

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 5:30 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
Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
John Bain, Director - Eastern District Planning Commission

Also Present: Sam MacDonald, The Casket
Bill Garvie
Duncan MacDonald

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 5:34pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Moved By Councillor MacDonald

Seconded By Councillor Corbett

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of June 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

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

Moved By Councillor Deveau

Seconded By Councillor Chisholm

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of June 4, 2019 be approved as presented

Motion Carried

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. **Delegations**

a. **Mr. Bill Garvie - Garvie Road**

Mr. Bill Garvie and Duncan MacDonald from Garvie Road spoke to the Committee about their roadway, which is a private road in the County. There are 17 homes on the roadway, and several have water and sewer services. Mr. Garvie is looking to see whether there are any options for the Municipality to take over the road, or if there are options regarding maintenance. Discussion followed. Mr. Garvie and Mr. MacDonald were thanked for their presentation, and Warden McCarron noted that the request would be referred to the Asset Management Committee.

6. **Continuing Business**

a. **Special Event Permit - NS Summer Fest**

Mr. Horne reviewed the conditions that have been reviewed and approved for the Special Event Permit for NS Summer Fest, which is being held at The Keppoch.

Moved By Councillor Chisholm

Seconded By Deputy Warden Stewart

The Committee recommends that Municipality issue a Special Event Permit for NS Summer Fest.

Motion Carried

b. **Strategic Priorities Update**

Mr. Horne reviewed the Strategic Priorities list that was included in the agenda and gave a detailed update on each of the items listed for the Committee's information. Discussion followed.

c. **Discussion of Northern Pulp**

Warden McCarron opened the floor for any comments or questions that may have come up from the information that was presented about the treatment and disposal

of wastewater and the Northern Pulp facility. Several members of the Committee noted that they found the session informative. Discussion followed.

7. **New Business**

a. **Minimum Planning Standards Updates**

Mr. Bain provided an overview of the MGA amendments regarding planning matters, as outlined in a memo that Mr. Bain provided to the Committee. Mr. Bain reviewed the proposed regulations and explained how that might translate to the current planning documents in the Municipality. Discussion followed. Mr. Bain will draft a letter for the Municipality.

b. **Reduction of Taxes Due to House Fire - AAN 09009116**

Mr. Horne reviewed a request for a reduction in taxes for a property where the home was destroyed by fire earlier in the year. Based on the assessment provided in the PVSC fire letter, the amount of the reduction would be \$4034.56.

Moved By Councillor MacFarlane

Seconded By Councillor Deveau

The Committee recommends that the Municipality provide a reduction of taxes in the amount of \$4034.56 for AAN09009116 due to property destroyed by fire.

Motion Carried

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

a. **Antigonish Heritage Museum Board**

Councillor MacDonald provided an update of activities at the Museum and information from the board meeting that took place on June 10th.

b. **Antigonish Arena Commission**

An arena commission meeting is expected to take place on June 27th. This will be the first official meeting of the new board structure.

c. **Antigonish Crime Prevention**

Councillor Deveau provided an update of the meeting that took place during the week previous. The Senior Safety Coordinator is back in the office for four days a week. An update will be forwarded by email.

d. **Eastern District Planning Commission**

No further updates from the last meeting. Mr. Bain provided members of the Committee with a summary of the 2018/19 Development Control numbers.

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

Councillor MacDonald sent around highlights from the June meeting of the ERSWM committee, and spoke to several highlights. A summary of the monthly activities of the committee was forwarded to Council by email.

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

Mr. Horne provided an update on the dissolution process.

g. **Pictou Antigonish Regional Library**

Councillor MacLellan provided several updates from the Library board, including patronage numbers, a budget update, and an update about the crosswalk in front of the library on Main Street.

h. **RK MacDonald Nursing Home**

Councillor MacLellan provided an update about the RK board.

9. **Community Events**

The following community events were highlighted:

- 55+ Games are coming in August - looking for volunteers and participants; registration is open until July 1st.
- Canada Day celebrations coming up
- Show and Shine coming up in Havre Boucher; looking to include a community expo
- Mini Trail Community Centre Canada Day celebrations also planned
- Art Fair opening
- Acadian - Mik'maq
- Chez Delauriers
- Heather Fun DAs
- Paqtnkek Pow Wow Sept
- St. Andrews Chase the Ace
- Pickleball continuing at various community centres in the community.
- Tuesday June 25th is wrap-up for Nitap Program at Paqtnkek

10. **Staff Reports**

Mr. Horne noted that the monthly RCMP report was in the agenda for the Committee's information.

11. **Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

12. **In Camera Items**

Moved By Councillor Deveau

Seconded By Deputy Warden Stewart

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, Legal Advice, Setting a Minimum Price for Tax Sale, and Contract Negotiations at 7:02 pm.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Corbett

Seconded By Councillor MacFarlane

That the in-camera session be adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Chisholm

Seconded By Councillor Deveau

The Committee recommends that Council set the minimum bids for and approve a tender for properties by Tax Sale as proposed.

Motion Carried

13. **Adjournment**

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer