
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 23, 2019, 6:30 pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Neil Corbett
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart
Councillor John Dunbar

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

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 6:36 pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. The following additions were requested:

- Crosswalks at Old South River Road
- Creation of a Water Utility with the Town
- Regular Meeting Night Discussion

Moved By Councillor MacLellan

Seconded By Councillor Corbett

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes**

a. **Approval of September 3, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in the minutes of the September 3, 2019 meeting.

Moved By Councillor MacDonald

Seconded By Councillor Deveau

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of September 3, 2019 be approved as presented

Motion Carried

b. **Approval of September 17, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

Mr. Horne noted that there were no minutes from the September 17th meeting to be approved, as there was not quorum at that meeting. Notes from the meeting were received for information.

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Councillor MacLellan asked about the ridership details from ACTS that were noted in the September 3, 2019 minutes. Mr. Horne provided a summary of that discussion and noted that the information requested is still pending. Councillor MacLellan also noted that she had further information about the Livingstone's Cove Road and would bring that to a future meeting.

5. **Continuing Business**

a. **Proposed Amendments to the Joint Police Advisory Board Terms of Reference**

Mr. Horne reviewed the reasons for the amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Joint Police Advisory Board, which were first brought to the Joint Council at their meeting on September 18th. As there wasn't a quorum at that meeting, the item was being brought to the Committee of the Whole this evening for a motion.

Moved By Councillor MacDonald

Seconded By Councillor Corbett

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Joint Policy Advisory Board.

Motion Carried

6. **New Business**

a. **Water Utility Budget**

Mr. Horne provided a brief review of the budget that Mrs. Duggan provided last week. Members of the Committee were invited to ask any questions that they might have. The Public Works and Finance Teams were thanked for all of the work that they put into preparing the water budget.

Moved By Councillor MacFarlane

Seconded By Councillor Chisholm

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves the 2019/2020 Water Utility Budget.

Motion Carried

b. **Statement of Estimates**

Mr. Horne noted that the Statement of Estimates is the water budget and the general operating budget. This document is a required report submitted to the Province.

Moved By Councillor Corbett

Seconded By Councillor MacLellan

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves the 2019/2020 Statement of Estimates.

Motion Carried

c. **Consideration of Minerals Play Fairway Proposal**

Mr. Horne reviewed the request that was received for a letter of support for a geophysical survey in the Province. Examples of support letters from neighbouring municipalities was included in the agenda. Questions were asked regarding the purpose of such mapping, and what its implications could be for the municipality.

Moved By Councillor Corbett

Seconded By Councillor MacDonald

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council send a letter in support of the Minerals Play Fairway Proposal to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Energy and Mines.

Motion Carried

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

a. **Antigonish Heritage Museum Board**

Next meeting is scheduled for September 30th.

b. **Antigonish Arena Commission**

The next meeting is scheduled for October. An update was provided regarding the request for expressions of interest for the arena canteen, which will remain open until the middle of October. Ice time, and summer ice, will be discussed at the October meeting.

c. **Antigonish Crime Prevention**

The AGM will take place September 26th at St. FX.

d. **Eastern District Planning Commission**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 26th.

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

Councillor MacDonald provided an overview of the business discussed in the meeting held on September 19th. A summary was given of the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Solid Waste Resource Management System Study status, the Mobius Environmental Awards of Excellence, Waste Reduction Week, and a Used Oil Management Association Program that is starting January 1, 2020.

f. **Pictou Antigonish Regional Library**

A meeting has yet to be scheduled following the summer break.

g. **RK MacDonald Nursing Home**

The next meeting will take place Thursday September 26th.

h. **County Paqtnekek Joint Steering Committee**

Staff is in the process of trying to schedule a Joint Council meeting. Given the timing of the upcoming Band Council elections, if a meeting date is not set in the next few weeks, staff will wait until after the Band Council elections are complete.

8. **Community Events**

Councillor MacFarlane provided an update about attending the hospital appreciation event that was held at St. Martha's earlier in the month. Warden McCarron provided an update about this event as well.

Councillor Corbett attending Powwow at Paqtnekek and provided an update on that event. A summary was also provided of the playground fundraising events that have been organized by a local group in the Havre Boucher area.

Councillor MacDonald provided an update on attending Open Farm Day events.

Warden McCarron provided a summary of the Mulroney Centre Opening, the L'Arche Fun Walk on Sunday September 22nd. Warden McCarron also attended the 50th anniversary of the Pomquet Fire Department.

9. **Staff Reports**

a. **EDPC - Building Permit Monthly Report**

The report included in the agenda package was received for information.

10. **Additions to the Agenda**

a. **Crosswalk on Old South River Road**

Councillor MacFarlane brought forward a request regarding crosswalks on South River Road at intersection with Old South River Road. Staff was requested to forward a request to DTIR for an analysis of the appropriateness of crosswalks to be located at either end of the roadway where it intersects with South River Road.

b. **Creation of a Water Utility with the Town**

Councillor MacFarlane has had enquiries over the years about whether it would be appropriate to create a water utility with the Town and suggested that some exploratory work be done to look at benefits and/or challenges with such an arrangement. Mr. Horne noted that staff could prepare an assessment of the relationship between the water utilities and evaluate what is purchased from the Town utility on an annual basis.

c. **Discussion Regarding Regular Meeting Night**

Warden McCarron suggested consideration of moving the regular Municipal Council meetings to the second Tuesday of the month. Discussion followed, and members of the Committee were asked to identify any concerns with the proposal. Staff will come up with some possibilities and report back to the Committee.

11. **In Camera Items**

There was no in-camera business.

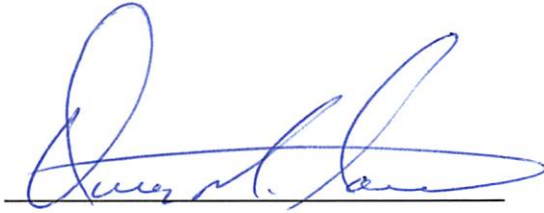
12. **Adjournment**

Warden McCarron provided a reminder of the upcoming Chamber of Commerce breakfast on Wednesday; those who are interested in attending were asked to contact Joyce as soon as possible.

Moved By Councillor Deveau

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer