

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Warden Russell Boucher Deputy Warden Owen McCarron  
Councillor Mary MacLellan Councillor Rémi Deveau  
Councillor Donnie MacDonald Councillor John Dunbar  
Councillor Hugh Stewart Councillor Bill MacFarlane  
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm

**Regrets:** Councillor Gary Mattie

**Also present:** Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer  
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor- Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm

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

**Gallery:** Ryan Finn, Antigonish Art Fair  
Mike MacEachern, Antigonish Art Fair  
David Miller, Antigonish Art Fir

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by the Chair, Warden Boucher.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

- Item 9(b) – Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation
- Item 10(a) – Maggie MacDonnell Teaching Award

**Min #2017-023 (Approval of Agenda)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**Min #2017-024 (Approval of Minutes)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that the Municipal Council minutes of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 be approved. Motion carried.*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Ryan Finn – Antigonish Art Fair**

Mr. Ryan Finn provided members of Council with a review of the success of the Antigonish Art Fair events in 2016, and provided some updates on new things that are happening with the group for the 2017 season. The Art Fair is looking to increase their marketing, listing additional community events and capitalizing on social media platforms for outreach. The group has also applied to the Canada 150 Forward Grant for funds to assist with these efforts. Discussion followed. The representatives from the Art Fair were thanked for their presentation.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence has been received from the following:

- a) PARL letter to Minister Ince regarding the Provincial Librarian's position.
- b) Diamond – 5 year relationship plaque

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Committee of the Whole – e-poll – March 1, 2017**

#### **Min #2017-025 (D-38 Road)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council approve the Municipality accepting ownership of D-38 Road. Motion carried.*

### **Joint Police Advisory Board – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

Councillor Stewart read the report, noting that no recommendations were made. The Board received an overview of policing activities for the past year in the Municipality and Town as well as priorities for the upcoming year. The Board also discussed mandate and training. The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2017 at 4:30pm in the Municipal Office.

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

Mr. Horne read the report, noting that no recommendations were made. The Committee received a presentation from representatives from the Antigonish Farmer's Market regarding the conceptual plans for a permanent and year-round Market Building. Discussions were held regarding preparations for the County's Canada Day Celebrations and Canada 150 legacy project, proposed capital improvements projects, the results of the municipal tax sale, the transfer of Road D-38, and a petition was received from residents in District 5 regarding Internet access.

### **Sustainable Communities Advisory Committee – March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Councillor John Dunbar read the committee report, noting that no recommendations were made. The Committee had received an overview and update on sustainability, discussions were held regarding Source Water Protection Plans, World Water Day and Earth Day, the upcoming screening of Before the Flood at the Municipal Office, striking a working group with other community groups to explore the idea of a Sustainability Fair in the fall, and the idea of setting up a learning tour for committee members.

**Planning Advisory Committee Report – March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Councillor MacLellan read the committee report, noting that the following recommendations were made:

**Min #2017-026 (Marble Holdings Limited Development Agreement)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that Municipal Council approves the proposed Development Agreement between Marble Holdings Limited and the Municipality of the County of Antigonish with respect to the construction of an automatic and self-serve carwash to be located off a new cul-de-sac to be located immediately across from 124 Beech Hill Road, Beech Hill, on a portion of property PID 01249846 totaling approximately 8290 square metres of area subject to the development meeting the evaluation criteria as outlined in the Development Agreement approved. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-027 (Marble Holdings Limited Development Agreement Addition)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald that Municipal Council approves an amendment to the Development Agreement between Marble Holdings Limited and the Municipality of the County of Antigonish that reads as follows:*

*“3.3.5 If necessary, traffic circulation on the property may be reversed and the “Car Vacuuming Station” relocated in order to facilitate better traffic flow on the property.”*

*Motion carried.*

Further, the Committee discussed the DTIR’s Trunk 4 Access Management Plan and appointed two members to sit on a joint working group with the Economic Development Advisory Committee members to review and raise Municipal concerns with the Plan. Discussion also took place regarding the Province’s request for comments on the proposed amendments to the Heritage Conservation District Regulations under the Heritage Property Act.

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

**Min #2017-028 (Canada 150 Capital Project)**

*MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan that Municipal Council commits a maximum of \$45,500 to a Canada 150 Capital Project contingent on receiving funding from other partners and having an acceptable agreement with the Strait Regional School Board. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-029 (Canada 150 Capital Project Request to Town of Antigonish)**

*MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald, that Municipal Council make a request to the Town of Antigonish for a contribution to the Canada 150 Capital Project. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-030 (Crosswalk Request – South River Road at Trinity Lane)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan, that Municipal Council direct staff to prepare a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting a crosswalk on South River Road at Trinity Lane. Motion carried.*

**Min #2017-031 (Amber Lights on Highway 104 at Dagger Woods)**

*MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar, that the Municipality write a letter to Nova Scotia Power requesting an update regarding the activation of the flashing amber lights on Highway 104 at Dagger Woods Road. Motion carried.*

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

*Updates and Reports from Individual Council Members*

Deputy Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- Highway Twinning meeting in Port Hawkesbury on February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- REN meeting in Guysborough
- Highway Twinning meeting in Antigonish
- Chamber of Commerce Dinner, March 16<sup>th</sup>

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:

- Highway Twinning meeting in Antigonish
- Solid Waste Management meeting
- Chamber of Commerce Dinner, March 16<sup>th</sup>

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- February 22<sup>nd</sup> School Board meeting
- February 25<sup>th</sup> LBANS emergency meeting in Truro re: funding concerns
- February 28<sup>th</sup> Planning meeting
- March 10<sup>th</sup> Q&A with MLA Randy Delorey in Arasaig and Cape George
- March 15<sup>th</sup> ACALA meeting
- March 16<sup>th</sup> Chamber of Commerce Dinner
- RK MacDonald Policy Committee meetings

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- OHS meeting
- Highway Twinning meeting in Antigonish
- Crime Prevention hot meal program
- Special Olympics funding announcement

Councillor MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- Highway Twinning meeting in Antigonish
- School Options Committee meeting

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- Highway Twinning meeting in Antigonish
- Planning Workshop

- Policy Advisory Board meeting
- PAC meeting
- RK MacDonald meetings

Councillor Dunbar reported that he attended:

- Planning Workshop
- March 1<sup>st</sup> – Eastern AAC meeting
- SCAC meeting March 9<sup>th</sup>

Councillor Dunbar noted that he needed to step down from the Heritage Board due to a schedule conflict, and noted that the road maintenance information meeting that had been scheduled to take place on February 9<sup>th</sup> but was cancelled due to weather had yet to take place, and he had been in touch with organizers and the media to encourage the meeting to be rescheduled in the near future.

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:

- UNSM workshop in Halifax
- Highway Twinning meeting in Antigonish
- EXPO at Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation was cancelled due to weather
- Special Olympics funding announcement

## **MOTIONS**

### **Min #2017-032 (March 26<sup>th</sup> Purple Day Proclamation)**

*MOVED by Warden Boucher, seconded by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council proclaims March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness in the County of Antigonish. Motion carried.*

### **Min #2017-033 (April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation)**

*MOVED by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor MacLellan that Municipal Council proclaims the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the County of Antigonish. Motion carried.*

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Councillor Deveau brought forward the recent announcement that Antigonish native Maggie MacDonnell had been awarded the Global Teacher Prize by the Varkey Foundation, for her extraordinary efforts in supporting her school and the community in Salluit, Quebec. Councillor Deveau requested that a letter of congratulations from the Municipality be sent to Ms. MacDonnell.

### **Min #2017-034 (Recognizing Maggie MacDonnell for Teaching Award)**

*MOVED by Councillor Deveau, seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that Municipal Council send a letter of congratulations to Ms. Maggie MacDonnell for being the 2017 winner of the Global Teacher Prize by the Varkey Foundation. Motion carried.*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Min #2017-035 (Motion to Adjourn)**

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

  
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**Warden Russell Boucher**

  
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**Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer**