

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF **ANTIGONISH**

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 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 Gary Mattie
 Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Councillor Neil Corbett

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer
 Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
 Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Also Present: John Beaton, ESREN

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 6:11pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

- Discussion About Recent Media Coverage Regarding Local Surgeon
- Regional Basketball advertisement request
- Music of the Night advertisement request.

Moved By Councillor Dunbar
Seconded By Councillor Deveau

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of December 19, 2018 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

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

Moved By Councillor MacDonald
Seconded By Councillor Mattie

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of December 19, 2018 be approved as presented

Motion Carried

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. **Continuing Business**

a. **Discussion with Representatives with ESREN**

Moved By Councillor Deveau
Seconded By Councillor Chisholm

That the Committee of the Whole adjourn into an in-camera session to discuss contract negotiations at 6:14pm.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Chisholm
Seconded By Councillor Dunbar

That the In-Camera session be adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Motion Carried

6. **New Business**

a. **Discussion about Private Road Maintenance Levy Options**

Councillor MacDonald introduced Mr. McCaull, and gave a brief background on the request. Mr. McCaull spoke to the idea of what is being sought by the residents of Terra Tory Drive. The primary concern is the collection of dues by the road committee. For this particular scenario, there are roughly 38 properties that would be impacted by this proposal. The other option being explored by the group is to form a society registered with the province, and look to acquire the roadway or negotiate with the road owner for its maintenance. They may also

explore what options there are to bring portions of the roadway up to standards to make it eligible for consideration to be made into a municipal roadway.

Discussion followed. Councillor MacDonald thanked Mr. McCaull for bringing the issue forward to the Committee and for appearing before the Committee to answer any questions. Consensus was received from the Committee to have staff prepare a report with further analysis of the subject.

Councillor MacFarlane left the meeting at 7:49 pm.

b. Update on Single-Use Plastic-Film Shopping Bag Initiatives

Mrs. Schumacher provided a summary of the memo included in the agenda package, which includes a summary on actions taken to date by ERSWM in their efforts for a plastic bag ban. The options available for the Committee's consideration are listed. Discussion followed. The Committee asked staff to further investigate options and return with a report.

Allison Duggan left the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Councillor Mattie left the meeting at 8:16 pm.

7. Reports from Inter-Municipal Boards, Committees and Commissions

a. Antigonish Heritage Museum Board

- There were no updates to report.

b. Antigonish Arena Commission

- The next meeting January 16th
- Audited financial statements and financial review will be received, and the selection of new board members is being discussed.

c. Antigonish Crime Prevention

- The next meeting January 17th.

d. Eastern District Planning Commission

- The next meeting is January 10th.

g. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

- The Province has given Boards a one-time funding boost for this year; further updates were provided regarding how this impacts library funding.

h. RK MacDonald Nursing Home

- A staffing update was provided.

8. Community Events

- Chase the Ace in St. Joseph's Friday nights
- Festival Antigonish Kickoff Dinner coming up
- Challenger Baseball Fundraiser Dinner February 9th.
- Pickleball Group Information will be sent out
- Arisaig Hall now has floor curling

Warden McCarron provided an update on the Electoral Boundaries consultation meeting that was held on January 5th.

9. Additions to the Agenda

a. Discussion About Recent Media Coverage Regarding Local Surgeon

Councillor Dunbar brought forward information recently in the media regarding a local surgeon, and how this ties into local doctor/surgeon shortage and work/life balance concerns. Discussion followed. With a doctor recruitment committee meeting scheduled to take place on Monday January 14th, it was suggested that this be brought up in that forum to express Council's concern with losing a local surgeon.

b. Music of the Night Request

Mr. Horne reviewed an advertising opportunity for a local high school band performance. A variety of advertisement sizes are available. Consensus of Council is to pair with the Town to do a half page advertisement.

c. Regional Basketball Request

A request for purchasing an advertisement in the program for the Ian Spencer Memorial Tournament, being hosted by the Dr. J.H. Gillis Regional Royals senior girls' basketball team. Consensus of the Committee was to look at splitting a full page ad with the Town.

10. Adjournment

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:49

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer