

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 10, 2020, 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: Allison Duggan, Acting Clerk Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities
Marlene Melanson, Director of Recreation
John Bain, Director - Eastern District Planning Commission

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 5:31pm

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

The following additions were made:

- Extension of Leave

- Truck Replacement
- Develop Nova Scotia Discussion

Moved By Councillor MacDonald

Seconded By Councillor MacLellan

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of January 27, 2020 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

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

Moved By Councillor Corbett

Seconded By Councillor Dunbar

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of January 27, 2019 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. **Delegations**

There were no delegations.

6. **Continuing Business**

a. **Trunk 4 Bikeway Update**

Ms. Melanson provided the Committee with a project update for the Antigonish Active Transportation Corridor. The proposed Active Transportation corridor would travel along Trunk 4 from Addington Forks to Highway 316, with a spur connecting the corridor into the Town and to the Landing Walking Trail. The various profiles of the design of the corridor, as well as key intersections or areas along the route, were highlighted for the benefit of the Committee. A timeline of the upcoming meetings, public open houses, surveys, and further reviews of the proposal were shared with the Committee. Discussion followed. Staff was thanked for their presentation and work to date on the project.

7. **New Business**

a. **Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organization - St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre**

Mrs. Duggan provided the Committee with an overview of the staff report outlining staff's recommendation to approve adding AAN#03394522 to the list of properties

provided with a property tax exemption under the Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations Policy.

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart

Seconded By Councillor Chisholm

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve adding AAN#03394522, for the St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre, to the list of properties provided with a tax exemption under the Exemption for Non-Profit Organization Policy.

Motion Carried

b. Request for Staff to Serve on Regional Library Accessibility Committee

Councillor MacLellan provided the Committee with an overview of the Library's requirements under the Accessibility Act, and that Tammy Feltmate's name had been put forward to serve as a representative of the County. The appointment would be for two years.

Moved By Councillor MacLellan

Seconded By Councillor MacDonald

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council authorize Tammy Feltmate to represent the Municipality on the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library Board Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried

c. Discussion Regarding Delegation Request

Mrs. Schumacher brought forward a request from a constituent along Loch Katrine who has concerns with water levels in the Lake. The resident has met with various Provincial Departments and the local MLA, as well as the Warden, on the matter. A request has been received from the resident for an audience with Council for at least a half hour to present a letter outlining concerns regarding the situation. As this request is outside of the normal parameters for a delegation presentation length, it is being brought to the Committee for consideration.

Several members of the Committee noted that they had discussed the matter directly with the resident, and where the concerns are related to Provincial departments and matters, felt that there wasn't a lot more that they would be able to do to assist with the concern. Staff was asked to respond to the resident to let them know that the request for the extended presentation time could not be accommodated.

d. **RK MacDonald Board Appointments**

Warden McCarron spoke to a notice provided by the RK MacDonald Board for appointments of members of Council to that Board. A suggestion was made that perhaps those who are currently serving may consider re-appointment until the end of the Council term later this fall. Discussion followed.

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart

Seconded By Councillor Deveau

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the following appointments to the RK MacDonald Nursing Home Board:

- Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
- Councillor Mary MacLellan
- Councillor Gary Mattie
- Councillor Donnie MacDonald

For the remainder of the current Council term.

Motion Carried

8. **Community Events**

Due to time, this item was deferred.

9. **Staff Reports**

Mrs. Duggan provided an overview of the staff reports attached to the agenda.

10. **Additions to the Agenda**

a. **Extension of Leave**

Mrs. Duggan noted that Councillor Mattie's would be absent from Council due to illness. The excused absence that was provided for the month of January was proposed to be extended for one month.

Moved By Councillor Chisholm

Seconded By Deputy Warden Stewart

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council extend the leave for Councillor Mattie for one month.

Motion Carried

b. **Truck Replacement**

Mrs. Duggan provided an overview of the status of the truck needing to be replaced due to a failed transmission. Consensus was requested for staff to collect bids on

a replacement truck, with an e-poll to come to Council with the results of that invited tender.

c. **Discussion Regarding Develop Nova Scotia Broadband/Cellular Announcement**

This item was not visited for discussion due to time.

11. **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 Litigation/Possible Litigation and Contract Negotiations at 6:13pm.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Dunbar

Seconded By Councillor MacLellan

Return to Open Session at 7:23pm

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor MacLellan

Seconded By Deputy Warden Stewart

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council issue a Request for Proposals for Cellular Service Expansion in District 1 and 2.

Motion Carried

12. **Adjournment**

Moved By Councillor Corbett

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:23pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Allison Duggan, Acting Municipal
Clerk/Treasurer