
Joint Town and County Council Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 6:00 pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron
Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Bill MacFarlane
Mayor Laurie Boucher
Councillor Willie Cormier
Councillor Donnie MacInnis
Councillor Jack MacPherson
Councillor Andrew Murray
Deputy Mayor Mary Farrell

Regrets: Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Neil Corbett
Councillor Diane Roberts

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk-
Treasurer, County of Antigonish
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk,
County of Antigonish
Jeff Lawrence, CAO, Town of
Antigonish

Also Present: Shirlyn Donovan, County of Antigonish
Bob Hale, St. FX University
Colin MacDonald
Gallery
Steve Scannell, Town of Antigonish
Kate Gorman, Town of Antigonish

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 6:03pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Warden McCarron asked for any additions to the agenda. One addition was made for an in-camera item.

Moved By Councillor MacLellan

Seconded By Mayor Boucher

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

3. **Receipt of Notes from Previous Meeting**

There was not a quorum at the previous meeting. Notes were presented from that meeting for general information.

4. **Business Arising from the Meeting Notes**

There was no business arising from the meeting notes.

Warden McCarron congratulated Deputy Mayor Mary Farrell on her appointment. Deputy Mayor Farrell addressed the group.

5. **Delegations**

a. **Dominic Boyd: Dementia-Friendly Communities**

Mr. Dominic Boyd presented on behalf of the Alzheimer Society, and provided members of the Committee with an overview regarding Dementia-friendly communities. Mr. Boyd is interested in assisting the Municipalities with training and information that can help municipal staff with assisting residents who may have dementia. He has presented to the Town's Accessibility Committee, and would be interested in doing the same with the County.

Councillor MacInnis provided further information regarding the ideas that the Town's Accessibility Committee had. A suggestion was made that any training include both Town & County staff, as well as Library staff. Further discussion took place. Mr. Boyd was thanked for his presentation.

b. **Jeux L'Acadie Organizing Committee**

Representatives from Jeux L'Acadie provided the Committee with an overview of the games that are being hosted in Pomquet for youth ages 10 to 18. Photographs from previous games were shared, which include athletic and cultural activities. The event organizers provided an overview of the impact and financial details of the event; roughly 800 participants come to the games from across the province. The overall budget for the event is \$52,000, and the Town and County were asked to consider making a contribution of \$10,000 each. The event is scheduled to take place during the long weekend in May 2020, using facilities at a number of schools in the Town and County.

The representatives were thanked for their presentation, and the Warden indicated that the request would be taken under consideration.

6. **Continuing Business**

There was no continuing business.

7. **New Business**

a. **New Years Levee**

Mr. Horne provided an overview of the annual New Years Levee. In past years, each municipal unit has provided \$1000. This year, due to increases in the costs of food, the individual expense is anticipated to \$1500. Discussion followed. Consensus of the group was to provide the larger contribution.

8. **In-Camera Items**

Moved By Councillor Cormier

Seconded By Councillor Murray

That the Committee go in-Camera at 6:55pm

Carried

Moved By Councillor Murray

Seconded By Councillor Dunbar

That the in-camera session be adjourned at 8:32pm.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Deveau

Seconded By Councillor MacInnis

The Committee recommends to Municipal Council that the full time position of Emergency Management Coordinator be created and advertised for a two-year contract.

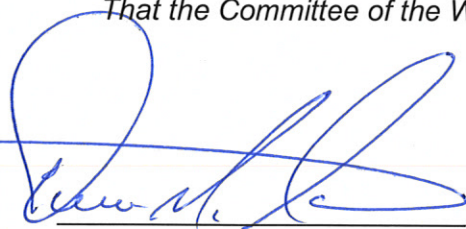
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10. **Adjournment**

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:33pm.

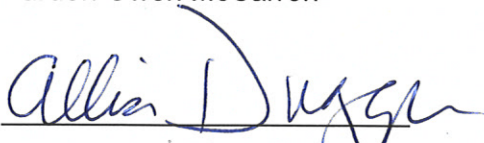
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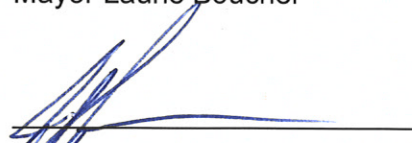
Warden Owen McCarron



Mayor Laurie Boucher



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer



Jeff Lawrence, CAO