

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

7:30 to 8:50 pm

Present: **Warden Russell Boucher, Chairperson**

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillor Vaughan Chisholm

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Rémi Deveau

Councillor Angus Bowie

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Pierre Boucher

Councillor Hughie Stewart

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

Adam Rodgers, Municipal Solicitor

Joyce Levangie, Recorder

Corey LeBlanc, The Casket

Matt Draper, The Reporter

Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM

Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

Rick Corradini, ICI Green Energy

Cindy MacKinnon, Managing Director, DEANS

Board Members, DEANS

Gallery

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The following changes were made to the Agenda.

Under #4 – Add as #7 Big Marsh Road Correspondence

Min #2014-092 (Approval of Agenda)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 20, 2014 Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council

Warden Boucher called for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of May 20, 2014 Meeting of Municipal Council three times. Hearing none, he called for approval of the Minutes as presented.

Min #2014-093 (Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2014)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the Minutes of the May 20, 2014 Meeting of Municipal Council be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Mary MacLellan had a question regarding the Petition from residents of the Big Marsh Road regarding paving.

June 3, 2014 Minutes of Special Meeting of Council

Warden Boucher called for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of June 3, 2014 Meeting of Special Municipal Council three times. Hearing none, he called for approval of the Minutes as presented.

Min #2014-094 (Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2014)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the Minutes of the June 3, 2014 Special Meeting of Municipal Council be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Horne reviewed the Public Hearing Protocol in accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act – See attached.*

Amendment to the Antigonish County Subdivision By-Law – Private Lanes

Mr. John Bain, Executive Director, Eastern District Planning Commission gave a brief overview of the Planning Staff Report regarding amendment to the Antigonish County Subdivision By-Law by adding a new classification of private roads. This new classification of private roads will be a “Private Lane” with a reduced construction standard in comparison to the existing Private Road Standards. (Staff Report attached to the Minutes)

Council Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Bain was thanked for his report.

There was no one present to speak against or in favor of the amendment.

Min #2014-095 (Amendment to Subdivision By-Law – Private Lanes)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that Municipal Council approve, on Second Reading, an amendment to the Antigonish County Subdivision By-Law by adding a new classification of private roads known as “Private Lanes”, which will allow reduced construction standards. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the following:

- 1) Canada Postmasters & Canada Post
 - Canada Post agreed to add 6 ½ hours throughout the week for a total of 28.5 hours rather than the proposed 22 hours per week
 - The realigning hours of operation during the week will no longer offer Saturday retail service as of the Week of June 29, 2014 at the St. Andrews Post Office.
- 2) Veteran's Affairs
- 3) Evaluation of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan
- 4) Environment Office of the Minister (Ogden Round Lake)
 - Ogden Round Lake is one of the areas in the original 31 wilderness areas that were designated in 1998
- 5) Road Concerns – Pomquet Lake Road

Min #2014-096 (Letter to TIR – Pomquet Lake Road Paving)

MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that the County issue a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal expressing Council's support of the concerns of the road conditions on the Pomquet Lake Road. Motion carried.

- 6) Office of the Minister of Energy – Electricity Review
- 7) Big Marsh Road – Response was received on a petition, supported by the County, regarding the upgrading of the Big Marsh Road. Work had already been identified by NS Dept. of Transportation & Public Works for the current year, therefore, the Big Marsh Road paving will be considered under the 2015 RIM program.

Councillor MacLellan asked that a copy of the response from NS Transportation & Public Works be sent to Aileen Rieksts. Ms. Rieksts presented the Petition to Council on behalf of the Big Marsh Road taxpayers.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **I.C.I. Green Energy Inc.**

Mr. Rick Corradini, ICI Green Energy Inc., appeared before Council with a presentation on a proposed Biogas development in Tracadie. (Copy of presentation attached)

Under the Community Feed in Tariff Program (COMFIT), a Farm Business applying to the Department of Energy for a COMFIT Biogas Project Award requires a letter of support or resolution from the Municipality the project is located. ICI Green Energy Inc. is presently developing COMFIT applications for the following farms in Antigonish County:

- TE Boyle Farm & Forestry Limited
- Afton Hills Farm Limited
- Knoydart Farms Limited

Council Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Warden Boucher thanked Mr. Corradini for his presentation and wished him luck with his adventure.

Min #2014-097 (Letter of Support – COMFIT Biogas Project)

MOVED by Councillor Pierre Boucher, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that the County issue a letter of support for each of the following: TE Boyle Farm & Forestry Ltd., Afton Hills Farm Ltd., and Knoydart Farms Ltd., to apply to the Department of Energy for a COMFIT Biogas Project Award. Motion carried.

2. Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores (DEANS)

Cindy MacKinnon, Managing Director, DEANS appeared before Council with a presentation of a review of the past years activities. Ms. MacKinnon also reviewed the 2014 Marketing Initiatives, 2014 Partnership Initiatives, and the 2014 Consumer Shows. (Copy of presentation attached)

Council members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. MacKinnon was thanked for her presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Report – June 10, 2014

Min #2014-098 (Priority Infrastructure Projects)

*MOVED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that the Municipality's three Infrastructure priorities (The Water System Expansion/Fire Flow; Water Metering; and Sanitary Sewer Upgrades) to be shared with the Province as they negotiate the New Building Canada Fund with the Federal Government be **tabled**. Motion carried.*

Min #2014-099 (R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home Board Appointment)

MOVED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that Councillor Donnie MacDonald be re-appointed as the Municipality's representative on the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home Board for another 3 year term. Motion carried.

Recreation Committee Report – June 17, 2014

Min #2014-100 (2014/15 Grants to Community Groups/Organizations)

MOVED by Councillor Angus Bowie, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the 2014/2015 Community Groups & Organizations Grant Program be approved as per the following:

All For Horses Association - \$300.00

Antigonish Celtics Soccer Club - \$1,200.00

Antigonish Creative Dance Association - \$0.00 (Late applicant)

Antigonish Highland Dancing Association - \$440.00

Antigonish Minor Basketball Association - \$640.00

Antigonish Therapeutic Riding Association - \$300.00

Cape George Hiking Trails Association - \$1,200.00
Havre Boucher Tae Kwon Do Association - \$400.00
St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre \$500.00
Scotia Highland Dancers - \$300.00
Tracadie Minor Ball Association - \$500.00
Williams's Point Community Centre Association - \$500.00
Motion carried.

Finance Committee Report – June 17, 2014

Min #2014-101 (Paving – Old Route 245)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that Council approve the completed paving on Old Route 245 (Jack's Road). Motion carried.

Min #2014-102 (Lochaber Centre Grand Opening – AD)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that the County approve the purchase of a full color congratulatory advertisement in a special section of the June 25th edition of the Casket, for the Grand Opening of the Lochaber Centre to take place on June 28. The ad would be 4.96" x 3.28" at a cost of \$99.00. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Report – June 17, 2014

Min #2014-103 (CABER Technology Solutions)

MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that the Municipality approve the Service Agreement with CABER Technology Solutions for FY 2014/15. Motion carried.

Min #2014-104 (Climate Change Community Plan)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the Municipality take part in the development of a Climate Change Community Plan, as requested by a local community group. (2 nay votes: Councillor Mary MacLellan and Councillor Bill MacFarlane). Motion carried.

NOTICE OF SUMMER COUNCIL SESSION

Mr. Horne noted that, for information purposes, there will be a Council Meeting held on July 22, 2014. There will be no scheduled Council meeting in the month of August.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Pierre Boucher reported that he had attended:

- FCM Conference in Niagra Falls, along with Warden Boucher
- CWL's 50th Anniversary in Tracadie
- Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Meeting

Councillor Rémi Deveau reported that he had attended:

- Crime Prevention meeting
- Pomquet & Area Recreation & Cultural Meeting

Councillor Bill MacFarlane noted he attended a meeting at the Dr. John Hugh Gillis School on June 3.

Councillor Angus Bowie noted that he attended a Meeting of the Heatherton Culture & Wellness. There will be a fundraiser event taking place on June 28, from 12:00 to 9:00 pm. Councillor Bowie invited Council, Staff and Media to the event.

Councillor Donnie MacDonald reported that he attended:

- June 3 – VON
- June 4 – ACALA
- ICSP

Warden Russell Boucher reported that he attended:

- Water Rate Hearings on May 21st
- Welcomed delegates at St. F.X.
- CWL's 50th Anniversary in Tracadie
- Met with local MLA and Premier at an event at the Town office (Discussion on Trades)
- Lieutenant Governor's Award - Sherbrooke
- FCM Conference in Niagra Falls
- Retirement Party for Alan Bond and Sara Brown
- Presidents Dinner
- Halifax – Meeting with Committee appointed by UNSM

Moved by Councillor Pierre Boucher and seconded by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the meeting adjourn to Committee of the Whole @ 8:50 pm.

Council Meeting was called back to order at 9:45 pm to address the item tabled from the June 10, 2014 Committee of the Whole Report concerning the New Building Canada Fund priorities.

Min #2014-105 (New Building Canada Fund priorities)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that the Municipality's three Infrastructure priorities (The Water System Expansion/Fire Flow; Water Metering; and Sanitary Sewer Upgrades) to be shared with the Province as they negotiate the New Building Canada Fund with the Federal Government be approved. Motion carried. 7 yay votes, 3 nay votes.



Warden Russell Boucher



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer