

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

**Council Chambers
Municipal Building**

**Thursday
October 15, 2013**

A Meeting of Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 7:40 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Centre, 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish, NS.

Present were: **Warden Russell Boucher, Chairman**

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron	
Councillor Donnie MacDonald	Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
Councillor Bill MacFarlane	Councillor Pierre Boucher
Councillor Mary MacLellan	Councillor Angus Bowie
Councillor Hughie Stewart	Councillor Rémi Deveau

Also present were: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Sara Brown, Recording Secretary
Adam Rogers, Municipal Solicitor
Corey LeBlanc, The Casket
Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM
Matt Draper, 101.5 The Hawk
Gallery

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, *Warden Russell Boucher*.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

- 1) New Employee Appointment
- 2) Correspondence

Min #2013-118 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Warden called for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of September 17, 2013 meeting of Municipal Council three times. Hearing none, he called for approval of the Minutes as presented.

Min #2013-119 (Approval of Minutes – September 17, 2013)

MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the minutes of the September 17, 2013 Meeting of Municipal Council be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

ROAD NAME CHANGE – Upper Pomquet

A request has been received from residents from the Upper Pomquet Area to have an unnamed road named to Pear Tree Lane as first choice.

Min #2013-120 (Road Name Change – Upper Pomquet)

MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that the request to name a currently unnamed road in the Upper Pomquet to Pear Tree Lane be tabled and sent to the Department of Transportation and the Eastern District Planning Commission for comment. Motion carried.

JOINT COUNTY & TOWN NOMINATION OF PEOPLE’S PLACE LIBRARY FOR THE UNSM CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN AWARD PROGRAM

Min #2013-121 (UNSM Climate Change Action Plan Award Program)

MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the County support the Joint County & Town nomination of the People’s Place Library for the UNSM Climate Change Action Plan Award Program. Motion carried.

REPEAL By-Law Respecting “Building Permit Fees”

Min #2013-122 (Building Permit Fees By-Law)

Moved by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that the By-Law respecting “Building Permit Fees” be repealed. Motion carried.

REPEAL By-Law Respecting “Smoking in Public Places”

Min #2013-123 (Smoking in Public Places)

Moved by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that the By-Law respecting “Smoking in Public Places” be repealed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – School Bus Use for Transportation

Min #2013-124 (School Bus Use for Transportation)

Moved by Councillor Angus Bowie, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the County request the UNSM to urge the Department of Education and Members of the Legislative Assembly to support municipalities and regional school boards in exploring the integration of school buses into community public transportation. Motion carried.

OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – October 1, 2013

Min #2013-125 (Agriculture Committee Appointments)

Moved by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, Councillor Vaughan Chisholm and Councillor Pierre Boucher be appointed to sit on the Agriculture Committee. Motion carried.

Min #2013-126 (Library Conference)

Moved by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that Councillor Mary MacLellan attend the Library Conference in Truro on October 25 & 26, 2013. Motion carried.

Min #2013-127 (Active Transportation Plan)

Moved by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that the County contribute \$5,000 towards the development of an Active Transportation Plan for the County & Town of Antigonish. Motion carried.

Min #2013-128 (Dr. John Hugh Gillis Royals)

Moved by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that the request from the Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional Royals to sponsor an Advertisement be approved by way of a full page ad in the amount of \$100.00. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT – October 15, 2013

Min #2013-129 (Audited Financial Report)

Moved by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that the 2013 Audited Financial Report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Min #2013-130 (Tax Exemption By-Law)

Moved by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that the Tax Exemption By-Law be repealed. Motion carried.

Min #2013-131 (Tax Exemption Policy)

Moved by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that the Tax Exemption Policy be approved as presented. Motion carried. (copy attached)

Min #2013-132 (Tender – Lochaber Road Sidewalks)

Moved by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that the Tender for the Sidewalks extension on Lochaber Road to the West River Road be awarded to Weeks Construction. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron reported that he attended on:

- Sept 23rd – Mayors & Wardens meeting in Port Hawkesbury
- Sept 23rd – St. Andrews School Expansion Committee meeting
- Sept 24th – Political Debate – MacKay Room, St. F.X.
- Sept 25th – Chamber of Commerce Breakfast
- Oct 1st – EMO at R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home

Councillor Rémi Deveau reported that:

- He attended a Crime Prevention Meeting concerning the Senior Program.

Councillor Donnie MacDonald reported that he attended:

- Regional Emergency meeting – Transportation Infrastructure Renewal.

Councillor Mary MacLellan reported that she attended:

- ACALA Meeting – very successful year.
- Chamber Breakfast – Speaker Rick Ramsay
- Library holding a program “Libraries & Legion work together for literacy this Remembrance Day”.

Councillor Pierre Boucher reported that he attended:

- Solid Waste Management Meeting – Reminder of the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program will be held October 18 & 19th.

Warden Russell Boucher reported that he attended on:

- Sept 19th – C.J. MacLellan Anniversary Ribbon Cutting
- Sept 19th – Arena Commission
- Sept 25th – Chamber of Commerce Breakfast
- Sept 27th – Antigonish Alive
- Oct 3rd – 41 Coady Students, who are taking a Development Course, visited Havre Boucher to see all the developments in the area

COLLECTION VEHICLE OPERATOR

Min #2013-116 (Vehicle Operator)

Moved by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that Tony Gresback be hired as a Collection Vehicle Operator for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from Al MacIsaac, Chicago Blackhawks thanking the County for their support and welcoming the Stanley Cup on September 11th.

On motion by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Warden Russell Boucher

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer