

Present:

Councillors: Warden Russell Boucher Deputy Warden Owen McCarron
 Councillor Bill MacFarlane Councillor Rémi Deveau
 Councillor Donnie MacDonald Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
 Councillor Gary Mattie Councillor John Dunbar
 Councillor Hugh Stewart

Regrets: Councillor Mary MacLellan

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
 Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
 Sean Donovan, Dangerous and Unsanitary Premises By-law Administrator
 Adam Rodgers, Solicitor- Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm

Media: Corey LeBlanc, Antigonish Casket
 Matt Draper, Port Hawkesbury Reporter
 Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk
 Heather MacAdam, 98.9 XFM

Gallery: Steve Smith
 Dr. Michael Brian
 Dr. Mike Silver
 Members of the St. Martha's Foundation

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by the Chair, Warden Boucher.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Warden Boucher called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Horne noted that the order of the presentations would be switched, allowing Mr. Donovan to present first. Councillor Dunbar requested to add a letter that he had received from a constituent. Councillor Mattie requested to add a discussion item regarding a beached whale in his district.

Min #2016-135 (Approval of Agenda)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of October 25th, 2016.

Min #2016-136 (Approval of Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that the Municipal Council minutes of October 25th, 2016 be approved. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

Dangerous and Unsightly Premises, 1577 West Side Lochaber Road

Mr. Sean Donovan, as Administrator of the County's Dangerous and Unsightly Premises By-law, provided a brief overview of a complaint that he had received and investigated regarding the property at 1577 West Side Lochaber Road. Mr. Donovan reviewed photographs that he had taken of the property, illustrating the following conditions of the single-detached dwelling that is located there:

- 1) The building is in a ruinous and dilapidated condition;
- 2) The building is in such a state of non-repair as to be no longer suitable for human habitation or business purposes; and,
- 3) The building is unsightly in relation to neighbouring properties due to the exterior finish of the building being not maintained.

Mr. Donovan stated that, in his opinion, the building gives the appearance of being abandoned while meeting the Municipal Government Act definition of "Dangerous and Unsightly", and is recommending that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued and that the Order be a fourteen (14) day Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners instructing that the structure be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within fourteen (14) days of the Demolition Order being issued or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes.

Min #2016-137 (Demolition Order for 1577 West Side Lochaber Road)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald, that the Municipality issue an "Order to Remedy Condition" for 1577 West Side Lochaber Road, with the terms recommended by the Dangerous and Unsightly By-law Administrator. Motion carried.

St. Martha's Foundation

Dr. Michael Brian introduced the group presenting on behalf of the St. Martha's Foundation, as part of their fundraising campaign launch. He then introduced Mr. Steve Smith, Campaign Chair, who in turn asked Dr. Mike Silver to say a few words regarding how the funds raised by the Foundation assist with the purchase of equipment at the Hospital, as well as the services offered and area served by the establishment.

Mr. Smith then gave a brief presentation regarding the fundraising campaign and its importance, given the changes provincially in the structure of the health authorities, the expected timelines for equipment replacements, and the realities of the local demographics. Mr. Smith outlined the strategy for the fundraising campaign, and thanked Councillor Stewart specifically for his personal and professional support with the effort.

Members of Municipal Council were provided with fundraising packages, and requested to assist with the Foundation's efforts by organizing door-to-door visits within their districts to ensure that residents understand the purpose and importance of the campaign.

Mr. Smith further requested that the Municipality consider making a ten (10) year commitment to donate \$50,000 per year to the campaign.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the following:

- RK Nursing Home Foundation
 - Lights of Love Campaign summary and Ceremony invitation.
- Antigonish International Film Festival
 - Thank-you card for support

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole – November 1st, 2016

Min #2016-138 (Water Utility Budgets)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron, that the Fringe and Lower South River Water Utility Budgets be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Min #2016-139 (Cost-Share Subdivision Street Improvements, Heritage and Ponderosa)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron, that Municipal Council approve the application to cost-share subdivision street improvements for Heritage Drive and Ponderosa Drive. Motion carried.

Min #2016-140 (2015/2016 Audited Financial Statements)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that Municipal Council approves the 2015/2016 Audited Financial Statements, as presented. Motion carried.

Min #2016-141 (2015/2016 Financial Information Return)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau, that Municipal Council approves the 2015/2016 Financial Information Return. Motion carried.

Min #2016-142 (2016/2017 Statement of Estimates)

MOVED by Councillor Dunbar, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald, that Municipal Council approves the 2016/2017 Statement of Estimates. Motion carried.

Min #2016-143 (Outstanding Tax Write-offs)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council write-off the following outstanding taxes:

Roll #	Uncollectable balance
00384925	\$151.13
00536466	\$155.51
00748269	\$105.12
02626217	\$828.65
04537343	\$24.98

06178154	\$201.52
06300685	\$2,496.73
06301037	\$113.12
07126506	\$107.70
07130139	\$58.74
07134088	\$501.06
07134169	\$136.64
07134177	\$158.20
07144210	\$442.73
07144660	\$107.50
07144806	\$689.71
07203810	\$477.35
07205066	\$350.66
07205732	\$221.94
09102302	\$17.87
09690573	\$17.19
10299081	\$2.53
10524921	\$3.95
Total	\$7,370.53

Motion carried.

Min #2016-144 (Tax Write-off for Fire)
MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council write-off \$1,405.80 in taxes for AAN 10030625, due to damage from a fire. Motion carried.

Min #2016-145 (Corporate Plan RFP)
MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart, that Municipal Council approve the issuance of a Report for Proposals (RFP) for the Corporate Plan. Motion carried.

Min #2016-146 (Pleasant Valley Road Bus Shelter)
MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart, that Municipal Council approve the purchase of a bus shelter for Pleasant Valley Road, if a suitable one cannot be found and relocated from elsewhere in the County. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole – November 15th, 2016

Min #2016-147 (Street Lights)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council approve street lights to be located at the intersections of:

- *Highway 4 and Melong Road*
- *Fairmont Road and D. Cameron Road*
- *Highway 337 and Jimtown Road.*

Motion carried.

Min #2016-148 (Council Committee and Board Appointments)

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that the Council Committee and Board Appointments be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Min #2016-149 (Industrial Park Lot 5A)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart, that Municipal Council approve a purchase and sale agreement for Lot 5A in the Industrial Park. Motion carried.

MOTIONS

Min #2016-150 (Winter Parking Regulations)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald, that Municipal Council approve the signing of the Order for Winter Parking Regulations for 2016/17 setting out the period from December 1, 2016 to April 15, 2017 between the hours of 12:01am and 7:00am 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.

REPORT ON PROPERTY VALUATION SERVICE CORPORATION (PVSC) ONGOING INITIATIVES

Mr. Horne provided an update to Municipal Council regarding letters distributed by PVSC about a change in use tax that could be applied to properties deemed by PVSC to have lost their exempt status through transaction, subdivision or sale. The change of use tax is something that is legislated and in the MGA, and PVSC makes a determination as to what the change in assessment is that would be taxed. The Municipality has not collected a change in use tax for several decades, and members of Council requested that staff look into the possibility of developing a policy speaking to the Municipality's position on this tax.

FISHING WITH LIVE BAIT

Councillor MacFarlane raised a concern with the restrictions imposed on inland fishing in the western rivers of the County, from Williams Point, across the Harbour, along the West River and including the Ohio River. Limitations placed on the use of natural bait, including worms, were imposed in the last decade. Councillor MacFarlane has been approached by residents who would like to have these restrictions removed. Councillor Stewart echoed the concern raised by Councillor MacFarlane, noting that the restrictions on the Ohio River are even more prohibitive. Through

consensus, Council asked staff to draft a letter to Keith Caldwell, the Minister of Fisheries, and to copy Minister Delorey as the local MLA.

CEDI RESOLUTION

Further to previous discussions regarding the participation of the Municipality in the Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI), a resolution has been drafted for consideration by Council to join Paq'tnkek, Cando and the FCM in the endeavour.

Min #2016-151 (CEDI Resolution)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar, that:

WHEREAS relationships between First Nations and municipalities based on mutual respect and understanding bring shared benefits to all;

BE IT RESOLVED that The Municipality of the County of Antigonish enter into a community-to-community relationship with Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation in the spirit of lasting friendship and collaboration, economic prosperity and building community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to realize shared benefits, Warden Russell Boucher & Chief Paul James Prosper have been named as the two joint CEDI champions and the following resources are committed to the relationship:

1. Council Commitment

- Municipal council agrees to the participation of their community in the First Nations – Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) from November 15 to March 31, 2019.*

2. Expectations of Participation

The Municipality agrees to the following time commitment:

- Two-to-three two-day workshops with neighboring community between November 2016 and March 2019, facilitated by CEDI staff. These will be a combination of relationship-building and strategic planning workshops depending on the needs and interests of the community and determined specifically with CEDI staff.*
- Participation in four-to-six one- or two-day ongoing/follow-up support visits with CEDI staff between November 2016 and March 2019.*
- The municipality also agrees to commit itself to the following:*
 - o For ongoing community engagement and keeping the community informed about CEDI (may include agenda items at meetings, reports in local media, community announcements, etc.)*
 - o Identifying community champions for CEDI & joint economic development planning. Regular participation in the CEDI community of practice by the identified community champions (specific methods of participation still to be decided).*
 - o The community agrees to actively participate in the peer-mentoring component of CEDI. This includes maintaining regular communication with the assigned peer mentor, hosting the mentor in the community during visits (likely 1-2 throughout the duration of CEDI) and communicating any concerns*

with CEDI staff. The primary responsibility of liaison with the peer mentor falls to the community champions but they should be supported in their roles by the entire community.

- o The community champion agrees to maintain communication with CEDI staff and to assist with coordinating the logistics of community visits and workshops, as appropriate.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Antigonish appoints the following:

- a) Warden Russell Boucher, Elected Official tel: 902 863 1117 &*
- b) Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk Treasurer tel: 902 863 1117*
as community champions from the Municipality of the County of Antigonish.

Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Min #2016-152 (RK Nursing Home Foundation Lights of Love)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald, that Municipal Council approve a donation of "gold" for the "Lights of Love" Christmas Campaign 2016 of the RK Nursing Home Foundation, as done in previous years. Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Deputy Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- SRSB meeting to launch Mi'kmaq History Month
- Highway 104 opening
- Walk for Syria
- St. Andrew's Remembrance Day ceremony
- Presentation by Senator Murray Sinclair
- 4H awards banquet in St. Andrews

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:

- Remembrance Day ceremony at the East Antigonish Education Centre
- 3rd Annual Business Ability Banquet

Councillor MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- Walk for Syria
- Business Ability Banquet
- Remembrance ceremony in Williams Point

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- Highway 104 opening
- Business Ability Banquet

Councillor Dunbar reported that he attended:

- Funding announcement by the Province in Paq'tnkek
- New Councillor Orientation in Truro

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:

- The Legion Poppy Campaign launch
- CEDI meeting
- Havre Boucher veterans ceremony
- Business Ability Banquet
- Remembrance Day ceremony in Town

Spruce Drive Co-operative

Councillor Dunbar presented members of Council with a copy of an email from Mr. Peter Gosbee of Spruce Drive, outlining a proposal to create a co-operative of residents on the street who would take over title of the private road and easement for the sewer line servicing this subdivision and requesting a waiver of taxes associated with the road and easement. Mr. Horne noted that staff can review the proposal at Council's request and prepare material for a future Council meeting. The residents can be invited to present their proposal to Council at this future Council meeting as well.

Whale on Tracadie Beach

Councillor Mattie raised a concern with a whale that washed up on Tracadie Beach early in the week previous. Through the process of looking to address the relocation of this whale carcass with Mr. Horne, DNR staff identified that the whale is located on a protected beach and that the whale carcass cannot be removed at this time of year. Residents in the area are concerned about not only the smell of the rotting whale, but also the potential for it to attract other wildlife, such as coyotes, that could pose a risk to local children and pets. Staff was asked to prepare further correspondence to DNR outlining the concerns of the local residents regarding the whale.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2016-134 (Motion to Adjourn)

*MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron that the Council meeting adjourns at 9:09pm.
Motion carried.*

Warden Russell Boucher

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer