

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 5:30 pm

Council Chambers

Municipal Administration Building

285 Beech Hill Road

Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

1. Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of January 8, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Delegations
6. Continuing Business
 - a. Dog Control By-law and Policy Updates
Following feedback from the public consultation period in late 2018, staff revised the draft by-law and policy regarding dog control. More information can be found in the attached staff report.
 - b. Consideration of Economic Development Options
Please refer to the memo provided by Mr. Horne by email on Dec. 11, 2018, and the presentation by ESREN CEO John Beaton on Jan. 8, 2018.
7. New Business
 - a. The Nitap Program
A presentation by the Recreation Director on "The Nitap Program: Honouring Culture, Empowering Our People". The Nitap program is a 16 week program in the community of Paqtnkek which combines recreation and traditional indigenous activities to increase participation in recreation and community activities in Paqtnkek.
 - b. Antigonish Community Sport Collaborative
Joint Town & County council recently heard a presentation from Stephanie Spencer, Highland Region Sport Consultant with Sport Nova Scotia, on the proposed Antigonish Community Sport Collaborative. This item has been added to committee of the Whole for further discussion.
8. Community Events
This item provides Councillors with an opportunity to briefly bring to the attention of Council events that are taking place in their communities.
9. Staff Reports
 - a. Administration
Antigonish Economic Assessment: The Antigonish Economic Assessment, in partnership with the Town of Antigonish and ESREN, has entered the direct data collection phase. A survey is being circulated to business owners and senior managers through the ESREN, Chamber of Commerce and other means. Interviews are also being conducted with twelve business owners who operate in the Antigonish area representing a variety of sectors. Information gained through this assessment will

support decision making around initiatives to support and expand the economic base in the Antigonish area foster economic growth.

Antigonish Skate Park: On Friday, December 21, Municipal Clerk Treasurer Glenn Horne and Town CAO Jeff Lawrence met with Antigonish MLA Randy Delorey to update Mr. Delorey on progress being made on the Antigonish Skate Park and discuss funding opportunities.

- b. RCMP Report - November and December 2018
- c. EDPC Building Permit Reports - 2018 Year-end Summary

- 10. Additions to the Agenda
- 11. In Camera Items
- 12. Adjournment

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CHART December, 2017 (amended Mar. 2018)

COUNCIL PRIORITIES	
NOW <ol style="list-style-type: none"> BROADBAND PROPOSAL: Agreement – Jan. INTERNET SERVICE: Business Case – March CELLULAR SERVICE: Business Case – May NEW BUSINESS PARK: Options – June REN STRATEGY: Review – Mar. 	
NEXT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCESSIBILITY: Audit INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING: PLAN WATER: Assessment & Projects SEWER: Assessment & Projects GUYSBOROUGH: Collaboration Meeting TOURISM PROGRAM: Review 	ADVOCACY/PARTNERSHIPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Broadband Funding (Province)</i> <i>Long-Term Care Facility Funding (Province)</i> <i>Aging In Place Program (Province)</i> <i>NS Broadband Study (Province)</i> <i>PFN: CEDI Initiatives</i>
CLERK TREASURER	FINANCE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> REN STRATEGY: Review – Mar. INDUSTRIAL PARK –LAND AD, SALE & NEW BUSINESS PARK: Options - June Asset Management System: Phase 1 – June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Management Coordination Leadership Team Development Program 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING: Plan – Jun Water Meter System: Integration Landfill Billing System: Review – Mar. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Utility Rates: Review – Oct. Information Technology Strategy: Sept
PUBLIC WORKS	RECREATION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> SEWER TREATMENT: Assessments & Problem ID – Sept. WATER SYSTEM: Assessment – Mar. WATER SYSTEM: Upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate Asset Condition Assessments 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Active Transportation: Action Plan – April. MPAL: Recreation Plan – June. Part Time Staff Leadership Program – April Support Community Initiatives – Jan 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreation for All Program – Jan 2019
SUSTAINABILITY	PLANNING
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ACCESSIBILITY: Audit – Mar. Emergency Business Continuity Plan – May. Renewable Energy: Options – June (Prov.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PFN: CEDI Initiative Next Steps – April Municipal Awareness Strategy – September 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> EASTERN ANTIGONISH PLAN REVIEW – Sept. <i>Civic Address Internal Audit</i> – April Amendments – PAC Jan/Feb. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antigonish Affordable Housing (Phase 3) MacDonald Dairy Warehouse Levy's Leather Warehouse
ADMINISTRATION	ADMINISTRATION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> BROADBAND PROPOSAL: Agreement – Jan. INTERNET SERVICE: Business Case – March CELLULAR SERVICE: Business Case – May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Review Online Media Refresh 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GUYSBOROUGH: Collaboration – Mar. TOURISM Review/Scan – Mar. Internet Upgrades – Mar. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Court House: Assessment - Mar Dog Control Program: Review - June

CODES: BOLD CAPITALS = NOW Priorities; CAPITALS = NEXT Priorities; *Italics* = Advocacy; Regular Title Case = Operational Strategies

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

STAFF REPORT

TO: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FROM: BETH SCHUMACHER, DEPUTY CLERK
SUBJECT: ***A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP OF DOGS***
DATE: January 15, 2019

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Municipal Council provide first reading to the proposed By-law XX-2019, Being a By-Law Respecting the Responsible Ownership of Dogs.

SUMMARY

Municipal staff has undertaken a review of the Dog By-law and Policy, and has updated the documents to incorporate the following changes:

- Removing reference to “restricted breeds” of dogs;
- Providing greater clarification and direction in dealing with dogs exhibited “fierce or dangerous” behaviours;
- Outlining steps and actions of the Dog Control Officer to provide greater clarification of process, and to incorporate suggestions from experience and court decisions; and,
- Formatting and content changes to bring the by-law in line with other municipalities in the province.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with sections 172 through 176 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipality has had a by-law in place that addresses dogs; specifically regarding what actions the Municipality will take if a dog is at large in the community, if it attacks other pets or people, and if the noise of a dog (e.g. barking) is a nuisance. This by-law has been updated several times since it was first passed, with the most recent updates taking place in 2013 and 2016.

Over the past three years, there have been several communities in Canada with dog control by-laws that restrict certain breeds of dogs that have been challenged in court. Public opinion regarding these breed-specific restrictions has also changed, and staff felt that it would be in the Municipality’s best interest to update these sections of the by-law to focus on behaviour of dogs instead of their breed. Staff took advantage of the opportunity to make other general amendments to the document as noted above, to further update the wording, processes and layout of the document while it was under consideration for amendments.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Once the draft by-law was prepared, it was presented to a volunteer staff review committee, and was then presented to the Committee of the Whole on October 16, 2018. Following this, the draft by-law was presented for public review and comment. A copy of the draft document was posted on the Municipal website, and was advertised through the website, the Municipality’s social media accounts, and with an advertisement that ran in the local paper for

two weeks during the consultation period. Copies of the consultation notice were also dropped off at Happy Dogs Antigonish, Summerbrooke Doggy Daycare and Boarding, the Co-op, the local SPCA office, and local dog supply and food stores. Print-outs of the draft by-law were also made available at the reception desk at the Municipal Administration Building, for residents who were not able to access the draft by-law online.

Seven written submissions were received, and three individuals called staff at the Municipal Office. Staff monitored comments made on the social media platforms and encouraged those who expressed concerns to submit those concerns to the staff email given in the advertisement. Staff further responded to each of the written submissions, to thank those for participating, answering questions, or asking for clarification. Copies of the written submissions received are attached as Appendix “A” to this report.

A summary of the concerns raised during the public review were as follows:

- The 72-hour window given for retrieving an impounded dog was thought to be too short. 72 hours was the timeline used in the previous version of this by-law, and is generally the figure used by other municipalities. Given the reasons for the concern, and after consulting with the Dog Control Officer about pound capacity and her thoughts, staff adjusted references to this timeline to reference “three (3) business days”, which would allow for a greater window of time for action if a dog happened to be impounded on, or directly before, the weekend.
- A question was asked about whether electronic wireless training collars would be considered “leashes” under this by-law; staff noted that they would not.
- Whether there are any talks about having a dog park in the community.
- General questions about the location, conditions, and inspection requirements for the pound and the training / qualifications of the Dog Control Officer.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Dog Control program runs on a \$10,000.00 budget annually, which covers the Dog Control officer stipend, pound costs, mileage, and equipment. No further annual expenses are currently anticipated as a result of updating this by-law.

ALTERNATIVES

Council may choose to provide first reading to the by-law and the policy as proposed, or to direct staff to review or modify any sections of the by-law or policy as they feel is appropriate. Alternatively, they may also choose to stay with the existing Dog By-law that is in place now.

NEXT STEPS

If Council chooses to give first reading to the by-law tonight, the By-law will be scheduled for second and final reading at an upcoming Council meeting, with a notice of that second reading being published in the newspaper at least 14 days in advance of that meeting taking place. The amendments to the Dog Control Policy would be scheduled to be considered for approval on that same evening.

By-LAW XX-2019

BEING A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP OF DOGS

WHEREAS Section 172(1) of the Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act (MGA) provides Municipalities with the power to make by-laws, for Municipal purposes, respecting the health, well-being, safety and protection of persons; the safety and protection of property; the regulation of businesses and respecting nuisances, activities and things that, in the opinion of Council, may be or may cause nuisances, including noise; and,

WHEREAS Section 174(f) of the MGA provides Municipalities with the power to make by-laws respecting wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them; and,

WHEREAS Section 175 of the MGA provides Municipalities with the power to make by-laws specifically pertaining to dogs; and,

WHEREAS Section 176 of the MGA provides Peace Officers with the power to make application for a warrant to search and seize a dangerous dog; and,

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Antigonish does not subscribe to nor endorse Breed Specific Legislation in relation to its Dog By-law;

NOW THERE BE IT ENACTED AS FOLLOWS:

INTERPRETATION

1. Short Title

1.1. This by-law shall be known, and may be cited as, the “***Dog By-Law***”.

2. Purpose

2.1. The purpose of this By-law is to provide for responsible ownership and orderly control of dogs in the Municipality.

3. Definitions

In this By-Law:

3.1. “Attack” means an assault resulting in bleeding, bone breakage, sprains, or serious bruising.

3.2. “Bite” means a wound to the skin causing it to puncture or break.

3.3. “Clerk” means the Clerk of the Municipality.

3.4. “Council” means the Council of the Municipality.

3.5. “Dog” means any dog, male or female, of any age.

- 3.6. "Dogs Running At Large" means any dog that is off the premises occupied by the owner without being under the continuous restraint and control of some person is deemed to be running at large for the purposes of this By-law.
- a) A dog that is tethered on a tether of sufficient length to permit the dog to leave the property boundaries of the premises occupied by the owner is deemed to be running at large.
 - b) A dog shall be deemed to run at large where it is on any private property or premises without the permission of the owner or occupant thereof.
- 3.7. "Dog Control Officer" means a person appointed or authorized by the Municipality to enforce this by-law, a by-law enforcement officer appointed under the Police Act, or a peace officer.
- 3.8. "Domestic Animal" includes pets and farm animals.
- 3.9. "Extraordinary Expense" means any expense incurred by the staff of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish in relation to a dog except for the provision of food and shelter.
- 3.10. "Guide Dog" - see "Service Animal".
- 3.11. "Leash" means a device used by a person to restrict movement of a dog which is adequate for the effective control by the accompanying human of the movements of the dog;
- 3.12. "Municipality" means the Municipality of the County of Antigonish.
- 3.13. "Municipal Staff" means the Municipality's Dog Control Officer or a person appointed by the Clerk or Council to act on the Municipality's behalf for the purposes of this By-law, whose duties shall include acting as the Municipal Pound Keeper.
- 3.14. "Muzzled" means covered with a device of sufficient strength, placed over the mouth of a dog, to prevent it from biting, but which is appropriate to ensure that the dog's ability to breathe is not impaired.
- 3.15. "Organized hunt" means a controlled, organized pursuit of game or fowl using trained dogs, by duly licensed hunters.
- 3.16. "Owner" means any person who owns, possesses, has the care of, has control of, or harbours a dog and, where the person is a minor, includes a person responsible for the custody of the minor.
- 3.17. "Service Animal" means an animal trained by a recognized school for service as a guide dog for the blind or visually impaired, a guide dog for the deaf or hearing impaired, or a special skills dog for other persons in need and includes an animal used in therapy, registered with a recognized organization for that purpose.
- 3.18. Any term not defined herein shall have that meaning given in the *Municipal Government Act*, or in any replacement or successor legislation that empowers the Municipality to enact a by-law regulating dogs.

4. Headings

- 4.1. The headings used in this by-law are inserted for reference purposes only and are not to be considered or taken into account in construing the by-law.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS

5. Responsible Dog Ownership

- 5.1. The owner of a dog shall ensure, while the dog is off the property occupied by the owner that the dog is under control by means of either a harness or a leash.
- 5.2. The owner of a dog shall ensure that the dog is not running at large anywhere in the Municipality.
- 5.3. An unleashed and unharnessed dog that is under continuous human restraint and control shall not be deemed to be running at large if at the time the dog is:
- a) Participating in an organized hunt, organized dog exhibition or dog field trials;
 - b) Participating in a search and rescue operation or law enforcement operation;
 - c) Assisting a person with a disability, provided the dog is trained for such purposes; or
 - d) Working on a farm.
- 5.4. The owner of a dog shall ensure that the dog:
- a) Does not, without provocation, attack, chase, bite or injure any other domestic animal or person;
 - b) Does not, without provocation, damage any property; and,
 - c) Does not disturb the quiet of the neighbourhood by howling, barking or in any other manner, as outlined in Section 17.2.
- 5.5. Every owner of a dog that defecates on public or private property other than the property of its owner shall immediately remove the feces. Failure to remove the feces shall constitute a nuisance and every owner who causes such nuisance is guilty of an offence.
- a) This requirement does not apply to a handler of a service dog, where the handler is not reasonably able to remove the feces left by such dog due to a physical disability or impediment.
- 5.6. Obedience training of unleashed dogs conducted off the property occupied, or owned, by the owner of the dog may be permitted by the Dog Control Officer provided certain provisions, as outlined in the Dog Control Policy, are met.
- 5.7. Any person who fails to maintain and control a dog as required by this section commits an offence and is subject to the penalties prescribed in section 18.

DOG CONTROL AND POUND

6. Dog Control Officer and Pound

6.1. The Council of the Municipality may hereby authorize:

- a) The establishment, maintenance and operation of facilities for the impounding of dogs at such place or places and upon such premises, as the Council may determine, by resolution.
- b) The making of an agreement with such persons, firms, societies or corporations as may be fit for the purpose of maintaining and operating a pound, for regulating the conduct of the pound, and providing for the collection, distribution and payment of revenue and expenditures derived from the operation of the Pound.

6.2. Municipal staff shall be responsible for the enforcement of this By-law.

7. Impounding Dogs

7.1. The Dog Control Officer, without notice or complaint against the Owner of a dog, may capture and impound any dog in circumstances where the Dog Control Officer reasonably believes the dog:

- a) Is running at large contrary to this By-law;
- b) Without provocation, has attacked, bitten, or injured any other domestic animal or person, or damaged any property contrary to this By-law; or,
- c) Is fierce or dangerous; is rabid or appears to be rabid or exhibits symptoms of canine madness.

7.2. Notwithstanding subsection 7.1, a Dog Control Officer, without notice or complaint against the Owner of a dog, may apply for a warrant to seize any dog where the Dog Control Officer is investigating a report and the Dog Control Officer reasonably believes a person is harbouring, keeping, or an under care, control, or direction a dog that:

- a) Is fierce or dangerous;
- b) Is rabid or appears to be rabid;
- c) Exhibits symptoms of canine madness; or,
- d) Persistently disturbs the quiet of the neighbourhood by barking, howling or otherwise.

7.3. The Dog Control Officer may pass over the land of any person while pursuing a dog under this By-law but this section is not to be construed to provide immunity against the action for actual damage to the property of any person.

8. Procedure After Impounding

- 8.1. The Dog Control Officer, upon seizure or impoundment of a dog at large, shall make every effort to inform the dog owner(s), if known, that the dog has been seized and impounded, including review of information from tags, tattoos, or microchips. Details on the steps of notifying the owner of a dog's impoundment are detailed in the Dog Control Policy.
- 8.2. Notwithstanding subsection 8.1, if a dog is missing, the onus is on the Owner of the dog to ascertain whether the dog has been impounded, by personally visiting the pound or calling the pound within the time limit provided in this By-law.

9. Rabid or Diseased Dogs

- 9.1. A Dog Control Officer may, without notice to or complaint against the owner, impound a dog that is, or appears to be, rabid or exhibiting symptoms of canine madness. Such dogs shall be held for ten (10) days, in accordance with the Nova Scotia Rabies Response Plan.
- 9.2. When a dog is impounded under this clause, the Dog Control Officer shall consult with a veterinarian, or other qualified person, to confirm that the dog is in fact rabid or suffering from canine madness and, if so, the dog shall be humanely euthanized.
- 9.3. If a dog impounded under this clause is found not to be rabid or suffering canine madness, it shall be dealt with under section 8.

10. Reclaiming and Releasing Dogs

- 10.1. If the owner claims the dog and proves ownership, within the given timeframe, and pays the Dog Impound fee, the Dog Control Officer shall deliver the dog to the owner at the Pound.
- 10.2. Where a dog has been impounded and deemed fierce or dangerous, or where the Dog Control Officer is not satisfied that releasing a dog under subsection would be conducive to public safety, the officer may require the owner to provide him with a written description of measures that will be taken to ensure that the dog is properly controlled, and an undertaking to carry out those measures.
- 10.3. An owner who fails to comply with an undertaking given under subsection 10.2 commits an offence, and the dog shall be seized and impounded and dealt with under section 15.
- 10.4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the owner of any dog that has been impounded either pursuant to this By-law, any previous by-law, or the warrant provisions contained in the Municipal Government Act, for its third infraction of running at large or persistently disturbing the quiet of the neighbourhood by barking, howling, or in any other manner contrary to this By-law within the space of twenty-four (24) months may not be permitted to redeem such dog at the discretion of the Dog Control Officer. The dog may be surrendered to the local SPCA or dealt with under section 11.2.

11. Euthanizing a Dog

11.1. The Dog Control Officer, without notice to or complaint against the Owner, may request the assistance of enforcement officers to euthanize on sight any dog that is fierce or dangerous, is running at large and eluding capture, or is rabid or appears to be rabid, if:

- a) The dog poses an immediate danger to a person or a domestic animal or to property of persons other than the Owner; and,
- b) It is not reasonably possible to safely capture the dog.

11.2. Where an impounded dog;

- a) Has not been claimed, and the required fees paid, within three (3) business days of seizure;
- b) Has not been released under subsections 10.2 or 10.4; or
- c) Has been seized and impounded under subsection 10.3

and any application for review under Section 16 in respect of the dog has been heard and rejected, a Dog Control Officer, or any person authorized by a Dog Control Officer may surrender the dog to the local SPCA or humanely euthanize the dog.

11.3. Where a dog is euthanized under this by-law, the means used shall be humane.

DOGS THAT BITE OR ATTACK

12. Fierce or Dangerous Dogs

12.1. A dog is fierce and dangerous within the meaning of this By-law if:

- a) The dog has bitten a person or domestic animal;
- b) The dog has approached any person in a vicious or terrorizing manner in an apparent attitude of attack;
- c) The dog has a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack, to cause injury to, or otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals;
- d) Without provocation has injured or damaged any property;
- e) The dog is owned or harboured in whole or in part for the purpose of dog fighting; or,
- f) The dog is trained for dog fighting.

12.2. Any person who owns, harbours, keeps or has under care, control and direction a dog that is fierce or dangerous within the meaning of this By-law commits an offence, unless there is a circumstance that excuses the aggressive behaviour of a dog, such as:

- a) The dog, at the time of the aggressive behaviour, was acting in defense of itself or a person;

- b) The dog, or its young, immediately prior to the aggressive behaviour, was being abused or tormented by the person or domestic animal attacked or injured;
- c) The dog was acting as a professionally trained guard dog while lawfully engaged for law enforcement or guard duties;
- d) The attack or bite was inflicted upon or sustained by a person who was committing one or more of the following:
 - I. A willful trespass or other tort;
 - II. A criminal act upon the premises occupied by the owner of the dog; or,
 - III. A trespass contrary to Provincial or Federal Legislation.

12.3. Where an Animal Control Officer has reason to believe that a dog has attacked a person or another animal, and the owner of the dog has been identified, the Animal Control Officer may do any one or combination of the following enforcement actions:

- a) Impound the dog for a period of no less than ten (10) days, as a means of quarantine to ensure that the dog is not suffering from rabies;
- b) Issue the owner a notice to muzzle the dog;
- c) Issue the owner a notice to microchip the dog;
- d) Classify the dog as a “Fierce or Dangerous” dog and require that it be registered; or
- e) Provide the owner of notice of their intent to have the dog euthanized.

12.4. The owner of a “Fierce or Dangerous” dog shall ensure that:

- a) Such dog does not, without provocation:
 - i. Chase a person or other domestic animals; or,
 - ii. Injure a person or other domestic animals; or,
 - iii. Bite a person or other domestic animals.
- b) Such a dog does not damage or destroy public or private property.

13. Containing Fierce or Dangerous Dogs

13.1. When such a dog is on the property of the owner:

- a) Either such dog is confined indoors and under the control of a person over the age of eighteen (18) years; or,
- b) When such dog is outdoors it is in a locked pen or other structure, constructed to prevent the escape of the fierce or dangerous dog and capable of preventing entry of any person not in control of the dog (e.g. unsupervised children).

13.2. At all times, when off the property of the owner, such dog is securely:

- a) Muzzled; and,

- b) Harnessed or leashed on a lead with a length not exceeding one (1) metre, so as to prevent the dog from chasing, injuring or biting humans or other domestic animals, as well as preventing damage to public or private property; and,
- c) Under the control of a person over the age of eighteen (18) years.

14. Registering Fierce and Dangerous Dogs

- 14.1. If the Dog Control Officer deems registration as a “fierce or dangerous” dog as the most appropriate course of action, the owner shall, within 30 days of receiving notification of that classification in writing from the Dog Control Officer, register the dog with the Municipality.
- 14.2. The Clerk, upon receipt of a completed application, shall keep the registration on file.
- 14.3. The owner of every registered dog shall advise the Clerk:
 - a) Of any change in the information provided in the application to register;
 - b) Of the death or the permanent removal of the dog from the Municipality.
- 14.4. A dog that is fierce or dangerous within the meaning of subsection 12.1, and which is not maintained or controlled in accordance with subsection 13.2 may be seized and impounded by the dog control officer.

15. Offence

- 15.1. Any person who fails to maintain and control a dog as required by sections 12 through 14 commits an offence and is subject to the penalties prescribed in section 19.

16. Appealing a Fierce or Dangerous Dog Classification

- 16.1. The owner of a dog, or any person authorized in writing by the owner, may apply to the Clerk for a review of the following matters under this by-law;
 - a) Whether a dog that has been seized under subsection 12.3 falls within the exceptions set out therein; or,
 - b) Whether a dog falls within the definition of a fierce or dangerous dog under section 12.1.
- 16.2. Any review shall be undertaken following the procedures outlined in the Dog Control Policy.

DOGS CAUSING DISTURBANCE

17. Forms of “Disturbance”

- 17.1. No dog shall be permitted to persistently disturb the quiet of a neighbourhood by barking, howling or otherwise making noise to a degree beyond what the Dog Control Officer determines to be normal.

17.2. In determining what is “normal” in the context of this section, the Dog Control Officer shall consider one or more, but not limited to, the following factors:

- a) The time of day that the dog is reported as disruptive;
- b) The frequency and duration of the reported disruptive behaviour; and,
- c) The proximity of neighbours and population density of the neighbourhood.

17.3. The owner of a dog which persistently disturbs the quiet of a neighbourhood within the meaning of this part commits an offence under this By-law. If the Dog Control Officer determines, upon reasonable grounds, that a dog is being disruptive, as defined in this section, the Dog Control Officer shall give a written warning to the dog owner before taking any other action under this By-law, which may include:

- a) Seizing and impounding a dog that disturbs the quiet of a neighbourhood within the meaning of this part.
- b) The penalties prescribed in section 18.

PENALTIES

18. Penalties

18.1. Any person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is punishable on summary conviction and is liable to a penalty as set out by Policy of Council in Schedule “A” of this By-law.

18.2. Any person in default of payment may be subject to further legal action, however the Municipality may, at its sole discretion, issue a written warning for a first offence rather than immediately imposing a fine.

18.3. In addition to the prosecution of any offence under this By-law, the Municipality may elect to charge the cost of impounding or the destruction of a dog, or the cremation and transportation of the remains of the dog to the owner’s property and collect such charge as a first lien on the owner’s property.

18.4. A person convicted of an offence under this by-law shall be liable to pay a fine of not more than \$10,000 and not less than \$300 and, in default of payment, shall be liable to serve a term of imprisonment for a period not exceeding 30 days.

18.5. A person who has contravened any part of this by-law may offer to pay to the Municipality a fee, in addition to any impound or release fees, as per the policy, to avoid prosecution and, if the Municipality agrees to accept that payment, and the payment is made, that person will not be prosecuted for the contravention. (Schedule “A”)

Repeal

19. All former by-laws passed by the Council of the Municipality in respect of the control, registration and regulation of dogs are hereby repealed and this By-law substituted therefore.
20. Notwithstanding section 19, this repeal shall not affect any investigation, fee, debt or charges incurred before such repeal or any procedure for enforcing the same completed or pending at the time of repeal, nor shall it repeal, defeat, disturb or prejudicially affect any matter or thing whatsoever completed, existing, or pending at the time of repeal.

CERTIFICATION PAGE

By-law XX-2019; Being a By-Law Respecting the Control and Regulation of Dogs

READ a first time this

_____ day of _____, 2019

READ a second time and passed this

_____ day of _____, 2019

Warden

Clerk

Notice of Adoption Published _____, 2019

FORM "A"

Application to Register a Fierce or Dangerous Dog

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Particulars of Dog: _____

Breed : _____

Physical description, including approximate weight, colouring and any distinguishing characteristics.

A current photograph of the dog must be attached.

Dog Name (if any) : _____

Dog Age (if known) : _____

Location where dog is to be kept: _____

I confirm that I now have, or will have within 14 days of registration, a pen or enclosure for the dog at the location at which it will be kept that conforms to the requirements of the Dog By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish.

I confirm that all of the information entered in this application is true and accurate.

Date: _____

Applicant

Registered this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Clerk

FORM "B"

Application to Appeal a Fierce or Dangerous Dog Classification

I hereby apply for a review in regard to a dog under the following provision of the Dog By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish:

- ☐ Subsection 12.1 - Whether the dog is fierce or dangerous as defined in the By-law

- ☐ Subsection 12.2 - Whether the dog that has attacked or bitten is within the exceptions provided in the By-law

Provide, and affix as a schedule, a brief account of the basis for the application, attaching copies of any documents or other material upon which you intend to rely.

Signature of Owner or Owner's authorized representative

Name (please print)

Date

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

TOPIC:	Dog Control Policy
POLICY NUMBER:	20
DATE APPROVED:	November 18, 2003 (Min#158)
DATE REVISED:	April 16, 2013 (2013-032)

1. TITLE

1.1 This Policy may be cited as the “Dog Control Policy”

2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

2.1 This Policy is supplementary to the Municipality’s By-law Respecting the Responsible Ownership of Dogs. All definitions in the “Dog By-law” apply to this policy. The purpose of this Policy is to establish procedures for the enforcement of the Dog By-law of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish. This Policy, in partnership with the “Dog By-law”, provides structure and guidance for the Municipal Dog Control Officer, who is employed by contract.

3. PAYMENT OF FEES

- 3.1 Any fees applicable to the release of impounded dogs can be found in the Municipal Fee Policy.
- 3.2 The owner or individual responsible for a dog(s) that has been impounded must first pay the Dog Control and Impoundment fees to the Municipality prior to the release of the dog(s).
- 3.3 This payment can be made directly to the Dog Control Officer or at the Municipal Administration Centre, 285 Beech Hill Road.
- 3.4 Personal cheques cannot be accepted for the payment of fees.
- 3.5 Upon receipt of verification of payment of the Dog Control and Impoundment fees, the Dog Control Officer for the Municipality may proceed with the release of the dog(s) in accordance with all other relevant sections of the By-law.

4. OFFSITE OBEDIENCE TRAINING

- 4.1 The following provisions must be met before the Dog Control Officer will permit obedience training of unleashed dogs conducted off the property occupied or owned by the Owner of the dog being trained or the trainer, as noted in Section 5.6 of the Dog By-law:
- 4.1.1 The applicant (trainer) provides a letter acknowledging any liability of risk associated with the unleashed dogs, and provides proof of sufficient liability insurance;
- 4.1.2 The applicant (trainer) provides a Companion Dog Certificate issued by the Canadian Kennel Club in compliance with the Canadian Kennel Club Obedience

Trial Rule Book, which ensures the applicant has trained at least one dog to the Companion Dog Level;

4.1.3 The training site is on private property and approved by the Dog Control Officer; and,

4.1.4 The applicant (trainer) provides a letter from the property owner granting permission to train dogs on the site, and holds the Municipality not liable for any action that may occur as a result of the dog training.

5. MUNICIPAL DOG POUND

5.1 Council shall appoint a Dog Control Officer who shall:

5.1.1 Collect on behalf of the Municipality any Impounding Fees, Daily Pound Fees as listed in the Municipal Fee Policy, and any other additional charges or fees as are authorized in the Dog By-law and as may be set by policy of Council.

5.1.2 Be responsible for the operation of the pound;

5.1.3 Provide adequate food and water to impounded dogs, in accordance with the standards outlined in the Canadian Kennel Code of Practice; and,

5.1.4 Keep the pound in a reasonable state of cleanliness, in accordance with the standards outlined in the Canadian Kennel Code of Practice

5.2 The Dog Control Officer shall maintain a recorded log, in which they shall record the description of every dog impounded, the name of the person who impounded the dog, the time and location of the impoundment, the fees owing or paid, and what happened to the impounded dog once it was released from the custody of the Municipality.

6. PROCEDURE AFTER IMPOUNDING

6.1 Further to Section 8.1 of the Dog By-law, the following procedure shall be followed when a dog is impounded by the Dog Control Officer:

6.2 Within two (2) business days of a dog being impounded, and if the Owner can be determined, the Dog control Officer:

6.3 Shall mail a dog impound notice to the Owner, by registered mail from the Antigonish Post Office, made in time to be delivered at least three (3) business days before the time fixed in the notice; and,

6.4 Shall post a dog impound notice in the Municipal Office and on the Municipality's website and social media outlets at least three (3) business days before the time fixed in the notice.

6.5 The dog impound notice shall be in the following form:

Dog Impound Notice

Take Notice that a dog (*insert brief description of the dog with any ID information*) has been impounded in the dog pound of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish. Unless such dog is claimed no later than (*hour, day, date*), the dog may be disposed of or euthanized according to law.

Dated at Antigonish this _____ of _____, 20_____.

Dog Control Officer

7. EUTHANIZING A DOG WITH OWNER'S CONSENT

7.1 Further to Section 11 in the Dog By-law, where a dog is to be euthanized with the Owner's consent:

- 7.1.1 The dog may be returned to the Owner so long as the Owner signs a temporary undertaking in relation to the destruction of the dog;
- 7.1.2 The temporary undertaking contains such conditions, safeguards, and limitations that the Dog Control Officer deems to be appropriate;
- 7.1.3 The temporary undertaking contains a timeframe for the dog being euthanized; and,
- 7.1.4 The temporary undertaking contains a clause requiring the Owner to provide the Dog Control Officer with proof that the dog has been euthanized.

8. OUTDOOR PENS AND STRUCTURES CONTAINING FIERCE OR DANGEROUS DOGS

8.1 Further to Section 13.1(b) of the Dog By-law, the following requirements shall apply to outdoor pens or structures containing Fierce and Dangerous Dogs:

- 8.1.1 The locked pen or other structure shall have secure sides and a secure top, and if it has no bottom secured to the sides, the sides must be embedded in the ground to a minimum of thirty (30) centimetres.
- 8.1.2 The locked pen or other structure shall provide the fierce or dangerous dog with shelter from the elements and be of the minimum dimensions of one and one-half (1.5) metres by three (3) metres and be a minimum one and one-half (1.5) metres in height.
- 8.1.3 The locked pen or other structure shall not be within one (1) metre of the property line or within five (5) metres of a neighbouring dwelling unit.

9. APPEALING A FIERCE OR DANGEROUS DOG CLASSIFICATION

9.1 The following is the procedure for appealing matters as noted in Section 16 of the Dog By-law:

- 9.1.1 An application under this section shall be in writing in Form “B”, and shall be filed with the Clerk within three (3) business days of the seizure of a dog under the relevant provision, or at any time in regard to a dog that has not been seized.
- 9.1.2 The Clerk, upon receiving an application for review shall refer the matter to Council or the designated committee of Council, as the case may be, which shall convene a meeting within seven (7) days.
- 9.1.3 A Review under this part shall be conducted by Council, or by such committee of Council as may from time to time be designated by resolution of Council for that purpose.
- 9.1.4 At the meeting referred to in clause 9.1.2 above, the owner, or the owner’s representative, and the Dog Control Officer shall be given an opportunity to be heard.
- 9.1.5 At the conclusion of the meeting, or within three (3) business days thereafter, Council or the committee shall render a decision in writing in regard to an application for review.
 - 9.1.5.1 A decision under this section shall indicate whether or not the dog in respect of which the application was made is within the section of this by-law in issue, and shall be binding upon the Dog Control Officer.
- 9.1.6 Nothing in this Part shall prevent a Dog Control Officer from acting on new information in regard to a dog, or the behaviour of a dog subsequent to a review.

10. POLICY REVIEW:

- 10.1 This Policy is to be reviewed every five years, unless deemed otherwise by the Committee of the Whole from time to time.

MEMO FOR INFORMATION

TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: GLENN HORNE, MUNICIPAL CLERK-TREASURER
SUBJECT: **ANTIGONISH COMMUNITY SPORT COLLABORATIVE**
DATE: 2019-01-15

SUMMARY

Joint Town & County council recently heard a presentation from Stephanie Spencer, Highland Region Sport Consultant with Sport Nova Scotia, on the proposed Antigonish Community Sport Collaborative. This item has been added to committee of the Whole for further discussion.

BACKGROUND

The Antigonish Community Sport Collaborative is a 2.5 year vision to develop Antigonish community sport through a collaborative framework that prioritizes athlete first development.

This approach will champion:

- enhanced multisport participation;
- increased opportunities to develop excellence;
- strengthened coaching and officiating networks; and
- greater organizational effectiveness.

The Municipality has been invited to become a supporting partner of the Antigonish Community Sport Collaborative. This would entail a \$15,000 contribution as well as in-kind support from personnel in the recreation department.

This project ties in nicely with the recreation department's goals to:

- To foster active, healthy living through recreation
- To ensure the provision of supportive physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and build strong, caring communities.

Should Municipal Council decide to partner with the Antigonish Community Sport Collaborative it would seem fitting that this program sit within the recreation department budget and staff responsibilities. The overall financial impact to the recreation department is expected to be minimal. While this would be an additional expense for the department budget there were expenses in the 2018/19 budget which will not be carried over to 2019/20. Hence, the increase of \$15,000 will be offset by a decrease in other expenditures. For example, in 2018/19 the department had expenses for the REC/MAPL planning that will not be incurred in next budget.

This project is anticipated to have an extremely positive impact on the Antigonish Sport Community that will enhance:

- Increase participation in both recreation and competitive sports
- Provide excellent recreation and competitive sport programming and opportunities
- Improve and increase coaching and officiating resources
- Improve organizational effectiveness and communication amongst the sporting community.

In addition, this initiative provides an opportunity to work collaboratively, creating the strongest athlete-centered community sport model in the country, resulting in an optimal environment for youth sport development.

Antigonish RCMP Monthly Report – 2018/11/01-2018/11/30

Submitted by Sgt. Warren McBeath – 2018/12/04

Occurrence and Crime Reporting

Type of File	Town	County	Paqtnkek	Totals
Crime against Person	32	26	6	64
Crime against Property	10	5	1	16
Impaired Driving	3	8	0	11
Traffic Collisions	14	34	0	48
Traffic Offences	16	47		63
Checkpoints	2	5	0	7
911 Act-Offences Only	7	12	2	21
Other Municipal	4	0	0	4
Other Provincial	40	44	1	89
Other Criminal Code	2	0	0	2
Assist Other Gov't Agency	6	6	1	13
Assist GP/Crime Prevention	19	28	1	48
Total Calls for Service	157	217	12	386

Upcoming Events

The Christmas Season is well underway and we are focusing our enforcement efforts on Road Safety – particularly impaired driving and responsible driving in winter weather.

Four Members from the detachment and 2 Traffic Members have received training on the new Draeger 5000 oral fluid testing instrument which detects cannabis and cocaine. One of only 3 of these instruments in the province is located in Antigonish.

Human Resources:

S/Sgt. Holly Glassford remains on an indefinite assignment to the Northeast Nova District Office since September 11, 2017.

Cst. Deepak Prasad is transferred to Headquarters in Dartmouth, his last day of work at the Antigonish Detachment will be December 22nd.

Cst. Dennis Gould will be replacing Cst. Prasad, and is graduating from Depot on December 10th. His first day of work will be December 12th in Antigonish.

A current Constable vacancy exists in the Street Crime Enforcement Unit and a staffing action is currently underway. A replacement should be named in the next week.

As always, I am available at any time to meet or make presentations to your Council.

Regards,

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Antigonish RCMP Monthly Report – 2018/12/01-2018/12/31

Submitted by Sgt. Warren McBeath – 2019/01/07

Occurrence and Crime Reporting

Type of File	Town	County	Paqtnkek	Totals
Crime against Person	23	14	9	46
Crime against Property	11	8	2	21
Impaired Driving	2	14	0	16
Traffic Collisions	15	28	0	43
Traffic Offences	23	52	1	76
Checkpoints	2	1	0	3
911 Act-Offences Only	9	6	1	16
Other Municipal	2	2	0	4
Other Provincial	13	11	4	28
Other Criminal Code	2	3	0	5
Assist Other Gov't Agency	1	2	0	3
Assist GP/Crime Prevention	28	24	7	59
Total Calls for Service	131	165	24	320

Upcoming Events

The quarterly Police Advisory Board Meeting which was originally scheduled for December 19th was postponed by a snowstorm, and will now be held on January 10th.

Human Resources:

S/Sgt. Holly Glassford remains on an indefinite assignment to the Northeast Nova District Office since September 11, 2017.

Cst. Dennis Gould has arrived from the RCMP Training Academy (Depot) and has started his Cadet Field Training with Cst. Tom Kelloway as his Field Coach.

Cst. John Donaldson from Port Hawkesbury Detachment has been identified as the incoming Constable in the Street Crime Enforcement Unit. No date has been set for his transfer, although it should be in the next few months.

As always, I am available at any time to meet or make presentations to your respective Council.

Regards,



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Antigonish RCMP Community Policing Report

December 2018

Happy New Year Everyone!

Well December was a busy month in our community!

We continued the youth self protection program, Kids In The Know, in a Grade 1 class at the Antigonish Ed Ctr. The program covers a lot of subjects parents are not comfortable speaking about with their children. It's extremely important programming in the battle against child exploitation. I had the pleasure of attending the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at AEC. This has become a popular community Christmas event:) I was asked by the admin, at AEC, to deliver some Secret Santa gifts on their behalf. The school was aware of a single mom with two children who was financially struggling & decided to help. The staff contributed & purchased Christmas gifts for all family mbr's, groceries & treats! The family was completely caught off guard & amazed.....that's the true spirit of Christmas.

We have also continued the Kids In The Know programming at Ecole Pomquet. We are providing this programming to Grades 6, 7 & 8. Great classes with lots of student participation. I was lucky enough to be invited to the annual Christmas Turkey Dinner at Ecole Pomquet.....turkey.....yummy.

Our Kids In The Know programming continues with a Grade 6 class at East Antigonish Ed Ctr. We are just about ready to wrap the programming up with this class. We'll follow it up with a little celebration involving a pizza party!!

We have been invited to begin the Kids In The Know programming with a Grade 4 class at St. Andrews Consolidated School. The programming is going very well with lots of interaction from the students. I was also invited to provide cyber safety presentations to the Grade Primary, 1 & 2 classes. We had a lot of fun with these presentations. It is amazing how many Grade Primary, yes I said Grade Primary, students play FortNite, GTA & other games with parental permission?!?!

In the Christmas Spirit, I put together Christmas gifts for all Pre-Primary students in Antigonish Town & County. I purchased Xmas cards & Meaghan and Christine made labels with "Have A Merry Christmas -

From The Antigonish RCMP". In the card were several stickers & tattoo's.....I was also able to put donated DQ ice cream coupons & McDonald's french fry coupons in the cards. They were also each give a Safety Bear colouring/safety book & a "My First Safety Book" from the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. These little ones were super excited.....!!!

School's Plus & I ran Hybrid Hubs for 5 local students.

I participated in an interview with The Casket concerning impaired driving. Unfortunately, during the holiday season people have to be reminded about the dangers of drinking &/or consuming drugs and then driving. You would think everyone would have the sense, by now, to avoid these actions.

I arranged the recording of some impaired driving PSA's with our local radio station 98.9 Nothing But Hits. I convinced Sabrina to attend & record one of the PSA's in French, this is important for our local French community! Thanks Sabrina!!

Our very own S/Sgt. Glassford organized our 5th Annual Christmas Carolling Event! The group comprised of mbrs, Crime Prevention & Crime Stoppers volunteers sang at the RCMP Hot Lunch in St. James Church. They then travelled to the Sherbrooke Manor & sang to the residents. One of our long time Crime Prevention mbr's, Duncan Chisholm, resides at the Manor. Duncan is the driving force behind this event at the Manor. For some reason he likes our singing!!!!!!

I attended the monthly Crime Stoppers meeting & Warren graciously attended the monthly Crime Prevention meeting.....Thanks Boss!

I want to send out a huge thanks to our very own Shannon Fear & Anita. With their assistance we were able to provide a very merry Christmas for a Linwood family this year. A local grandmother is raising four of her grandchildren, without any financial assistance from any of the parents. The parents are thousands of dollars in arrears with their support. The grandmother only had money for clothes, no toys or treats. We all caught wind of this & felt a personal connection to the family. Shannon & Anita provided groceries & contacted the KOC running the Xmas Toy Drive. Jyl Boyle, VP at East Antigonish Ed Ctr, provided everything, & I mean EVERYTHING, needed for a huge Christmas Dinner! My family purchased gifts for the children & the grandmother and I included all kinds of treats for the kiddies:) We also found out the family's main source of heat was wood & they had run out. I was going to purchase wood for the family, however, when I contacted McCarron's Wood & explained the situation, they insisted on donating the wood!!!! A huge thanks to our County Warden Owen McCarron! He is a huge community minded person!!!!!! The grandmother was literally in tears of joy when everything was delivered. I sometimes think we, I know I do, forget how lucky we are & how others survive with so little.....

Thanks.....Morgan

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Antigonish County

Building Permits (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

	Permits		Value	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Residential				
New	65	48	\$ 18,380,000	\$ 11,633,500
Mobile Homes	33	47	3,518,000	5,378,795
Additions, Alterations and Renovations	33	39	2,121,600	1,386,500
Garages and Accessory Buildings	51	69	1,516,500	1,802,300
Multiple Units	5	1	2,060,000	1,200,000
	187	204	\$ 27,596,100	\$ 21,401,095
Agricultural, Commercial or Industrial				
Agricultural	5	8	4,738,400	1,125,000
Commercial	15	16	1,607,900	2,153,500
Industrial	1	2	60,000	60,000
	21	26	\$ 6,406,300	\$ 3,338,500
Institutional Buildings				
New	0	0	-	-
Additions and Alterations	2	2	107,000	1,201,400
	2	2	\$ 107,000	\$ 1,201,400
Other	1	0	\$ 142,000	\$ -
Total	211	232	\$ 34,251,400	\$ 25,940,995