

**Present:**

**Councillors:**           Warden Russell Boucher                   Deputy Warden Owen McCarron  
                          Councillor Mary MacLellan               Councillor Rémi Deveau  
                          Councillor Donnie MacDonald           Councillor John Dunbar  
                          Councillor Hugh Stewart (*arrived at 7:53*)   Councillor Gary Mattie  
                          Councillor Vaughan Chisholm           Councillor Bill MacFarlane

**Regrets:**               None

**Also present:**       Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer  
                          Beth Schumacher, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
                          Adam Rodgers, Solicitor- Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm  
                          John Bain, Director – Eastern District Planning Commission

**Media:**               Richard MacKenzie, The Casket  
                          Matt Draper, The Reporter  
                          Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk  
                          Matthew Moore, 98.9 XFM

**Gallery:**             John L. MacDonald  
                          Joyce LeVangie  
                          Debbie Cormier  
                          Tammy Feltmate  
                          Allison Duggan  
                          Josh Chisholm  
                          Harold MacGillivray

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by the Chair, Warden Boucher. Prior to commencing formal business, Warden Boucher took a few minutes to speak regarding John L. MacDonald's retirement from the Municipality, following 25 years of employment. Mr. MacDonald was thanked for his service to the community and presented with a plaque. The meeting was again called to order at 7:36pm by Warden Boucher

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

<p><b>Min #2017-009 (Approval of Agenda)</b> <i>MOVED by Councillor Dunbar, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.</i></p>
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**APPROVAL OF CORRECTED MINUTES**

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the corrected Municipal Council Minutes of December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mr. Horne noted that staff had missed noting a motion that had been made at that meeting within the minutes. This oversight has been corrected, and revised minutes are being presented for approval

**Min #2017-010 (Approval of Corrected Minutes)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau, that the corrected Municipal Council minutes of December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be approved. Motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Min #2017-011 (Approval of Minutes)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan, that the Municipal Council minutes of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be approved. Motion carried.*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor MacLellan asked whether a thank-you card had been sent to the Legion regarding the New Year's Levee; staff indicated that it had.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**John Bain – Eastern District Planning Commission**

Mr. Bain provided members of the Committee with a brief presentation reviewing the services provided by the Planning Commission and preliminary statistics for applications over the past year, in advance of the annual report provided by the Commission. Mr. Bain noted that the Commission is looking to acquire software tie-ins to the current permit-tracking system that would facilitate PVSC updates in-field. Mr. Bain also provided some updates on civic addressing efforts. A question was asked about processing timelines, and Mr. Bain noted that the timelines are often affected by the amount of pre-consultation that may have taken place with EDPC staff or external agencies. Mr. Bain noted that a planning information session is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm was thanked for his presentation.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence has been received from the following:

- a) UNSM – acknowledgement of receipt of our letter to MMAH regarding our concerns with the Change of Use Tax provisions as they stood in the MGA, for consideration in the MGA review.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Committee of the Whole – February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Min #2017-012 (Saltscapes East Coast Expo 2017)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council approve a request from the Antigonish Visitor Information Centre for support in the amount of \$1500.00 for the Saltscapes East Coast Expo 2017. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-013 (Advisory Committee Appointments - Chairs and Vice-Chairs)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau, that Municipal Council approve the Advisory Committee Appointments, as amended. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-014 (Advisory Committee Terms of Reference)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, Economic Development Advisory Committee, Planning Advisory Committee, and Sustainable Communities Advisory Committee, as proposed. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-015 (Streetlight Request – Dunmaglass Road)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart, that Municipal Council approve the Municipality having a streetlight installed on Dunmaglass Road at civic address 111. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-016 (Festival Antigonish Kilted Skating Party)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that Municipal Council approve the sponsorship of a team for the Festival Antigonish Professional Theatre Kilted Skating Party fundraiser, at a cost of \$400. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-017 (Theo Fleury Breakfast Talk)**

*MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron, that Municipal Council approve the purchase of a table of ten (10) tickets at a cost of \$250 for the breakfast talk on February 16<sup>th</sup> with Theo Fleury hosted by the Antigonish RCMP and Naomi Society. Motion carried.*

**Economic Development Advisory Committee Report – February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Deputy Warden McCarron read the committee report, noting that no recommendations were made. The Committee had received a presentation from Trillium Consulting Group regarding a feasibility study for a new business park in the County, an discussed striking a joint working group with the Planning Advisory Committee to review and advise Municipal Council on options for the Trunk 4 Access Management Strategy between Addington Forks and Lower South River.

**Joint Council Committee Report – February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Warden Boucher read the committee report, noting that no recommendations were made. The Committee had received an update on the review of the Antigonish Arena Governance model, and had received an update on the Town / Fringe Sewer Treatment Plant from the Town Engineer. Further, the Committee had received presentations from Councillor Mattie (County) regarding a potential accessibility awareness activity to be held later in the year, and from Councillor Cormier (Town) regarding potential opportunities for an off-leash dog park.

**Committee of the Whole – February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**Min #2017-018 (Policy 35 Amendment – Cape George Lighthouse)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council approves the addition of the Cape George Lighthouse (AAN 03377865) to the list of properties provided with tax exemptions under Policy 35 (Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations). Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-019 (Collection Vehicle Operator Offer)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that Municipal Council offer Shane Benoit the position of Collection Vehicle Operator. Motion carried.*

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

*Updates and Reports from Individual Council Members*

Deputy Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- Arena Governance meeting
- Arena Commission meeting
- Community Liaison Meeting (Highway By-pass)
- Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the St. Andrew's Curling Club

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:

- Solid Waste meeting

Councillor Stewart reported that he attended:

- Three meetings in his District in the past week, to discuss hospital fundraising and local roads. Turnout for these meetings was quite good (in excess of 30 at each meeting, with 81 attending in St. Josephs), and one of these meetings was why he missed CoW and arrived late this evening.

Councillor Mattie reported that he attended:

- Information meeting with Provincial Fisheries representatives
- Town and County Joint Council Advisory Committee meeting

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- Information meeting with Provincial Fisheries representatives
- Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting
- Theo Fleury Breakfast
- Town and County Joint Council Advisory Committee meeting

Councillor MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- Information meeting with Provincial Fisheries representatives
- Town and County Joint Council Advisory Committee meeting
- Solar information meeting held at StFX (Department of Energy)

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- Information meeting with Provincial Fisheries representatives

- Town and County Joint Council Advisory Committee meeting
- Governance Meeting at the RK MacDonald

Councillor Dunbar reported that he attended:

- Orientation Session for Advisory Committees
- Arena Commission meeting
- Theo Fleury Breakfast

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:

- Community Vigil following the Quebec mosque shooting
- Arena Commission meeting
- Town and County Joint Council Advisory Committee meeting
- Theo Fleury Breakfast

### **MOTIONS**

**Min #2017-020 (EDPC Annual Appointments)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor MacLellan that Municipal Council approves the annual appointments of Eastern District Planning Commission staff to Municipal positions, as proposed. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-021 (Pomquet Fire and Emergency Services Loan Guarantee)**

*MOVED by Councillor Deveau, seconded by Councillor Dunbar that Municipal Council approves the endorsement of the \$150,000.00 Loan Guarantee Resolution for the Pomquet Fire and Emergency Services' purchase of a Pumper Truck. Motion carried.*

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Min #2017-022 (Motion to Adjourn)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, seconded by Councillor Deveau that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:19pm. Motion carried.*



*Warden Russell Boucher*



*Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer*

