
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 5:30 pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron
Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Shawn Brophy
Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Gary Mattie (by Zoom)
Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Councillor Remi Deveau

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, CAO
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Alisha Bowie, Administrative Assistant
Marlene Melanson, Director of Recreation

1. **Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron**

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron, at 5:36pm

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. The following additions were made:

- Discussion concerning new roundabout at Beech Hill and Trunk 4
- Discussion about DTIR
- Streetlight Request on South River Rd

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of January 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in the minutes.

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of January 25, 2021 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Councillor MacFarlane provided an update on feedback regarding crosswalks made in October 2020. Councillor MacLellan asked for clarification on when the Community Grants would be open for application.

5. **Presentations**

There were no presentations.

6. **Continuing Business**

There was no continuing business.

7. **New Business**

a. **Road Name Petition - Gregory Way**

Councillor MacDonald spoke to a request to change George Place to Gregory Way.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves changing the name of George Place to Gregory Way.

Motion Carried

b. **Update on Solid Waste Disposal Agreements**

Mr. Horne provided an update on the Solid Waste disposal agreements with the Municipality of Colchester and District of Guysborough. The agreement with Colchester County ends March 2022. The agreement with Guysborough expires March 21, 2025 but the Municipality would have to give notice by March 2021, to discuss any new terms to the agreement.

c. **Antigonish Facility Allocation Project**

Marlene Melanson, Director of Recreation joined the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Ms. Melanson joined by Zoom to discuss better ways at booking community spaces and gyms. STFX, SRCE and Pomquet working together to make it easier. Also, looking at all the schools within SRCE. Discussion followed. Councillor McNamara requested that community centers be a part of this. Ms. Melanson responded that they were not being considered at this time as the Municipality is not involved in bookings at those facilities.

d. **Antigonish Hiking, Biking and Trails Association Grant Request**

Mr. Horne reviewed the request received by the trails association for a grant to assist with the purchase of a snowmobile and groomer. Staff were directed to follow up about timeline for the project, so that a determination can be made about Special District Grants or Community Partnership Grants.

8. **Community Events**

The following community events and happenings were shared:

- Councillor Stewart recounted an event with snowmobiles blocking roads in St. Mary's and Lochaber with snow, and shared the steps taken to remedy the concerns raised.
- Warden McCarron shared an update about a pop up Covid 19 asymptomatic testing clinic held on campus earlier in the month. Turn out and advertising methods were discussed.

9. **Staff Reports**

Mr. Horne reviewed staff report attached to the agenda and highlighted the following:

- New Planning application
- Staff training with Vehicle Compliance Officer
- New metered billing for water serviced issued this week.

10. **Additions to the Agenda**

a. **New Roundabout at Beech Hill and Trunk 4**

Councillor Dunbar read a letter from a resident requesting speed signs/ signage coming into the roundabout on Beech Hill Road at Trunk 4. Councillor Dunbar has passed the letter to Basil Pitts, Area Manager at DTIR. Councillor MacFarlane suggested a thank you sent to the resident for their feedback.

b. **Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Discussion**

Councillor Dunbar shared concerns raised by residents regarding roads that haven't been plowed yet.

c. **Streetlight Request**

The Committee recommends a streetlight be installed on the South River Road between civic numbers 3548 and 4149.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves a streetlight on South River Road, at a turn in the road that has been the location of several accidents.

Motion Carried

11. **In Camera Items**

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss the Acquisition, Sale, Lease, and Security of Municipal Property and Litigation/Potential Litigation at

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded

That the In-Camera session be adjourned at 7:35

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends to Municipal Council that the Agreement between the Municipality, Town of Antigonish and Pictou Antigonish Regional Library concerning how the People's Place Library is maintained, improved and spaces used or leased be approved, conditional on the other partners approving the same

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends to Municipal Council that the lease for rooms at the People's Place Library between the Municipality and Town of Antigonish and the Antigonish County Adult Learning Association and the Antigonish Chamber of Commerce be approved as presented, conditional on the other parties approving the same.

Motion Carried

Moved

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm for the Council meeting.

Motion Carried

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called back to order at 8:20pm.

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to resume discussion on the Acquisition, Sale, Lease, and Security of Municipal Property and Litigation/Potential Litigation at 8:20pm.

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded

The In-Camera session was adjourned at 8:45pm

Motion Carried

12. Adjournment

Moved

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:46pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO