
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2020, 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 Neil Corbett
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Councillor Gary Mattie

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities
Allison Duggan, Director of Finance
Marlene Melanson, Director of Recreation
Daryl Myers, Director of Public Works

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 6:36pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

- Consideration of a Special District Grant expenditure in excess of \$2000
- Correspondence providing an update on the Fuel Fund

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart
Seconded By Councillor MacLellan

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of January 13th, 2020 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 January 13, 2020 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. **New Business**

a. **Financial Update**

Mrs. Duggan provided the Committee with a detailed update on the status of the Municipality's actual revenue and expenses in comparison with the amounts budgeted for the year-to-date of December 31, 2019. Discussion and questions for clarification followed. Mrs. Duggan was thanked for the overview.

b. **Mount Cameron Garbage Pickup Enquiry**

Councillor MacDonald provided an overview of a concern raised by a resident in Mount Cameron regarding garbage collection, which only takes place on one side of the street (residents take their waste to one side of the street for collection). At the request of the resident voicing the concern, Councillor MacDonald brought this concern forward for discussion by the Committee. Mr. Horne provided an overview of why there is pickup on only one side of the street in this neighbourhood, as well as throughout the County. In this particular instance, the resident voicing the concern is on the side of the street where the garbage is picked up, and has neighbours bring their waste over the road to their property for pickup.

The complaint was received; consensus was given not to proceed with any changes. Staff will prepare a letter to the resident who voiced the concern.

c. **Forestry Meeting Follow-Up**

Mr. Horne provided a review of the follow-up information collected following an information session that was held earlier in the month. Actions underway in

Cumberland County were reviewed as an example, where the local MLAs, business connector and forestry co-op are holding community meetings with a consultant to look at steps moving forward. Staff has also reached out with the local MLA and MP offices to request a meeting with the forestry group and Council, and provided an update on responses received to date.

Discussion followed. Warden McCarron provided an update of impacts already happening in the community (e.g. quotas, notice of wood prices dropping).

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

a. **Antigonish Heritage Museum Board**

Councillor MacDonald noted that the Heritage Museum Board meetings take place on the fourth Monday of the month. He will be speaking with the chair to see if the Heritage Museum Board meetings can be rescheduled.

b. **Antigonish Arena Association**

A meeting was held last week; a new board member was welcomed. The Saucy Sandwich is up and running and has catered several meetings already. The by-laws have been revised, and will be provided to the board for approval in February.

c. **Antigonish Crime Prevention**

The association will meet this Thursday January 30th.

d. **Eastern District Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission Board met earlier in the year to approve their budget.

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

Meeting is upcoming later in the week.

f. **Pictou Antigonish Regional Library**

A meeting was held last week, and things are going well. An overview of projects underway was provided. The health connection is no longer a tenant at the library, but work is underway to find a new tenant. Over 500 visitors come through the library each day, and room bookings are steady.

g. **RK MacDonald Nursing Home**

There is a meeting scheduled for this Thursday. An update was provided that the RK passed their accreditation at the end of last year.

h. **County Paqtnkek Joint Steering Committee**

The planning meeting scheduled for last week was cancelled and will be rescheduled due to a death in the community.

9. **Community Events**

The following community events were noted:

- Chase the Ace in St. Joseph's on Friday nights
- Carnival activities are upcoming in Pomquet in February

10. **Additions to the Agenda**

a. **Special District Grant Expenditure**

Councillor MacDonald brought forward a request to the Committee approval for a Special District Grant expenditure in excess of \$2,000. Consensus given by the Committee to provide funds to assist with a water filtration system to provide potable water for a family in need.

b. **Fuel Fund Update**

Warden McCarron provided an update from the Emergency Fuel Fund on the annual operations. The correspondence thanked the Municipality for financial assistance with the fund; it was noted that this show of community support helps the fund with securing additional funding from other sources.

11. **In Camera Items**

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart

Seconded By Councillor Deveau

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 and Contract Negotiations at 7:55pm.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor MacLellan

Seconded By Councillor Corbett

That the Committee come out of camera at 8:08pm.

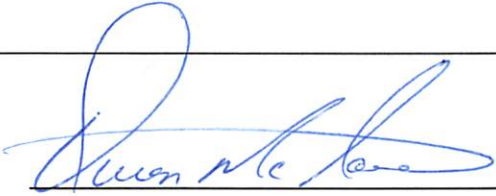
Motion Carried

12. **Adjournment**

Moved By Councillor Deveau

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:09pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer