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# MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

## Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 3, 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 Donnie MacDonald  
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm  
Councillor Remi Deveau  
Councillor John Dunbar  
Councillor Gary Mattie  
Councillor Neil Corbett  
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Councillor Mary MacLellan

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer  
Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator  
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 6:30pm

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

- September is Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month
- Highway 337 speeds near Mount Cameron

**Moved By** Councillor MacDonald

**Seconded By** Deputy Warden Stewart

*That the agenda be approved as amended.*

**Motion Carried**

3. **Approval of August 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

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

**Moved By** Deputy Warden Stewart

**Seconded By** Councillor Mattie

*That the Committee of the Whole minutes of June 21, 2019 be approved as presented*

**Motion Carried**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Warden McCarron asked if there was any update on the solar application. Mr. Horne noted that a response has not yet been received and is not expected until at least October.

6. **Continuing Business**

a. **Household Hazardous Waste Inter-Municipal Agreement**

Council gave direction to staff to create a permanent Household Hazardous Waste facility at the Beech Hill Solid Waste Facility. Division of costs will be based on where people are coming from Town or County. Operation costs will be dictated by waste coming in. Capital costs will be split 50/50 between the Town and the County. Staff are hoping for a grant to cover some of the capital costs. The estimated that operation costs for the first year will be about \$15,000. Budgeting will be dictated by the previous rolling three years.

Staff hopes to have the facility up and running by November and will be open the same hours as the Solid Waste Management Facility.

**Moved By** Councillor MacDonald

**Seconded By** Councillor Deveau

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the Household Hazardous Waste Inter-Municipal Agreement.*

**Motion Carried**

b. **Update on Private Roads By-law Research**

Mr. Horne provided an update on how Private Roads are maintained in Halifax. Halifax has both a By-Law and Administrative Order. The fee can be collected by area rate or levy. Any fee put on the tax bill is considered first lien and can lead to tax sale if not paid. Councillor MacFarlane suggest staff create a template or a toolbox for residents to use. Mr. Horne suggested inviting residents from a sample of private roads to an information session to discuss the concept and get their feedback.

7. **New Business**

a. **Discussion about Council Conference Attendance**

Mr. Horne reviewed the list of conferences that Council could consider attending.

- Councillor MacLellan will likely attend the LBANS conference.
- Deputy Warden Stewart and Councillor Corbett would like to go to the Recreation Nova Scotia Conference.
- Councillor MacFarlane, Councillor Mattie, Councillor Dunbar, Councillor Deveau, Warden McCarron, Councillor Neil, Councillor Corbett and Councillor MacLellan would like to attend NSFM Fall Conference. Deputy Warden Stewart and Councillor MacDonald will let Beth know.
- Councillor MacFarlane and Councillor Chisholm are both interested in attending the TIANNS conference.

b. **Discussion about Antigonish Community Transit**

Councillor Dunbar brought forward a concern from a resident who was a frequent user of Antigonish Community Transit under their poverty reduction grant. This grant funding has run out. Councillor Dunbar met with Madonna at ACT and has some concerns that they do not have enough funding overall and perhaps need more administrative staff. They will also be needing a new vehicle this year.

Councillor Mattie suggested Antigonish Community Transit contact Minister Delorey's office to see why the funding is no longer available. Mr. Horne and Town staff met with ACT staff and board about a month ago and are trying to get some ridership details. Councillor Dunbar requests that staff send a letter to Minister Delorey's office to ask what happened

**Moved By** Councillor Dunbar

**Seconded By** Deputy Warden Stewart

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council send a letter to Minister Delorey's office to inquire why the Poverty Reduction Innovation Fund is no longer accessible and what if anything replaces it.*

**Motion Carried**

c. **Livingstone's Cove Wharf Road**

The road seems to be owned by Her Majesty the Queen and the road is not being maintained. When Councillor MacLellan returns, this can be discussed.



d. **HOW Club Antigonish Request**

**Moved By** Deputy Warden Stewart

**Seconded By** Councillor MacFarlane

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council give \$2000 to HOW Club Antigonish.*

**Motion Carried**

e. **Beacons of Light for British Home Children**

**Moved By** Deputy Warden Stewart

**Seconded By** Councillor MacFarlane

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council proclaim September 28 British Home Child Day in Antigonish County.*

**Motion Carried**

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

a. **Antigonish Heritage Museum Board**

No meeting

b. **Antigonish Arena Commission**

The Antigonish Arena Commission budget was approved. Summer ice was reviewed and a decision will be made by November if there will be ice in going forward during the summer. Angus Bowie and George Arsenault have been named the new county representatives on the Arena Commission. The commission is in the process of implementing the recommendations that came from the operations review and the financial review.

c. **Antigonish Crime Prevention**

No meeting

d. **Eastern District Planning Commission**

No meeting.

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

No meeting.

f. **County – Paqtnkek Joint Steering Committee**

Paqtnkek has an election in November and staff is making arrangements to have a Joint Council session prior to the election.

g. **Pictou Antigonish Regional Library**

No update provided.

h. **RK MacDonald Nursing Home**

No update provided.

9. **Community Events**

The following community events were noted:

- September 21 - 22 Pow-wow a Paqtnkek First Nation, Councillor Dunbar encourages everyone to go.
- September 8 1-3pm Annual Lobster Roll at Chez Deslaurier
- September 8 1-3:30pm Annual Staff Fun Day

Warden McCarron attended:

- 55+ Games in Antigonish in August 1-3. Warden congratulated Councillor Chisholm and Ms. Donovan for their work on the games.
- L'Arche Conference
- Re-Opening of the Irving Big Stop in Aulds Cove
- Aquaculture session at StFX University
- Met with Senator Mary Coyle and stressed the importance of infrastructure funding.
- Met with Juanita Spencer from NSFM.
- Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition
- Miracle Treat Day at Dairy Queen

10. **Staff Reports**

a. **RCMP Monthly Report - July**

RCMP monthly report was circulated to the Committee.

11. **Additions to the Agenda**

a. **Spinal Cord Awareness Month**

Councillor Mattie brought forward a request that September be proclaimed as Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month.

**Moved By** Councillor Mattie

**Seconded By** Councillor Deveau

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council proclaim September Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month.*

**Motion Carried**

**b. Mount Cameron**

Councillor MacDonald brought concerns forth about the speed along Highway 337 near Mount Cameron. Mr. Horne noted that there is a meeting with Minister Hines scheduled for September 6th, and that issue is on the agenda for that meeting. A resident would like to have access to the data that was collected by the speed signs. The Committee agreed that the data could be released after the Police Advisory Board meeting.

**13. Adjournment**

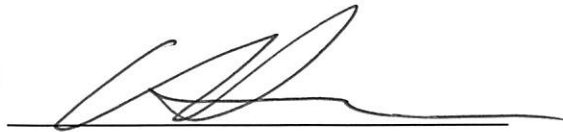
**Moved By** Councillor Chisholm

*That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:27pm*

**Motion Carried**

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Warden Owen McCarron

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Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer