

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF**  
**ANTIGONISH**

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 7:30 pm**

**Council Chambers**

**Municipal Administration Building**

**285 Beech Hill Road**

**Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4**

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1. Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Municipal Council Minutes
4. Business Arising from Minutes
5. Presentations
6. Correspondence
  - a. Antigonish Culture Alive - Antigonish Art After Dark Festival
7. Committee Reports
  - a. March 13, 2020 E-Poll: Bulky Waste Collection Tender Award
  - b. March 18, 2020 E-Poll: Market Street Land Purchase
  - c. March 30, 2020 Asset Management Committee Report
  - d. March 30, 2020 Committee of the Whole Report
  - e. April 2, 2020 E-Poll: Gaspereaux Lake Water System Expansion Land Purchase
  - f. April 2, 2020 E-Poll: Support for Workers at St. Martha's
  - g. April 14, 2020 Asset Management Committee Report
  - h. April 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole Report
8. Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Conferences, and Community Activities
9. Motions
  - a. Proclamation - April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month
10. Miscellaneous Business
11. Adjournment

# MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

## Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2020

7:30 pm

### Councillors Present:

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:

Warden Owen McCarron

Councillor Gary Mattie

### Staff Present:

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Allison Duggan, Director of Finance, Acting Clerk  
Treasurer

### Also Present:

Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk  
Matt Draper, 98.9XFM  
Gallery

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### **Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron**

Deputy Warden Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:27 pm

### **Approval of Agenda**

Deputy Warden Stewart called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

#### **Min # 2020-21**

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan  
SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**Motion Carried**

### **Approval of Municipal Council Minutes**

Deputy Warden Stewart called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

#### **Min # 2020-22**

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That the Municipal Council Minutes of February 10, 2020 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **Statutory Public Hearings**

Mrs. Duggan read through the Statutory Public Hearing criteria for the benefit of Council and the Gallery.

### **A proposed amendment to the Land Use By-law for the Fringe Plan Area**

Mr. John Bain provided Council with an overview of the proposed amendments to the Fringe Land Use By-law, to provide for limits to the total floor area of a dwelling unit to be used for bedrooms. This amendment has come forward due to previous situations where building permits have been applied for single or duplex dwellings, and then advertised as apartment units. Mr. Bain reviewed the reasons for selecting a percentage as opposed to the total number of bedrooms, and the existing provisions in the By-law permitting apartment buildings via the Development Agreement process.

After the proposed By-law was provided with first reading and the advertisement of the Public Hearing was run, a 150 day clock was started where Building Permits have not been permitted to be issued where they could contradict the proposed amendment. The public hearing was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, and approved by the Planning Advisory Committee. The Planning Advisory Committee had indicated that this was meant to be an interim measure until a further review can be done.

Questions from Council followed.

Deputy Warden Stewart called for any parties in the gallery who were in favour or opposed to the proposed amendment. No parties spoke either in favour or against the amendment.

#### **Min # 2020-23**

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That Municipal Council approves an amendment to the Land Use By-law for the Fringe Plan Area to add a special requirement for the R-1, R-2, RG-1, and RG-1 Zones to allow no more than 29% of the total floor area of a dwelling be used for bedrooms.

**Motion Carried**

Amendments to Schedule A of the By-law Respecting Charges for Local Improvements

Mrs. Schumacher presented the proposed amendment to the Local Improvements By-law for the West River Cross paving and the Beech Hill waterline extension. Deputy Warden Stewart asked if there was anyone in the gallery who was looking to speak for or against the proposed amendment. Two residents were in attendance who asked general questions for clarification about the amendment. One asked whether there would be any change to the charges that had been billed on the 2019/2020 tax bill. Staff clarified that the amount billed on that bill would be the same for the duration of the repayment period identified for that project. The other resident asked for clarification on the percentage of the amount paid by the residents, the Municipality, and the other levels of government. Staff will look into that and respond directly to the resident.

**Min # 2020-24**

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council approves amendments to Schedule A of the By-law Respecting Charges for Local Improvements to add the West River Cross Paving and Beech Hill Road Waterline Extension

**Motion Carried**

Presentations

Highland Society

Mr. Joe MacDonald and Mr. Bill Fraser from the Highland Society provided members of Council with an overview of the operations of the annual Highland Games. A request was made of Council for a presenting sponsorship, and information packages were provided for the benefit of Councillors. Mr. Fraser reviewed a number of additional events throughout the County that take place in the community at the same time as the Highland Games. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Fraser were thanked for their presentation.

Correspondence

The correspondence package was reviewed for the benefit of Council.

Committee Reports

February 19, 2020 Joint Town and County Council Committee Report

There were no recommendations from the Joint Council Committee.

February 24, 2020 Asset Management Committee Report

**Min # 2020-25**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane  
SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council advertise a tender for renovations for the Antigonish County Court House.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2020-26**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane  
SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That Municipal Council approve the advertisement of a tender for repaving, curb and gutter on Mount Cameron Road.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2020-27**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane  
SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That Municipal Council advertise a tender for the spring bulky waste collection.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2020-28**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane  
SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That Municipal Council award the tender for new 4 x 4 truck for the Water and Sewer Department, with an extended warranty, to MacDonald Chrysler at a total price of \$40,105.68 (incl HST).

**Motion Carried**

February 24, 2020 Committee of the Whole Report

**Min # 2020-29**

MOVED by Councillor Deveau  
SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council approve a streetlight at Keppoch Road and St. Joseph's Road.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2020-30**

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council approves the recommended tax account write-offs in the amount of \$4026.73.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2020-31**

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That Municipal Council approves the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Committee.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2020-32**

MOVED by Councillor Dunbar

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That Municipal Council send a letter to Ministers Lloyd Hines and Randy Delorey outlining concerns with the configuration of turning lanes, and their relationship with the climbing lane (including signage) where New France Road intersects with Highway 104

**Motion Carried**

March 9, 2020 Committee of the Whole Report

**Min # 2020-33**

MOVED by Councillor Dunbar

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve sponsoring two seats for the Female Leadership School taking place in May 2020.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2020-34**

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves the annual appointments of Eastern District Planning Commission staff to Municipal positions, as proposed.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2020-35**

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan  
SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

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

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2020-36**

MOVED by Councillor Deveau  
SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council appoint Linda Arsenault at the Returning Officer for the 2020 Municipal Election.

**Motion Carried**

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

- Councillor Deveau provided an update regarding the Crime Prevention Committee. They are looking for a Chair. They will be hosting a fundraiser dance at the Legion later in the spring.
- Councillor MacDonald provided an update from the ERSWM meeting, including information about a Mercury collection system from lightbulbs. He also noted an AAHS fundraiser at Dooley's on Saturday March 14th.
- Councillor Corbett noted a Havre Boucher dance and dinner on March 14th with a St. Patrick's Day theme.

**Motions**

**Min # 2020-37**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane  
SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council pass the resolution proclaiming March 26th, 2020 as "Purple Day" for Epilepsy Awareness.

**Motion Carried**

**Miscellaneous Business**

There was no miscellaneous business.

**Adjournment**

**Min # 2020-38**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:30pm.

**Motion Carried**

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Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart

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Allison Duggan, Acting Municipal  
Clerk/Treasurer



**TO:** MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
**FROM:** GLENN HORNE, MUNICIPAL CLERK TREASURER  
**SUBJECT:** e-Poll REPORT  
**DATE:** March 13, 2020

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An e-Poll was issued on March 13, 2020. The following Councillors participated:

Councillor MacLellan  
Councillor MacDonald  
Deputy Warden Stewart  
Councillor Chisholm  
Councillor Deveau  
Councillor Dunbar  
Councillor Mattie  
Councillor MacFarlane

**The following recommendation was made:**

The Committee of the Whole recommends that Municipal Council award the tender for the 2020 bulky waste collection to Kevin McCarron Forestry Ltd, for the bid price of \$50,025.00 (HST incl).

**TO:** MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
**FROM:** GLENN HORNE, MUNICIPAL CLERK TREASURER  
**SUBJECT:** e-Poll REPORT  
**DATE:** March 18, 2020

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An e-Poll was issued on March 18, 2020. The following Councillors participated:

Councillor MacDonald  
Deputy Warden Stewart  
Councillor Chisholm  
Councillor Deveau  
Warden McCarron  
Councillor Dunbar  
Councillor Mattie  
Councillor MacFarlane

**The following recommendation was made:**

The Committee of the Whole recommends that Municipal Council approve the purchase of 0.5 acres in the area of Highway 104, Lower West River, Antigonish County, NS, PID 10018968, as described in the purchase and sale agreement dated March 9, 2020, for the purchase price of \$18,000.

**TO:** MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
**FROM:** COUNCILLOR MACFARLANE, CHAIR  
**SUBJECT:** **ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**DATE:** MARCH 30, 2020

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The Asset Management Committee was convened on March 30, 2020. The following Councillors were present:

Councillor MacFarlane, Chair  
Deputy Warden Stewart, Vice-Chair  
Warden McCarron  
Councillor MacLellan  
Councillor MacDonald  
Councillor Chisholm  
Councillor Deveau  
Councillor Dunbar  
Councillor Mattie  
Councillor Corbett

**The following recommendations were made:**

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the cost-share agreement for the Paving of J-Class Roads with the Province for Willowdale Road, Gilfoy Road, and Grandview Drive, as presented.

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**TO:** MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
**FROM:** Allison Duggan, ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK TREASURER  
**SUBJECT:** **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**  
**DATE:** March 30, 2020

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The Committee of the Whole was convened on Monday, March 30, 2020. The following Councillors were present:

Warden McCarron  
Deputy Warden Stewart  
Councillor MacLellan  
Councillor MacDonald  
Councillor Chisholm  
Councillor Deveau  
Councillor Dunbar  
Councillor Mattie  
Councillor Corbett  
Councillor MacFarlane

**The following recommendations were made:**

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council authorizes staff to proceed in lease negotiations with SBA Canada provided they secure a cellular provider.

**TO:** MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
**FROM:** GLENN HORNE, MUNICIPAL CLERK TREASURER  
**SUBJECT:** e-Poll REPORT  
**DATE:** April 2, 2020

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An e-Poll was issued on April 2, 2020. The following Councillors participated:

Councillor MacLellan  
Councillor MacDonald  
Councillor Chisholm  
Councillor Deveau  
Warden McCarron  
Councillor Dunbar  
Councillor Mattie  
Councillor Corbett  
Councillor MacFarlane

**The following recommendation was made:**

The Committee of the Whole recommends that Municipal Council approve the purchase of 0.5 acres located at Ohio East Road, Saint Josephs, Antigonish County, NS, from PID 01238716, as described in the purchase and sale agreement dated April 1, 2020, for the purchase price of \$12,000.

**TO:** MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
**FROM:** GLENN HORNE, MUNICIPAL CLERK TREASURER  
**SUBJECT:** e-Poll REPORT  
**DATE:** April 2, 2020

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An e-Poll was issued on April 2, 2020. The following Councillors participated:

Councillor MacLellan  
Councillor MacDonald  
Councillor Chisholm  
Councillor Deveau  
Warden McCarron  
Councillor Dunbar  
Councillor Mattie  
Councillor Corbett  
Councillor MacFarlane

**The following recommendation was made:**

The Committee of the Whole recommends that Municipal Council approve providing the St. Martha's Regional Hospital Foundation with \$1800 to provide all workers at St. Martha's Regional Hospital with two bag lunches in the coming weeks in support of their efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**PROCLAMATION**

***I Ask***

*Whereas*, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health, legal, and social implications for every person living in Nova Scotia.

*Whereas*, Rape, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, and sexual harassment continue impact our communities.

*Whereas*, the Antigonish Women’s Resource Centre & Sexual Assault Services Association, Family Services of Eastern Nova Scotia and other anti-violence advocates and support service programs encourage every person to *Ask* for consent in all interactions to role model this healthy, normal part of human interaction in personal and online spaces.

*Whereas*, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Antigonish County through increased prevention and awareness education, community mobilization, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions.

*Whereas*, the County of Antigonish strongly supports the efforts of national, provincial, and local conversations about sexual violence; what it is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address it.

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Warden McCarron, Warden of the Municipality of Antigonish County, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

**“Sexual Assault Awareness Month”**

in the County of Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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Owen McCarron  
Warden of the Municipality of the  
County of Antigonish

