS & LUB)

MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that the Antigonish Fringe Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law be approved on first reading and proceed to a Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Report – November 18, 2014

Min #2014-171 (Antigonish Arena Floor)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that an engineering report on the Antigonish Arena floor be completed with a 50/50 cost share with the Town of Antigonish, the Municipality's contribution to which is estimated at \$7,500.00. Motion carried.

Min #2014-172 (Fire Rates Policy)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the amendments to the Municipality's Fire Rates Policy be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Min #2014-173 (Staff Development Program)

MOVED by Councillor Angus Bowie, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the Municipality undertake a staff development program at a budgeted cost of \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

Min #2014-174 (Deputy Municipal Clerk)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that Beth Schumacher be appointed to the position of Deputy Municipal Clerk effective December 8, 2014. It is further recommended that Mrs. Schumacher be authorized to exercise signing authority for the Municipality. Motion carried.

Min #2014-175 (Acting Physical Activity Coordinator)

MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that Kelsey Walton be appointed to the position of Physical Activity Coordinator to fill that role during a maternity leave for the period of December 3, 2014 to April 3, 2015. Motion carried.

Min #2014-176 (Boston Tree Lighting Ceremony)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that the County authorize up to \$3,000.00 to support the MacPherson family in taking part in the Boston Tree Lighting Ceremony. Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron reported that he attended:

- St. Andrews Seniors Housing meeting
- Chamber of Commerce meeting in St. Andrews
- Arena Commission meeting
- CJFX Open House
- UNSM Conference

Councillor Rémi Deveau reported that he attended:

- Arena Commission meeting
- Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Pomquet
- Crime Prevention
- Committee meeting with Pomquet RE: Potential Community Centre

Councillor Bill MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- CJFX Opening on Lochaber Road
- Remembrance Day Ceremonies, East Education Centre
- UNSM Conference

Councillor Angus Bowie reported that he attended:

- Heatherton School - on-going Fundraising events
- Bus launch

Councillor Vaughan Chisholm reported that he attended:

- Heritage Board meeting
- Active Transportation
- Planning Advisory Committee meetings
- Remembrance Day Ceremonies
- UNSM Conference

Councillor Donnie MacDonald reported that he attended:

- UNSM Conference
- Remembrance Day Celebrations

Councillor Mary MacLellan reported that she attended:

- Numerous Planning Advisory Committee meetings
- Joint County & Town meeting
- UNSM Conference
- Active Transportation
- ACALA

Councillor Pierre Boucher reported that he attended:

- Eastern Region Solid Waste Management meeting in Sherbrooke
- Transportation workshop
- UNSM Conference
- Will be attending the Eastern Launch of Antigonish Community Transit tomorrow

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:

- Coady Gala
- Business Summit
- Mayors & Wardens meeting
- Arena Commission
- Joint County & Town meeting
- Antigonish Transit
- Poppy Campaign
- Senior Girls Soccer
- Town & Gown
- UNSM Conference
- Remembrance Day Ceremonies
- Working Group in Halifax

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

Section 139 of the Motor Vehicle Act for the Province of Nova Scotia prohibits vehicles from obstructing snow removal or any other winter maintenance that may be necessary. The Act also allows for such vehicles to be removed at the owner's expense. These Winter Parking Regulations require the approval of Municipal Council and the Municipal Traffic Authority with the RCMP.

Min #2013-177 (Winter Parking Regulations)

Moved by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that Municipal Council approve the signing of the Order for Winter Parking Regulations for 2014/15 setting out the period from December 1, 2014 to April 15, 2015 between the hours of 12:01 am and 7:00 am as the time in which Winter Parking Regulations will be in effect on roads/streets under the jurisdiction of the County of Antigonish. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Dangerous & Unsightly Premises Updates

- 1) Property of Patrick Bennett, 984 Old Antigonish Road
- 2) Frank & Margaret Bruno, Wharf Road, East Tracadie
- 3) Robert & Marlene Bayers, 986 Old Antigonish Road, Monastery
- 4) Florence Teasdale, Highway 245, Maryvale
- 5) John & Catherine MacDonald 3328 Highway 245, Maryvale

Mr. Horne had received confirmation from Sean Donovan, Administrator, Dangerous & Unsightly Premises stating that all 5 premises have been completed as requested.

2. UNSM Long-Service Awards

The Service of three Council members was recognized at the UNSM Conference on November 5, 2014 with a Long-Service Awards. Warden Boucher offered congratulations, on behalf of the Municipality, to Deputy Warden Owen McCarron with 20 years of service; and Councillor Rémi Deveau & Councillor Bill MacFarlane both with 10 years of service.

3. People's Place Library – Canada's Great Public Space

Councillor MacLellan noted that there was much excitement in regard to the People's Place Library. The Library was named one of this year's Great Places in Canada by the Canadian Institute of Planners. There were 32 nominations this year, and more than 14,000 votes were received. This Library is a wonderful gathering space.

Councillor MacLellan is requesting Council to issue a letter of congratulations to the Library and Staff on this achievement.

Min #2013-178 (Letter of Congratulations – People's Place Library)

Moved by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the County issue a letter of congratulations to the People's Place Library on their achievement and the staff recognizing their dedication and hard work. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Donnie MacDonald and seconded by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that the meeting adjourn @ 9:00 pm.



Warden Russell Boucher



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer