



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, July 26th, 2016

7:30pm

Present: Warden Russell Boucher

Councillors: Bill MacFarlane Rémi Deveau
Mary MacLellan Donnie MacDonald
Hughie Stewart Pierre Boucher

Regrets: Deputy Warden Owen McCarron
Angus Bowie
Vaughan Chisholm

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
John Bain, Director - Eastern District Planning Commission
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor- Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm

Media: Corey LeBlanc, Antigonish Casket
Matthew Draper, Port Hawkesbury Reporter

The meeting was called to order at 7:41pm by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Min #2016-098 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Boucher, that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of June 21st, 2016.

Min #2016-099 (Approval of Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan, that the Municipal Council minutes of June 21, 2016 be approved. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. John Bain, Director of the Eastern District Planning Commission, provided a brief presentation regarding a complaint received pertaining to the property of Dianne Leblanc, 5417 Highway 7, West River (PID 01211952). Mr. Bain spoke to a letter prepared by Mr. Sean Donovan, the municipal Administrator of Dangerous and Unightly Premises, who had visited the property and deemed the

dwelling, shed and derelict vehicle located on the property to fall under a number of “dangerous and unsightly” conditions defined in the Municipal Government Act.

Mr. Bain noted that the owner had been provided with notice of this meeting by registered mail on July 17th. Further, a notice had been posted on the site, which Mr. Bain noted had been removed when he visited the site prior to this meeting. Councillor MacFarlane asked whether there was a dumpster on site. Mr. Bain responded that the dumpster was obtained by the property owner following the issuance of the notice, and that initially some items had been placed inside, but that nothing further appeared to have been added to the dumpster based on his visit to the site prior to this meeting.

Mr. Bain provided Municipal Council with a slide show of photographs taken on the site earlier in July, showing the condition of the shed and vehicle on the site. Staff recommended the Municipal Council issue an “Order to Remedy Condition”, with the Order being a Demolition/Removal Order issued from Council to the owners instructing that the shed be demolished and that the derelict vehicle be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes.

Min #2016-100 (Dangerous and Unsightly)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau, that an “Order to Remedy Condition” (Demolition / Removal Order) be issued for the property of Dianne Leblanc, 5417 Highway 7, West River (PID 01211952), with respect to a shed in a state of non-repair and a derelict vehicle, as recommended by the Municipal Administrator of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the following:

- o Brain Injury Association of Nova Scotia

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Min #2016-101 (Municipal Employee Policy)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council adopt the Municipal Employee Policy as proposed, and repeal Policy 5 Employee Handbook. Motion carried.

Min #2016-102 (Water Meter Policy)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Boucher, that Municipal Council adopt the Water Meter Policy as proposed. Motion carried.

Min #2016-103 (Ellershouse Wind Project)

MOVED by Councillor Boucher, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart, that Municipal Council:

1. *Postpone the Card Lake Wind Project and move forward with Phase One of the Wind Project at Ellershouse subject to:*
 - a. *An Expression of Interest from AREA respecting the purchase of power at the generation rate proposed; and,*
 - b. *A Letter of Offer being obtained from Enercon for the purchase and installation of the wind turbines.*
2. *Authorize the expenditure of funds required for Phase One equal to its share of \$240,000.00 less funds to be transferred from Card Lake Phase One, up to a deposit of \$33,333.00 to NSPI and up to a cash expenditure of \$29,667.00; and,*
3. *Authorize the negotiation of a Power Purchase Agreement or other acceptable contractual arrangement with AREA as per the terms presented in-camera.*

Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:

- Affordable Housing Board Meeting

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- Antigonish Art Fair Opening
- July 12th meeting with Randy Delorey re: cell service
- July 19th meeting with the NS Health Authority re: lab services
- July 25th meeting with Sean Fraser re: cell service

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- Special Olympics Announcement
- Arena Commission Meeting

Councillor MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- Canada Day Fireworks at William's Point
- Dr. John Hugh Gillis High School Graduation

Councillor Stewart reported that he attended:

- July 19th meeting with the NS Health Authority re: lab services, which he felt was a very good meeting with suggestions made for ways to keep the public informed

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:

- Graduation at the East Antigonish Education Centre
- Joint Council Meeting
- CACL cheque presentation
- Canada Day celebration
- Highland Games and Parade
- Bethany announcement
- Special Olympics announcement
- July 12th meeting with Randy Delorey re: cell service

- July 19th meeting with the NS Health Authority re: lab services
- July 25th meeting with Sean Fraser re: cell service
- Arena Commission Meeting
- Coady Welcome

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Summer Regular Meeting Break

Mr. Horne noted that a meeting of the Committee of the Whole and Council was not anticipated to occur in August, unless urgent business necessitates the scheduling of a special meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2016-104 (Motion to Adjourn)

MOVED by Councillor Boucher, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan that the Council meeting adjourns at 7:57pm. Motion carried.



Warden Russell Boucher



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer