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

**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, March 5, 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 Neil Corbett  
                              Councillor Bill MacFarlane

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

**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 6:24pm.

**2.     Approval of Agenda**

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the minutes. Two additions were made:

- Request for Defibrillator from the North Shore Volunteer Fire Department
- Request for updates about ESREN

**Moved By** Councillor Deveau

**Seconded By** Deputy Warden Stewart

*That the agenda be approved as amended.*

**Motion Carried**

3. **Approval of the February 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

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

**Moved By** Councillor MacDonald  
**Seconded By** Councillor Chisholm

*That the Committee of the Whole minutes of February 19, 2019 be approved as presented*

**Motion Carried**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. **Delegations**

a. **Antigonish Highland Society**

Mr. Harley McCaul attended on behalf of the Highland Society, and provided thanks to the Committee for all of their support with the society and the Games. Representatives from the Highland Society will be providing a formal presentation at an upcoming meeting.

6. **Continuing Business**

There was no continuing business.

7. **New Business**

a. **Review of Draft Expense Policy**

Mr. Horne introduced the proposed updates to the existing Expense Policy, which have come about as a result of changes to provincial legislation. This policy is scheduled for a future Committee meeting for further discussion in detail. Discussion followed.

b. **Discussion about Northern Pulp Environmental Assessment**

Warden McCarron has been asked by a constituent whether there is any interest in Municipal Council receiving a presentation from Northern Pulp regarding their pending Environmental Assessment. Members of the Committee noted the importance of also hearing from those representing the fishery. Discussion followed.

8. **Community Events**

The following community events were mentioned:

- Chase the Ace in St. Joseph's - Friday nights
- 55 Games coming to Antigonish

- Women's Breakfast - Friday March 8th
- Funding announcement for the Women's Resource Centre happened earlier today (March 5th)

9. **Additions to the Agenda**

a. **Request for Defibrillator from the North Shore VFD**

Councillor MacLellan brought forward a request from the North Shore VFD for a defibrillator to remain at their hall. Mr. Horne noted that the Aulds Cove VFD made a similar request earlier this year. The program that the municipality ran last year targeted community centres, but if the Committee wanted to look at providing these devices for fire halls, the Committee can provide that direction for staff to look for more information. The Committee asked staff to explore the topic further.

b. **Discussion about ESREN**

Councillor MacFarlane asked for an update regarding timelines for upcoming meetings with or about ESREN. Mr. Horne provided noted that meetings are scheduled in the next week to discuss with the parties that are involved, and information will be provided to the Committee when it is available.

10. **In Camera Items**

**Moved By** Councillor Dunbar

**Seconded By** Councillor MacLellan

*That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss Public Safety and Contract Negotiations at 7:48 pm.*

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Chisholm

**Seconded By** Councillor Deveau

*That the Committee adjourn the In-Camera session at 8:46 pm.*

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Deputy Warden Stewart

**Seconded By** Councillor MacDonald

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council appoint EMM Law, with principals Meghan MacGillivray-Case and Chris Boyd, as Municipal Solicitor, effective immediately and the Municipal Clerk Treasurer be authorized to sign a five-year agreement.*

**Motion Carried**

11. **Adjournment**

**Moved By** Councillor MacDonald

*That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:46 pm.*

**Motion Carried**



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer