

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

7:30 pm

Councillors Present:

Warden Owen McCarron

Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Vaughan Chisholm

Councillor John Dunbar

Councillor Neil Corbett

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets:

Councillor Remi Deveau

Councillor Gary Mattie

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable
Communities

Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Also Present:

Corey LeBlanc, The Casket

Gallery

Matt Draper, 98.9XFM

Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. One addition was made under Business Arising: Discussion about Intersection.

Min # 2019-162

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Approval of Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in the minutes from the meetings of Municipal Council held on November 19th and December 9th.

Approval of November 19, 2019 Municipal Council Minutes

Min # 2019-163

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That the Municipal Council Minutes of November 19, 2019 be approved.

Motion Carried

Approval of December 9, 2019 Municipal Council Minutes

Min # 2019-164

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That the Municipal Council Minutes of December 9, 2019 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Update about the Trunk 4 and Beech Hill Road Intersection

Mr. Horne provided members of Council with an update regarding the actions that have taken place since the emergency Council meeting that took place on December 9, 2019. Mr. Horne noted that an accident occurred at the intersection on December 16th.

Staff has been in touch with officials from the DTIR, and provided information from an informal response from DTIR on actions they are looking to take. An opportunity was provided for members of Council to provide their comments and input. Councillors voiced concern that Provincial elected representatives had not attended the meeting, and the reluctance to put interim measures in place until a longer-term solution is in place, and the lack of urgency in acting to make changes at the intersection. Council was pleased to hear that DTIR was looking to reduce the speed limit and install rumble strips, but no timelines were given for that work. It was still hoped that stop lights would be installed.

Staff was asked what the report on the study of the intersection noted; the report done by the Province has not been shared with the Municipality. Members of Council who have heard from those involved

in the recent accidents shared the comments and stories shared by those drivers. Warden McCarron noted that the Municipality would continue to look to meet with the local provincial elected representatives to discuss the intersection and stress the importance of the intersection.

Presentations

Fire Department AED Presentations

Representatives from several local fire departments were on hand to received AEDs, to be installed at local fire halls that are used as community gathering spaces. Members from the departments of North Shore, 4 Valleys, Aulds Cove, Tracadie, and Antigonish County were on hand. Photographs were taken.

Presentation of Municipal Employee Service Recognition

Warden McCarron presented Deputy Clerk Beth Schumacher with a certificate recognizing five years of service with the Municipality. Photographs were taken.

Correspondence

Mr. Horne reviewed the correspondence received and noted that a thank-you card was also received from Chez Deslauriers.

Committee Reports

December 3, 2019 Asset Management Committee

Min # 2019-165

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That Municipal Council approve the replacement of two sewer pumps in the lift stations in Mount Cameron.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-166

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

That Municipal Council award the tender for the Municipal Administrative Officer condenser unit replacement to Carmichael Engineering at a bid price of \$71,693 + HST.

Motion Carried

December 3, 2019 Committee of the Whole

Min # 2019-167

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane

That Municipal Council appoint Mike Stewart as the representative on the Antigonish Arena Management Board.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-168

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council makes a \$20,000 donation to the St. Joseph's Community Centre to enable them to purchase the land that the community centre sits on.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-169

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That Municipal Council provide the Antigonish Affordable Housing Society with a contribution of \$100,000 over five (5) years, for the proposed development on Appleseed Drive, contingent on the rest of the funding being secured and construction work being tendered

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-170

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council hire Maria Fraser as Physical Activity Coordinator, to be for a term from December 9, 2019 to May 8, 2020

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-171

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

That Municipal Council support the awarding of the Sport Hub design contract to Laura Duggan, Independent Consultant

Motion Carried

December 4, 2019 Joint Town and County Council Advisory Committee

Min # 2019-172

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That the full-time position of Emergency Management Coordinator be created and advertised for a two-year contract.

Motion Carried

December 17, 2019 Committee of the Whole

Min # 2019-173

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council approve budgeting a contribution of \$19,000 towards the production of *Dawn, her Dad and the Tractor* in the 2020/2021 budget, conditional upon the production receiving the funding requested from the Town of Antigonish.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-174

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane

That Municipal Council approve changing the regular Council night from the third Tuesday of each month to the second Monday of each month, changing the regular Committee of the Whole meetings from the first and third Tuesday of each month to the second and fourth Monday of each month, and the regular Asset Management meetings from the first Tuesday of each month to the fourth Monday of each month.

The Committee further recommends that Municipal Council approve amending the applicable policies and terms of reference noting these meeting dates to reflect this change.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-175

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That Municipal Council provide a contribution of \$2500 to the Antigonish Food Bank.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-176

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart
SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

Tthat Municipal Council re-appoint Jim MacIntyre as the rep on the Eastern Mainland Housing Authority.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-177

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan
SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council provide Councillor Mattie with an excused absence from the December 2019 regular Council Meeting for medical reasons.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-178

MOVED by Councillor Corbett
SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council award the contract for the Inter-Municipal IT Asset Inventory, Assessment & Action Plan be awarded to IMP solutions at a bid price of \$61,050.

Motion Carried

Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Commissions

Councillor Dunbar

- Attended a meeting of the Antigonish Community Transit Society, filling in for Councillor Mattie. They discussed their five-year business plan, ridership is reported to be up, and the book-a-ride program continues to be a success.

Councillor MacFarlane

- Attended meeting with Department and Infrastructure Renewal officials at 11am on December 16th. Councillor MacFarlane wanted to thank Basil Pitts for all of the work that he is doing to help to try to resolve the concern.

Councillor Chisholm

- Attended the TIANS conference in Halifax and was pleased that there were a lot of interesting sessions. He found the Farm Works Investment Co-operative Limited session was interested and provided a summary of the program for Council.

Councillor Corbett

- Attended the TIANS conference in Halifax and provided an overview of the key note speaker's discussion about "cathedral thinking" and thinking about projects that might be started today and continue on for the next generation. Also provided information about the presentation from the Tourism Minister, and other sessions attended.

Motions

There were no motions.

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

Warden McCarron thanked the media partners for their faithful attendance at Council sessions, to staff for their work to support the initiatives of Council, and wished everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year.

Min # 2019-179

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:15 pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer