

***MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH***

**Council Chambers  
Municipal Building**

**Tuesday  
March 19, 2013**

A Meeting of Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Centre, 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish, NS.

Present were: ***Warden Russell Boucher***

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Rémi Deveau

Councillor Angus Bowie

Councillor Hughie Stewart

Councillor Pierre Boucher

Councillor Vaughan Chisholm

Also present was: Alan J. Bond, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

Joyce Levangie, Recording Secretary

Adam Rodgers, Municipal Solicitor

Tim Gilfoy, CEO, Strait of Canso Superport Corporation

Jennifer West, M.Sc., P.Ge, Geoscience Coordinator

Ruth Young, Antigonish Culture Active Chair

Sarah O'Toole, Antigonish Culture Active Special Projects

Shannon Long, ARDA

Corey LeBlanc, The Casket

Kerri Penney, 98.9 XFM

Matt Draper, The Reporter

Gallery

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher who welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Hearing none, he asked for approval of the Agenda.

***2013-018      MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane  
App. Agenda that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Warden Boucher called for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of February 19, 2013 meeting of Municipal Council three times. Hearing none, he called for approval of the Minutes as presented.

<b>2013-019</b>	<b><i>MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that the minutes of the February 19, 2013 Meeting of Municipal Council be approved as circulated. Motion carried.</i></b>
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### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Strait of Canso Superport Corporation**

Mr. Tim Gilfoy, CEO of the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation then made a presentation to Council regarding the establishment of a Canadian Port Authority for the Strait of Canso. A copy of Mr. Gilfoy's presentation is attached to the Minutes.

Councillors were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Warden Boucher thanked Mr. Gilfoy and noted that once Council has made a decision, he will be notified.

#### **Ecology Action Centre RE: Mining Presentation**

Jennifer West, M.Sc, P.Geo, Geoscience Coordinator then made a presentation on Municipal Participation in Provincial Mining Policy Changes. A copy of Ms. West's presentation is attached to the Minutes.

Council Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Warden Boucher thanked Ms. West for her very interesting presentation and noted that it will be discussed at a later date.

### **ANTIGONISH CULTURE ALIVE**

Ruth Young, Antigonish Culture Active Chair, then made a presentation to Council requesting support in the amount of \$5,000.00 towards two community events: Go Arts Exhibit & Antigonish Art After Dark Festival.

Ms. Young was accompanied by Sarah O'Toole, ACA Special Projects. A copy of Ms. Young's presentation is attached to the Minutes.

Warden Boucher thanked Ms. Young for her presentation and advised that the request will be considered during preparation of the budget.

**APPOINTMENTS OF EASTERN DISTRICT PLANNING STAFF**

**2013-020 EDPC** *MOVED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that the following appointees be approved for various Municipal positions:*

- *Administrator – Dangerous & Unsightly Premises: John Bain  
Alternate: Sean Donovan*
- *Building Inspector: Harry Martell  
Alternates: Leon Leblanc; Cyril LeBlanc; and David MacKenzie*
- *Development Officer: Wanda Ryan  
Alternates: John Bain; Beth Schumacher; and Andrew Jones*
- *Fire Inspector: Leon LeBlanc  
Alternates: Sean Donovan; Harry Martell; and Cyril Leblanc*

*Motion carried.*

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ST. ANDREWS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL STEERING TEAM**

Correspondence was received from Terry Boyle, P.Eng., Director of Operators, Strait Regional School Board, stating that the St. Andrew's Consolidated renovation & addition project is currently in the pre-design phase with the selection of a design team and a building assessment.

They are requesting for Council to appoint a representative to the St. Andrews Consolidated School Steering Team.

**2013-021 Steering Team** *MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Hugh Stewart that Deputy Warden Owen McCarron be appointed to sit on the St. Andrew's Consolidated School Steering Team. Motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF COST SHARED AGREEMENTS**

Agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia needs approval for the South Side Harbour Road and the Lower South River Bridge water & sewer line relocations.

**2013-022 SSH water relocation** *MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that the Agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia for the South Side Harbour waterline relocation be approved in the amount of \$200,000.00. Motion carried.*

**2013-023**      **MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that LSR Bridge the Agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia for the Lower South River Bridge Water/Sewer water and sewer relocation be approved in the amount of \$685,734.04. Motion Relocation carried.**

### **REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORKS (REN)**

Warden Boucher gave an update concerning the wind down of the RDA offices and the creations of 6 RENs through the Province. A copy of Warden Boucher's memo is attached to the minutes.

Warden Boucher recommends that the County continue to monitor the development of the RENs, be part of the discussion on the benefit of a REN to Antigonish County and our region, stay involved in the upcoming meetings with the UNSM and the Province on how best to provide economic development opportunities for our area and report back at a later date on a preferred option.

### **ANTIGONISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING REPORT**

Warden Boucher read a memo to Council members regarding a meeting held with the Chamber of Commerce. Patrick Curry is the new Chamber President. Discussions were held at the meeting on the following topics:

- 1) Municipality's upcoming 2013 Capital & Operating Budget
- 2) The Municipality's ICSP Plan
- 3) RDA's/REN's and the Antigonish County Industrial Park
- 4) Signage Policy & Signage along the Antigonish By-Pass
- 5) Gateway Strategy

Unfortunately, the agenda items were only received the night before the meeting, as a result, had little time to prepare for any meaningful discussions. Some of the items will be forwarded at the next meeting and additional information will be provided at that time.

### **REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

Deputy Warden reported that he attended:

- Arena Meeting – The Bulldog 50/50 tickets will continue for the summer, drawn every 2<sup>nd</sup> week. Councillor Deveau added that the tenders for the roof repairs for the Arena is out.

Councillor Donnie reported that he attended:

- Occupational Health & Safety meeting; the monthly minutes will be sent out to Council members and Staff. Also, the surveillance cameras were installed at the Solid Waste Resource Management Facility
- Eastern Mainland Housing

Councillor Mary MacLellan reported that she attended:

- Library Board Association in Truro
- Councillor MacLellan also made a presentation on Wind Turbines in Chester

Warden Russell Boucher reported that he attended:

- Keppoch Information Session on February 20<sup>th</sup>
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Meeting with Maritime Link RE: Energy Consumption of Power
- Arena Meeting – First draw for the Bulldog 50/50 tickets is on April 7<sup>th</sup>
- Rural Caucus in Amherst on March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Red Cross month is March
- Town Hall Meeting at the Library, present was Jamie Baillie
- REN meeting in Halifax, present was Chris D'Entromont, Deputy Minister of Economic Development
- Steve Smith was inducted in the Junior Achievement NS Business Hall of Fame

Warden Boucher suggested that a letter of congratulations be issued to Steve Smith.

**2013-024** *MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Remi Déveau S Smith that the County issue a letter of congratulations to Stephen Smith for being inducted into the Junior Achievement NS Business Hall of Fame. Motion carried.*

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT – March 5, 2013**

**2013-025** *MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Breakfast Chisholm that the County of Antigonish contribute \$500.00 towards the Breakfast Program at the Antigonish Education Centre. Motion carried.*

*On motion of Councillor Donnie MacDonald, meeting adjourned to Committee of the Whole.*

The meeting was called back to order and the following recommendations were brought forward.

**2013-026**     **MOVED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Remi Deveau that Fred Mattie Legal fees Easement**     **the Municipality pay Mr. Mattie's legal bill of \$7,300.00 provided that Mr. Mattie gives the Municipality a 20' Easement over his property and his building plans for an addition to his home complies with our building and servicing requirements. Motion carried.**

**2013-027**     **MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Remi Deveau M MacKeen Vehicle Op.**     **that Matthew MacKeen be hired as a full time Collection Vehicle Operator with the usual probationary period. Motion carried.**

**2013-028**     **MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that IT Services**     **that the Municipality contract out its IT services. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

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*Warden Russell Boucher*

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*Alan J. Bond, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer*