
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 6, 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 Remi Deveau
 Councillor John Dunbar
 Councillor Gary Mattie
 Councillor Neil Corbett
 Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Councillor Vaughan Chisholm

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer
 Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
 Marlene Melanson, Director of Recreation

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 6:37pm

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

Moved By Councillor MacLellan

Seconded By Deputy Warden Stewart

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of the June 18, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

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

Moved By Councillor MacDonald

Seconded By Councillor Corbett

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of June 18, 2019 be approved as presented

Motion Carried

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. **Continuing Business**

a. **Recreation Inclusion Supports and Accessibility Updates**

Ms. Melanson provided members of the Committee with the updated equipment loan program information pamphlet. Popular equipment for loans was reviewed, as well as some of the new accessible equipment. The inclusion support leader program was reviewed for the benefit of the Committee. Personal care support resources have been requested for camps, and while they are not available from staff now, they are being explored for the future.

Discussion then took place regarding options for additional sites for mobi-mats in the community. While use of the mats at Bayfield was desired, the conditions of the site will not work for the mobi-mat product. Other options are being explored for accessibility improvements that can be constructed over the winter, for use next year. Ms. Melanson requested consideration for the budgeted funds that were allocated to the purchase of mobi-mats to whatever accessibility option is deemed best for the site.

Finally, Ms. Melanson shared information from an individual who had travelled to Pomquet Beach who had travelled by transit, who found it difficult to navigate the gravel parking lot to get from the van to the boardwalk. A concrete pad drop-off connection was suggested at a cost of around \$4,000. Staff will provide more information once it becomes available.

b. **MPAL Memorandum of Understanding**

Moved By Councillor MacFarlane

Seconded By Councillor Dunbar

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve renewing the MPAL Agreement with the Province for a five (5) year term, ending March 21, 2024.

Motion Carried

c. **Community Partnership Grant Update**

Mr. Horne reviewed the request from the Highland Games for conditional grant funds that were intended to cover any loss incurred in the execution of the festival. Discussion followed. Consensus was given to provide the conditional grant funds.

7. **New Business**

a. **Consideration of an Inter-Municipal IT Service**

Mr. Horne spoke to the memorandum of understanding provided for the Committee for their information for an Inter-Municipal IT Service built in a similar fashion to the Inter-Municipal model used for the Diamond Software. While the municipalities involved don't have the capacity for an individual staff person dedicated to IT, there could be an opportunity to set up a service model similar to the Eastern District Planning Commission. The initial group commitment is to hire a consultant to review the existing office IT setup, including inventory and a security review. A grant has been received from the Province to assist with this project.

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart

Seconded By Councillor Deveau

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve entering a Memorandum of Understanding for an Inter-Municipal IT Service.

Motion Carried

b. **Consideration of Applications to the Solar Electricity for Community Buildings Program**

Mr. Horne reviewed the application being proposed for submission for ground-mounted solar panels for the field between the Municipal Office and the Public Works buildings. The full cost of this project is estimated to be just under \$300,000. The applications must be submitted by August 9th.

Moved By Councillor Deveau

Seconded By Councillor Dunbar

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the submission of two applications for Solar Electricity for Community Buildings Program.

Motion Carried

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

In the interest of time, these reports were held over until the September meeting.

9. **Community Events**

Heatherton Fun Days are taking place this weekend.

11. **Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

Moved By Councillor MacLellan

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:33 pm and resume following the Council meeting.

Motion Carried

12. **In Camera Items**

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart

Seconded By Councillor Mattie

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting resume and be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss the Contract Negotiations at 8:05 pm.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Dunbar

Seconded By Councillor Deveau

That the In-Camera Session be adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Motion Carried

13. **Adjournment**

Moved By Councillor Deveau

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer