

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

7:40 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

John Bain, Director – Eastern District Planning Commission

Sean Donovan, Administrator, Dangerous & Unsightly Premises, EDPC

Emily Hiltz, The Casket

Matt Draper, The Reporter

Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM

Gwendolyn & Wayne MacIntosh, Monastery

Bill Dinn, Coordinator, Emergency Measures Organization

Vera Rhynold, Assistant to Director of Finance

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 #3 – Add as 3) - Presentation – Bill Dinn, EMO

Under #8 – Add 3) - Road Name Changes Final Approval

Min #2014-106 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 17, 2014

Warden Boucher called for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of June 17, 2014 Meeting of Municipal Council three times.

Councillor MacLellan noted that on Page 3, #7 - should state that it is upgrading of the Big Marsh Road, not paving.

Min #2014-107 (Approval of Minutes – June 17, 2014)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the Minutes of the June 17, 2014 Meeting of Municipal Council be approved as amended. 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.*

NS Power Connections to Parked Recreational Vehicles – Eastern Antigonish MPS & LUB

Mr. John Bain, Executive Director, Eastern District Planning Commission gave a brief overview of the Planning Staff Report regarding Nova Scotia power connections for Parked Recreation Vehicles, Travel Trailers and Utility Buildings in the Municipality in general and specifically areas under the Eastern Antigonish Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law. (Report attached to the Minutes)

Amendments would be to add the use “Storage Building” to the Rural (R-1) Zone and the Island (IS-1) Zone. Planning Staff would also recommend that the building be required to be above the size requirement of an accessory building as defined in the NS Building Code Regulations.

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 amendments.

Min #2014-108 (Amendments to the Eastern Antigonish MPS & LUB)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that Municipal Council approve, on Second Reading, an amendment to the Land Use By-Law for the Eastern Antigonish County Plan Area by including “Storage Buildings” in the Rural (R-1) Zone with specific requirements. Motion carried. (see attached amendments)

UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

Sean Donovan, Administrator, Dangerous & Unsightly Premises for the Eastern District Planning Commission appeared before Council with a list of properties that needs demolition/clean up Orders.

Mr. Donovan noted that all property owners were given notice of the orders and had an opportunity to appear before Council this evening.

- 1) Property of Christina Gerriora, Gwendolyn MacIntosh, Wayne MacIntosh, 923 Old Antigonish Road, Monastery NS , PID #01242304, AAN 01686747.

Min #2014-109 (Demolition Order)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that an Order be issued to Christina Gerriora, Gwendolyn MacIntosh, & Wayne MacIntosh giving sixty (60) days for the demolition of the buildings and 1 year for the cleanup of the property located at 923 Old Antigonish Road, Monastery, PID #01242304. Motion carried.

- 2) Property of Robert and Marlene Bayers, 986 Old Antigonish Road, Monastery NS, PID #01242213, AAN 01071033.

Min #2014-110 (Demolition Order)

MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that an Order be issued to Robert and Marlene Bayers giving thirty (30) days for demolition and cleanup of the property located at 986 Old Antigonish Road, Monastery, PID #01242213. Motion carried.

- 3) Properties of Patrick Bennett, 984 Old Antigonish Road, Monastery NS PID #01282227, AAN 01071041 & PID #01282219, AAN 09103767.

Min #2014-111 (Demolition Orders)

MOVED by Councillor Angus Bowie, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that an Order be issued for each property belonging to Patrick Bennett giving thirty (30) days for demolition and cleanup of the property located at 984 Old Antigonish Road, Monastery, PID #01242213 and also PID #01282219 (Across the street from 984 Old Antigonish Road). Motion carried.

- 4) Property of Frank and Margaret Bruno, Warf Road, East Tracadie NS PID #01253400, AAN 03449149.

Min #2014-112 (Demolition Order)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that an Order be issued to Frank & Margaret Bruno giving thirty (30) days for demolition and cleanup of the property located at Warf Road, East Tracadie, PID #01253400. Motion carried.

- 5) Property of John & Catherine MacDonald, 3328 Highway 245, Maryvale NS PID #01299049, AAN 02710277.

Min #2014-113 (Demolition Order)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that an Order be issued to John and Catherine MacDonald giving thirty (30) days for demolition and cleanup of the property located at 3328 Highway 245, Maryvale, PID #01299049. Motion carried.

- 6) Property of Florence Teasdale, 3280 Highway 245, Maryvale NS PID #01202803, AAN 02844257.

Min #2014-114 (Demolition Order)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that an Order be issued to Florence Teasdale giving thirty (30) days for demolition and cleanup of the property located at 3280 Highway 245, Maryvale, PID #01202803. Motion carried.

Mr. Donovan noted that the property belonging to John Joseph and Maureen Vandervalk has completed the demolition and removal of the Mobile Home on their property.

EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION – Bill Dinn, Coordinator

Mr. Dinn appeared before Council seeking Council's approval of a revised Municipal Services Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement. (Agreement attached to the Minutes)

This Agreement would include all emergency issues other than a declared emergency.

There were amendments made to the agreement, therefore asking for signatures.

Min #2014-115 (Municipal Services Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement)

MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that Council support the amendments to the Municipal Services Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement as presented. Motion carried. (See attached)

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the following:

- 1) Antigonish Heritage Museum for the County's support
- 2) Municipal Affairs – Changes for fiscal year 2015-16

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Report – Electronic Poll

Min #2014-116 (Website Redesign)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that the contract to redesign the Municipality's website be awarded to Simply Ducky. Motion carried.

Min #2014-117 (Beech Hill Road Water & Sanitary Servicing Project)

MOVED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that the Beech Hill Road Water and Sanitary Servicing Project be awarded to S.W. Weeks Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$554,983.00. Motion carried.

Min #2014-118 (Strategic Plan)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that a request for proposals for the development of a strategic plan be posted. Motion carried.

Min #2014-119 (Letter of Agreement – Town of Antigonish – Streetlights)

MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that a letter of Agreement be issued to the Town of Antigonish Electric Utility concerning proposed interim rates of \$8.07 for 55 watt and \$10.71 for 88 watt LED Streetlights. Motion carried.

Joint County & Town Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – July 16, 2014

Min #2014-120 (Application submitted by Cobalt Management Corporation)

MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that the Municipality work co-operatively with the Town of Antigonish Planning Advisory Committee on an application for development along the Town/County boundary from Cobalt Management Corporation, and that a letter be sent to the developer to this effect. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Report – July 22, 2014

Min #2014-121 (Amendments to the Fringe & Central MPS/LUB Concerning Power Connects)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that the County approve the amendments to the Fringe & Central MPS & LUB concerning power connections as presented. Motion carried.

Min #2014-122 (South-West Antigonish Area Advisory Committee)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that the County update the membership list for the South-Western Antigonish Advisory Committee to reflect the changes in participants since the list was adopted by Council in the fall of 2012.

Remove: George Murphy, Ian MacNeil, & Kelly MacIntyre

Add: John Quinn, Lochaber area resident.

Motion carried.

Min #2014-123 (List of Contractors for Municipal Business)

MOVED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the Municipality establish a standing list of contractors related to Demolition Orders. Motion carried.

Min #2014-124 (Antigonish Affordable Housing Society)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that the Municipality sponsor an application for funding for the Antigonish Affordable Housing Society and act as a trustee if funds are awarded from the Canadian Alternative Investment Foundation. Motion carried.

Min #2014-125 (Water Rate Study)

MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that a Water Rate Study be initiated for the Fringe, Lower South River, St. Andrews and Gaspereaux water utilities and G.A. Isenor Consulting be contracted for this purpose. Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Rémi Deveau reported that he had attended:

- Crime Prevention on June 27
- Canada Day Celebrations
- Antigonish Go Arts

Councillor Donnie MacDonald reported that he had attended:

- Art Fair on June 27

Councillor Pierre Boucher noted he attended:

- Graduation, Antigonish East
- Lochaber Centre Opening

Councillor Hughie Stewart reported that he attended:

- Changing of the Guard for RCMP in Halifax, along with Warden Boucher
- Lochaber Centre Official Opening

Councillor Bill MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- Grad Ceremonies, Regional High School on June 26

ROAD NAME CHANGES

- 1) A Petition has been received from residents on an unnamed Private Road in William's Point. The residents are proposing Douglas Lane as first choice.

Min #2014-126 (Unnamed Private Road – Williams Point)

Moved by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that the proposed name for a currently unnamed Private Road in Williams Point be tabled and forwarded to the Eastern District Planning Commission & the NS Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal for comment. Motion carried.

- 2) A Petition has been received from residents of Sea Spray Lane, Arisaig. The residents are proposing Sandy Ranald's Road.

Min #2014-127 (Road Name Change – Arisaig)

Moved by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the proposed name change for Sea Spray Lane in Arisaig be tabled and forwarded to the Eastern District Planning Commission & the NS Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal for comment. Motion carried.

- 3) The Eastern District Planning Commission and the NS Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal have been asked to comment on the 3 name/unnamed roads. Both Departments have accepted the names as follows:
- 1) Unnamed Private Road, Georgeville to Northumberland Lane
 - 2) Road D-3, Bayfield to Rose Lane
 - 3) Unnamed Road, North Grant to Partridge Lane

Min #2014-128 (Unnamed Private Road , Northumberland Lane, Rose Lane, Partridge Lane)
Moved by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that an unnamed Private Road in Georgeville be named Northumberland Lane; Road D-3 in Bayfield be named Rose Lane; and an unnamed Road in North Grant be named Partridge Lane. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron and seconded by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that the meeting adjourn to Committee of the Whole @ 8:50 pm.



Warden Russell Boucher



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer