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

**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 6:30 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 Vaughan Chisholm  
Councillor Remi Deveau  
Councillor John Dunbar  
Councillor Neil Corbett  
Councillor Bill MacFarlane  
Regrets: Councillor Gary Mattie  
Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer  
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk  
John Bain, Director - Eastern District Planning Commission

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 6:34

2. **Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Shredding documents
- Card for Councillor Mattie
- Update on Antigonish Community Transit (in-camera)

**Moved By** Councillor Deveau

**Seconded By** Councillor MacLellan

*That the agenda be approved as amended.*

**Motion : Carried**

3. **Approval of September 18th Committee of the Whole Minutes**

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in the September 18th Committee of the Whole Minutes.

**Moved By Councillor MacDonald**

**Seconded By Councillor Corbett**

*That the Committee of the Whole minutes of September 18th, 2018 be approved as presented*

**Motion : Carried**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Councillor MacFarlane asked whether there were any updates regarding the skateboard park. A review of the discussions that took place on September 18th and at the Joint Town and County Council meeting was provided.

5. **New Business**

a. **Amendments to the Municipal Government Act Related to Planning**

Mr. Bain provided members of the Committee with a copy of Bill 58, which received first reading last week and is currently being reviewed at Law Amendments. Mr. Bain provided some background on the amendment, and the public consultation process. He also highlighted some of the key changes that this proposed Bill makes to the Municipal Government Act (MGA). Discussion followed. Mr. Bain was thanked for the update.

b. **Consideration of a Nuisance By-law**

Mr. Horne introduced a discussion regarding the possibility of a Nuisance By-law, in response to an ongoing concern with an operation that is generating dust that is impacting a neighbouring residence. Letters have been written to the operator that is causing concern. The residents have requested that the discussion be brought back to the Committee for discussion.

Mr. Bain provided further updates about the involvement of the Planning Commission regarding this particular site over the past few years. Mr. Bain noted that the Municipality would need to appoint the Building Inspector as a Special Constable to be able to apply fines under the By-law. Mr. Bain will write a letter to the property owner for this year regarding the land use, and will send Council a request regarding the appointment of Special Constable for the local Building Inspectors at a future date.

**c. Approval of An Excused Absence**

Mrs. Schumacher brought forward a request for the Committee to provide Councillor Mattie with an excused absence from regular Council meetings due to an extended medical treatment in Halifax. Councillor Mattie is expected to return at the end of October.

**Moved By** Councillor MacFarlane  
**Seconded By** Councillor Dunbar

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council provide Councillor Mattie with an excused absence from regular Council Meetings for medical reasons.*

**Motion : Carried**

**6. Reports from Inter-Municipal Boards, Committees and Commissions**

**a. Antigonish Heritage Museum Board**

Councillor Corbett provided an update: the Committee met at the end of September, and the operations of the museum over the summer were reviewed. An idea of a gift shop was brought up, and the site is having challenges with their software.

**b. Antigonish Arena Commission**

Nothing to report; the next meeting is October 18th. The parking lot has been paved.

**c. Antigonish Crime Prevention**

Nothing to report.

**d. Eastern District Planning Commission**

A Board meeting took place on the 27th; it was the first meeting since the Town joined, and went well.

**e. Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management Committee**

September 27th the Board met, and discussed the EPR. A survey with the NSFPM is being run through the consultation sessions over the fall, including the session that was held in Port Hawkesbury on October 1st. The Efficiency Study has been stalled, but there are some municipalities that still need to respond. The paint program has changed, and only damaged cans can be picked up curbside; all others must be delivered to the landfill or a designated depot. C&D material management was also discussed.

**f. Eastern-Strait Regional Enterprise Network**

Nothing to report.

**g. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library**

Antigonish Library Staff received a cheque for \$7,100 from the McHappy Day fundraising effort. The Library has posted a grant position that involves advocating library services in the community. Mr. Horne provided an update regarding the motion to provide funds to allow a cost of living raise to PARL staff; the cheque was returned as not all PARL municipalities participated.

**h. RK MacDonald Nursing Home**

The 60th anniversary of the facility is taking place this week; Councillors have received invitations.

**i. NSFM Community Consultations**

Councillor Corbett attended the NSFM priorities session in Port Hawkesbury on October 1st. The funding programs for accessibility upgrades was discussed, as well as the CAP program, upcoming cannabis legislation, EPR, and schools that are closing and reverting to municipalities. Further discussions included housing for seniors, immigration, and doctor recruitment.

**7. Community Events**

The following community events were reported:

- Chase the Ace is taking place in various community centres
- Christmas Bazaar in Arisaig November 4th
- Dinner and auction to provide the Maryvale school was well attended on September 29th
- In St. Joseph's, the local mural was unveiled and well received by the community
- PowWow took place at Paqtnkek: those who attended provided an update
- Deputy Warden Stewart and Councillor Chisholm provided a summary from the Police Conference they attended earlier in September.

**8. Additions to the Agenda**

**a. Document Shredding**

Councillor MacLellan asked about the proper method for disposing of unwanted paperwork. Discussion followed.

**b. Get Well Gift for Councillor Mattie**

Councillor MacLellan asked that a card and basket be sent to Councillor Mattie.

9. **In Camera Items**

**Moved By** Councillor Deveau  
**Seconded By** Councillor Dunbar

*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 Contract Negotiations at 7:55pm*

**Motion : Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Dunbar  
**Seconded By** Councillor Deveau

*That the in-camera session be adjourned at 8:25*

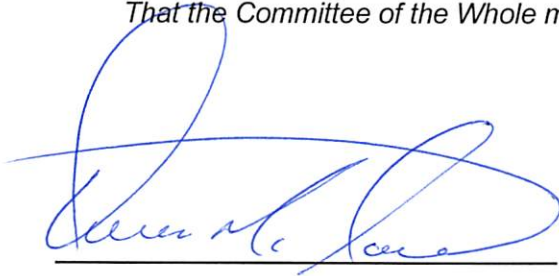
**Motion : Carried**

10. **Adjournment**

**Moved By** Councillor Chisholm

*That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:26*

**Motion : Carried**



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer