

# MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF **ANTIGONISH**

## Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2021

7:30 pm

### Councillors Present:

Warden Owen McCarron

Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Remi Deveau

Councillor John Dunbar

Councillor Gary Mattie (by Zoom)

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Harris McNamara

Councillor Shawn Brophy

### Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Alisha Bowie, Administrative Assistant

### Also Present:

Shannon Peterson, PVSC (by Zoom)

Matt Draper, 98.9 XFM

Dave Penny, PVSC (by Zoom)

Corey LeBlanc (by Zoom)

Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

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

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

#### **Min # 2021-001**

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**Motion Carried**

### **Approval of December 14, 2020 Municipal Council Minutes**

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes of December 14, 2020.

#### **Min # 2021-002**

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of December 14, 2020 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **Presentations**

Shannon Peterson and Dave Penny - PVSC

Shannon Peterson and Dave Penny from the Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) provided Council with an overview of the assessment process that is followed by the organization when determining property assessment values. Assessment notices to property owners were mailed out on January 11th, and media kits have been provided to the Municipality to share with residents. Antigonish County-specific statistics were shared with Council, including an overall assessment profile for the County that identified a total assessment roll of \$1,624,825,700. This year's deadline for appeals is midnight on February 11, 2021, and the process for filing an appeal was reviewed for the benefit of Council.

Questions about the average number of appeals each year, the conversion of resource exempt to resource taxable or residential when a property is severed and sold were asked. Ms. Peterson noted that proof of active foresting required in the circumstance of resource exempt/taxable/residential conversion when land is severed and sold, and in that circumstance property owners should be contacted by an assessor, which is a recent change. Warden McCarron thanked Ms. Peterson and Mr. Penny for their presentation.

### **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **Committee Reports**

January 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole Report

#### **Min # 2021-003**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve a change to the Council Proceedings policy to move the regular Council meeting to the second Tuesday of each month.

**Motion Carried**

#### **Min # 2021-004**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve renaming a previously un-named road in Williams Point to Wesleys Lane.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2021-005**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves renaming B-4 Road in East Tracadie to Seafields Road.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2021-006**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the capital grant of \$15,000 requested by the Antigonish Community Transit Society.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2021-007**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council provide a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada and Premier of Nova Scotia expressing support of the Goldboro LNG project and encouraging their investment in the project

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2021-008**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council install a streetlight at the Grovener Cemetery.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2021-009**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council appoint Robert (Bobby) Mattie as the public member of the Audit Committee for a one-year term, effective January 11, 2021.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2021-010**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council appoint Colleen Briand, Mike MacEachern, and Morgan Peters as public members of the Planning Advisory Committee for a four-year term, effective January 11, 2021.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2021-011**

Moved and Seconded

That Fran Haley be appointed by Council as the County's public representative on the RK MacDonald Nursing Home Board of Directors for a three-year term, effective January 11, 2021.

**Motion Carried**

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

Members of Council shared the following community activities:

- Deputy Warden Stewart noted a fitness centre has been opened at the Community Centre
- Councillor McNamara provided an update on the D&U demolition in Aulds Cove.

**Motions**

African Heritage Month Proclamation

Mr. Horne and Warden McCarron read out the proclamation that had been prepared to declare February 2021 as African Heritage Month in the County of Antigonish.

**Min # 2021-012**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council pass the resolution as read proclaiming February 2021 as African Heritage Month in the County of Antigonish.

**Motion Carried**

**Miscellaneous Business**

There was no miscellaneous business.

**Adjournment**

**Min # 2021-013**

Moved and Seconded

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:10 pm.

**Motion Carried**

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Warden Owen McCarron

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Glenn Horne, CAO