

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF  
**ANTIGONISH**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**

A Committee of the Whole Meeting was held Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administrative Centre, 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish NS.

Present were:           Warden Owen McCarron, Chair  
                              Councillor Mary MacLellan  
                              Councillor Donnie MacDonald  
                              Councillor Rémi Deveau  
                              Councillor John Dunbar  
                              Councillor Gary Mattie  
                              Councillor Neil Corbett  
                              Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer  
Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator  
Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Regrets:                 Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart  
                              Councillor Vaughan Chisholm

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron, at 5:30pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

*Moved by Councillor Deveau and seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Warden McCarron called three times for any errors or omissions in the May 1<sup>st</sup> Committee of the Whole minutes.

*Moved by Councillor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the Committee of the Whole minutes of May 1<sup>st</sup> be approved as presented. Motion carried.*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Mr. Horne told Council that recent correspondence from the province regarding infrastructure funding alluded to the fact that there will be no spring call for infrastructure funding; it will take place in the fall.

Councillor Dunbar asked if he could have further clarification on topics from the previous meeting regarding funding request for Les Jeux de L'Acadie and the Rural Hockey League.

## **BUDGET DELIBERATIONS**

### **A. Consideration of Community Partnership Grants**

Mr. Horne asked Councillors if they had any concerns with the recommended amounts for the Community Partnerships Grants. Mr. Horne proceeded through the list of requests and recommended amounts and encouraged Council to ask any questions along the way.

#### **Arisaig Parish Community Centre**

Councillor MacLellan asked for the request from the Arisaig Parish Community Centre for the pickle ball courts to be reconsidered. Councillor MacLellan would like a start-up grant given to the group of \$50,000 (1/3 of the complete project cost). Warden McCarron suggested that the group may be eligible for infrastructure funding. The committee has ask to see the full list of expenses and would provide the \$50,000 if all other monies were raised with external sources.

#### **Antigonish Highland Games**

The Committee discussed and suggested a \$5000 grant and cover up an addition \$5000 in the event of a deficit.

#### **Linwood Community Centre**

The Committee discussed and increased the recommended grant from \$2000 to \$5000 to help build a permanent washroom facility at the Centre.

#### **Music on Main**

The Committee discussed and agreed to match the Town of Antigonish's financial contribution to a maximum of \$5000.

The Committee agreed with the remaining recommendations and they will be included in the budget.

### **B. Consideration of Individual Grant Requests:**

Discussion was held on the following individual grant requests:

**Antigonish Community Transit**

**Antigonish Heritage Museum**

**Antigonish Crime Prevention**

**Destination Eastern & Northumberland Shores**

Consensus from the Committee was to proceed to the budget with the recommended amounts.

#### **Antigonish Farmers Market**

A request has been made to the County for \$200,000 for the new Antigonish Farmers Market. The overall cost of the project is expected to be \$2.1 Million. The group has also asked the Town of Antigonish for \$150,000. Staff will look into the possibility of providing the group with \$100,000 this year and \$100,000 next year and the Committee would like to see a breakdown of expenses.

**INTER-MUNICIPAL BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**

**Antigonish Arena Commission**

The Antigonish Arena Commission met last week and one of the items on the agenda was to review the proposed budget for the coming year. Through that exercise they found out that the arena commission is sitting on a large debt.

Staff have met with the Town and have agreed to have a third party review all internal financial controls of the Antigonish Arena.

There will be an RFP for a new auditor for the Arena Commission.

**IN-CAMERA: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

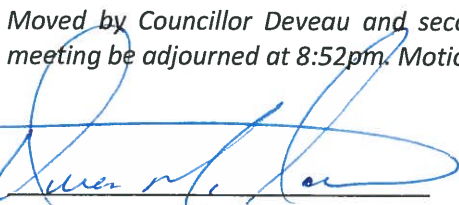
These subject matters fall within Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act as matters that a committee may discuss in a closed session. It is recommended a motion be made to initiate an in-camera session.

*Moved by Councillor Deveau and seconded by Councillor Dunbar that the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss the Contract Negotiations at 8:37pm. Motion carried.*

*Moved by Councillor Dunbar and seconded by Councillor Corbett that the In-Camera session be adjourned at 8:52pm. Motion carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved by Councillor Deveau and seconded by Councillor Corbett that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:52pm. Motion carried.*



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer