

# MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF **ANTIGONISH**

## Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, March 9, 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

### Also Present:

Matt Draper, 98.9XFM

Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

Corey LeBlanc (by Zoom)

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

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

- Item 5(a) - Cheque Presentation was deferred to a future meeting
- Item 5(b) - Presentation of Community Spirit Award was added to the meeting

### **Min # 2021-028**

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

**Motion Carried**

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**Approval of February 9, 2021 Municipal Council Minutes**

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

**Min # 2021-029**

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of February 9, 2021 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

**Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**Presentations**

Presentation of the Community Spirit Award

Mr. Horne read out a letter from the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, presenting the Municipality with a Community Spirit Award from the Province in recognition of the work done in and by the community during the pandemic response in 2020. The Lieutenant Governor intends to present the Municipality with the award in person once he is able to travel.

**Correspondence**

Mr. Horne reviewed the correspondence that was included in the agenda package.

February 10, 2021 - Town of Stellarton, Support for SPCA

Mr. Horne reviewed the letter regarding the new SPCA facility, and follow-up will take place regarding any funding assistance requests.

February 18, 2021 - Minister Hines - Response Regarding Summerside Bayfield Road Concerns

Mr. Horne read out the letter provided by Minister Hines. Councillor Dunbar expressed his thanks to the Minister for the information, and thanked Council for their support to send the letter.

March 4, 2021 - Department of Municipal Affairs 12-month Notice Letter to NSFM for 2021/2022

Mr. Horne highlighted several sections of the letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs.

**Committee Reports**

February 18, 2021 EMO Advisory Committee Report

Councillor MacDonald reviewed the EMO committee report for Council. No recommendations were made.

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February 23, 2021 Asset Management Committee Report

Councillor MacFarlane reviewed the Asset Management Committee report for Council. No recommendations were made.

February 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole Report

**Min # 2021-030**

Moved and Seconded

That Council approves a streetlight installation at the intersection of East Tracadie Wharf Road and East Tracadie Road.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2021-031**

Moved and Seconded

That Council approves writing a letter in support of UA Local 244.

**Motion Carried**

February 24, 2021 Joint Council Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Horne reviewed the Joint Council Advisory Committee report for Council. No recommendations were made.

March 1, 2021 Planning Advisory Committee Report

**Min # 2021-032**

Moved and Seconded

Planning Advisory Committee recommend that the Municipality remove the 29% bedroom floor area minimum requirement from the Antigonish Fringe Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law. It is further recommended that Council give first reading to the proposed amendment and hold a public hearing.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2021-033**

Moved and Seconded

Planning Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the Antigonish Fringe Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law be amended as follows:

- Creating a Business Park designation and Business Commercial (BC-1) zone, along with accompanying policies and regulations.

- Redesignating PIDs 10106417, 10133726, 10133718, 10133668, and 10058212 from Commercial to Business Park.
- Redesignating PID 10106748 and part of PID 01249986 from Rural Development to Business Park
- Rezoning PID 10106417 from RG-1 Rural General to BC-1 Business Commercial.
- Rezoning PIDs 10133726, 10133718, and 10133668 from C-2 General Commercial to BC-1 Business Commercial.

and that Council give first reading to the proposed amendments and hold a public hearing.

**Motion Carried**

March 2, 2021 Committee of the Whole Report

**Min # 2021-034**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council amend the position of Supervisor of Water and Wastewater Operations, as proposed.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2021-035**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the creation of Utility Lead Operator, as proposed.

**Motion Carried**

March 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole Report

**Min # 2021-036**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve a bid of \$12,560 for the tendered tax sale of AAN 00160679, 3 Linwood Station Road.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2021-037**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve adding AAN#04400623, for the St. Columbus Church and Glebe House, to the list of properties provided with a tax exemption under the Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations Policy

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2021-038**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve a streetlight on a curve in East Havre Boucher, near Civic #12929 Highway 4.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2021-039**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council provide \$1000 to the St. Martha's Foundation Auxiliary for their Treat Box Fundraiser.

**Motion Carried**

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

The following reports were provided:

- Councillor Deveau provided a brief update from the OHS Committee meeting that was held earlier in the month
- Councillor Dunbar provided a detailed update from the most recent Antigonish Arena Board meeting. This included an acknowledgement of the Arena Manager's 25th anniversary of working with the arena.
- Councillor Brophy is completing his orientation with the RK MacDonald Board
- Warden McCarron met with Sean Fraser and other Mayors and Wardens from the Region for pre-budget consultation. He also attended the opening of the Indigenous Centre at the Coady at St. FX. Warden McCarron noted that he is still part of weekly discussions with the University regarding their COVID-19 response. He also attended a presentation from the Quality of Life initiative, and a board meeting with the new Community Physician Navigator

**Motions**

Proclamation of March 26, 2021 as Purple Day for Epilepsy

**Min # 2021-040**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the resolution proclaiming March 26, 2021 as Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness in Antigonish County.

**Motion Carried**

**Miscellaneous Business**

There was no miscellaneous business.

**Adjournment**

**Min # 2021-041**

Moved and Seconded

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:07 pm.

**Motion Carried**

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Warden Owen McCarron

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Glenn Horne, CAO

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