

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2020

7:30 pm

Councillors Present:

Warden Owen McCarron

Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Vaughn Chisholm

Councillor Remi Deveau

Councillor John Dunbar

Councillor Neil Corbett

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets:

Councillor Gary Mattie

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer

Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator

Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Also Present:

Sonia Smith, Home Warming

Corey LeBlanc - The Casket

Matthew Draper - 98.9 XFM

Greg Morrow - 101.5 The Hawk

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:32pm

Approval of Agenda

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

Min # 2020-001

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

Min # 2020-002

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That the Municipal Council Minutes of December 17, 2019 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Presentations

Sonia Smith - Home Warming Support Program

Warden McCarron welcomed Sonia Smith from the Home Warming Support Program to give a presentation to the committee.

Ms. Smith noted that they wanted residents to know that the thresholds are based on Net income not Gross income. The threshold levels are as follows:

- 1 person - \$22,324
- 2 to 4 people - \$41,481
- 5 or more people - \$59,076

Once a resident qualifies, they will do a home visit for an energy assessment. With the residents' permission they will hire a contractor to fix those areas at no charge to the homeowner. The goal is to keep heat within the home. After the work is completed, they will conduct another energy assessment. Their numbers are quite low, and they are struggling to find homeowners to participate in the program. Income levels are shifted in August of each year.

Councillor MacDonald asked if it was open to mobile homes. Ms. Smith said as long as the resident owns the home and has to be your full-time residents. Councillor MacLellan asked if there was a limit to how much is given to each resident; about \$5000-\$6000 is spent on the average size home. They use spray foam insulation in basements.

Ms. Smith encouraged everyone to check out the website: www.homewarming.ca. Housing and home warming are totally separate budgets so people can apply to both programs. If a resident moves, they would be eligible for the program again.

Warden McCarron thanked Sonia for her presentation.

Correspondence

Mr. Horne presented the correspondence for Council's information.

Committee Reports

January 9, 2020 - Joint Police Advisory Board Report

Deputy Warden Stewart provided the Committee report to Council.

January 13, 2020 - Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2020-003

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the job posting for the Returning Officer for the upcoming Municipal Election.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-004

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Deputy Warden Stewart

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council provide a \$10,000 sponsorship to les Jeux de l'Acadie from the 2020/21 budget.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-005

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the conditional Special Event Permit with the following conditions:

- A complete operational plan including a site plan/map, an on and off-site parking plan, and provisions for emergency access. Severe weather and sewage management shall be provided to the Municipality for its consideration on or before April 3, 2020, at 4pm. Any deficiencies with the plan identified by the Municipality shall be addressed to the satisfaction of the Municipality.
- Proof of insurance shall be provided to this office on or before April 3, 2020, at 4pm. The insurance coverage must name the Municipality as a covered party in the insurance policy and to indemnify and hold harmless the Municipality for any potential claim made against Nova Scotia Summer Fest.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-006

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council take over the streetlight at the end of Hill Road in Havre Boucher and arrange to have it moved to face the street.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-007

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the installation of 12 streetlights along Catherine Drive.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-008

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council extend the leave of absence for Councillor Mattie for one month.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-009

MOVED by Councillor Dunbar

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council appoint Allison Duggan as acting Municipal Clerk Treasurer from February 3, 2020 until March 27, 2020 to facilitate the parental leave of Municipal Clerk Treasurer, Glenn Horne.

Motion Carried

Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Conferences, and Community Activities

Several Councillors attended the New Years Levee and reported that it was well attended.

Motions

There were no motions.

Miscellaneous Business

The Antigonish Arena Association has leased its canteen space to the Saucy Sandwich. The Saucy Sandwich will be open for business Thursdays and Fridays from 4:30-8:30pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10am-8:30pm. Residents are encouraged to give them a try.

PVSC assessment notices were sent to all property owners. Residents have 30 days to appeal their assessment and contact PVSC if they feel there is a discrepancy. Appeal deadline is February 13, 2020.

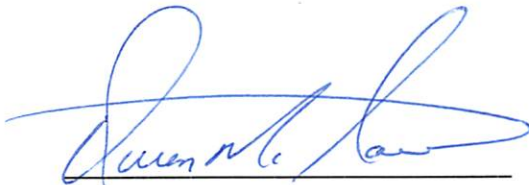
Adjournment

Min # 2020-010

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:02pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer