



Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, September 16, 2014
7:30 to 9:10 pm

Present: Warden Russell Boucher, Chairperson
Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillors: Vaughan Chisholm Angus Bowie
Donnie MacDonald Bill MacFarlane
Mary MacLellan Pierre Boucher
Rémi Deveau Hughie Stewart

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Chris Boyd, Solicitor – Boudrot & Rodgers Law Firm
Joyce Levangie, Recorder
Sean Donovan, Administrator, Dangerous & Unsightly Premises, EDP
Nicole Haverkort, Regional Coordinator/Educator - ERSWM
Corey LeBlanc, The Casket
Adam Cooke, The Reporter
Greg Morrow, The Hawk
Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM
Boyd MacIsaac, R.J. MacIsaac Construction
Dennis J. James - Patterson Law, Representing Mr. MacIsaac
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 item was added to the Agenda.

- 1) Turkey Marketing Board

Min #2014-129 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – July 22, 2014

Warden Boucher called for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of July 22, 2014 Meeting of Municipal Council three times.

Councillor MacLellan noted that on Minute #2014-127 should read that the proposed road name change branches off Sea Spray Lane.

Min #2014-130 (Approval of Minutes – July 22, 2014)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that the Minutes of the July 22, 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

Sean Donovan, Administrator, Dangerous & Unsightly Premises appeared before Council to review property belonging to R.J. MacIsaac Construction located on 3973 Dunmore Road. Mr. Donovan is recommending that the County issue an "Order to Remedy Condition" to the owner giving Mr. MacIsaac thirty (30) days to remove all debris, rubbish and combustible materials. Mr. Donovan's report is attached to the minutes.

Council Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Warden Boucher gave Mr. MacIsaac and Mr. James an opportunity to speak.

Mr. James distributed and summarized a hand out to Council Members. (Letter attached to the Minutes)

Mr. MacIsaac noted that he is in the marine construction industry, therefore needs the equipment on his property. Also, the equipment on the property is being used, but may not be used on a regular basis. He does not feel that this complaint falls under the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises conditions defined in the "*Municipal Government Act*".

Council Members were given an opportunity ask questions to Mr. James & Mr. MacIsaac.

Min #2014-131 (Dangerous & Unsightly Premises – PID # 10025419)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that the County dismiss the Order on PID #10025419 as administered by the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises Administrator. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Revising Our Path Forward – The Solid Waste-Resource Regulation Review

Nicole Haverkort, Regional Coordinator/Educator for the Eastern Region Solid Waste Management appeared before Council with a presentation on how to move forward with the Solid Waste-Resource Regulations. (Presentation attached to the Minutes)
Council Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Warden Boucher thanked Ms. Haverkort for her presentation and noted that Council will get back to her after further review of the document.

Min #2014-132 (Solid Waste-Resource Regulation Review)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the Solid Waste-Resource Regulation Review be tabled until the document is further reviewed. Motion carried.

Municipal Boundary Review

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer presented an update on the Municipal Boundary Review. (Presentation attached to the Minutes)

Council Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Open Houses have been scheduled to introduce the options to residents and receive comments.

Warden Boucher thanked Mr. Horne for his report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Report, E-Poll – August 13, 2014

Min #2014-133 (Trucking Services Tender)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that the tender for solid waste and recycling trucking services from the Beech Hill Solid Waste Facility to the Second Generation Landfill in Guysborough County and Kemptown, Colchester County, be awarded to Eastern Sanitation Limited. Motion carried.

Min #2014-134 (Resolution RE: Scholl Bus Use)

MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the attached resolution concerning school bus use for the public transportation be approved and submitted to the UNSM for consideration at its Fall Conference. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Report - September 9, 2014

Min #2014-135 (Compost Conference)

MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that Councillor Pierre Boucher attend the 24th Annual Compost Conference in Halifax. Motion carried.

Min #2014-136 (Library Conference)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that Councillor Mary MacLellan attend the Annual Library Conference in Amherst from September 23 – 27th, 2014. Motion carried.

Min #2014-137 (Sponsor Team – X-Men Scramble)

MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that a team be sponsored in the X-Men Hockey/Golf Scramble on September 20th at a cost of \$360.00. Motion carried.

Min #2014-138 (Deputy Municipal Clerk Position)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that a process be initiated to fill the position of Municipal Deputy Clerk. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Report – September 16, 2014

Min #2014-139 (Building Climate Control System – Municipal Administration Centre)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that the Municipality contract Carmichael Thermal Systems for the installation and maintenance of a Building Climate Control system for the Municipal Administration Centre. Motion carried.

Min #2014-140 (R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home – Loan Guarantee)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that the Municipality guarantee a loan from the Municipal Finance Corporation to the R.K MacDonald Nursing Home in the amount of \$187,500 for necessary repairs and maintenance to windows and flooring. Motion carried.

Min #2014-141 (Petition for Mount Cameron area)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that a petition from the residents of Mount Cameron Circle, Harbour View Drive and Harbour View Crescent requesting the construction of curb, gutter and related drainage infrastructure in the area be accepted and added to the Municipality's infrastructure priority list for future consideration. Motion carried.

Min #2014-142 (Organizational Workshop)

MOVED by Councillor Pierre Boucher, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that Gordon MacIntosh of the Local Government Leadership Institute be contracted for an organizational workshop. Motion carried.

Min #2014-143 (Amendment to Zoning Map – Fringe Plan)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that Council approve, on First Reading, an amendment to the Zoning Map in the Land Use By-Law for the Antigonish Planning Area (Fringe Plan), to rezone a property identified as PID #01249846 from Rural Development (RD-1) zone to Gateway Commercial (GC-1) zone. Motion carried.

Min #2014-144 (Nova Major Bantam Hockey Sponsorship)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that the Municipality sponsor the Nova Major Bantam Hockey in the amount of \$150.00. Motion carried.

Min #2014-145 (Theatre Antigonish Sponsorship)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the Municipality sponsor Theatre Antigonish in the amount of \$125.00. Motion carried.

Min #2014-146 (Collection Vehicle Operator)

MOVED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that Adam McCoul be hired as Collection Vehicle Operator. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the following:

- 1) Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation's Annual Report
- 2) Cobalt – Thank you letter
- 3) Canada Post – Postal Services in St. Andrews
- 4) Minister of Transportation – Five-Point Action Plan, Canada Post
- 5) Letter from Minister Geoff MacLellan - Old Highway 104/Trunk 7 and West Street Safety
- 6) NS Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal - Road Name Change, Trunk 4
- 7) Joe MacDonald, Chief of Barney's River Fire Department RE: Twinning Highway 104 West of Antigonish

Min #2014-147 (Support Letter – Twinning Highway 104 west of Antigonish)

MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that the Municipality issue a letter of Support to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal concerning the Twinning of Highway 104 west of Antigonish as requested by Chief Joe Macdonald, Barney's River Fire Department. Motion carried.

- 8) Thank you Cards from Alan Bond, Sara Brown, and the Art Fair
- 9) VON
- 10) Thank you letter from Antigonish 2014 Art Fair

ROAD NAME CHANGES

The Eastern District Planning Commission and the NS Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal have been asked to comment on the 3 named/unnamed roads. Both Departments have accepted the names as follows:

- 1) D-3 Road Rose Lane in Bayfield from Rose Lane to Jana Lee Lane
- 2) A western branch off Sea Spray Lane to Sandy Ranald's Road
- 3) An unnamed road in Williams Point to Douglas Lane

Min #2014-148 (Road Name Changes)

Moved by Councillor Angus Bowie, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that D-3 Road in Bayfield be named Jana Lee Lane; a western branch off Sea Spray Lane be named Sandy Ranald's Road; and an unnamed road in Williams Point be named Douglas Lane. Motion carried.

WEBSITE RE-LAUNCH

Glenn noted that the Launch for our new Website will go live on October 1, 2014.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron reported that he attended:

- Arena Commission meeting in August

Councillor Rémi Deveau reported that he had attended:

- Crime Prevention
- Big Bike Run

Councillor Angus Bowie reported that he attended:

- Big Bike Run
- Sept 15 – Heatherton School Meeting concerning ongoing fundraising

Councillor Donnie MacDonald reported that he had attended:

- Transit Launch

Councillor Mary MacLellan:

- Transit Launch

Councillor Pierre Boucher reported that he attended:

- Aquaculture meeting in St. John de Paul
- Minister of Municipal Affairs - August 26

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:

- CACL meeting
- Sisters of St. Martha's
- Coady Institute
- Arena Commission
- Aquaculture
- Meet & Greet, Dr. Kent MacDonald
- Exhibition Opening
- Minister of Municipal Affairs at County office
- Transit Launch

TURKEY MARKETING BOARD

Deputy Warden McCarron was contacted concerning turkey farms being closed down because of safety reasons.

The NS Turkey Marketing Board approached a slaughter house to cease operation, they are no longer allowed to process turkeys from small-scale local turkey producers. The rule is that local turkey producers are allowed 25 turkeys before a license is required. This is a very poor time to cease operation because of Thanksgiving next month, and Xmas in December. These farmers rely on this income.

Sonya Lorette from the Board was contacted and she noted that they only act on complaints.

Deputy Warden McCarron noted that this is just one more stab towards rural Nova Scotia. Also noted that there is a meeting being held on September 23rd @ 7:00 pm at the West River Fire Hall, should anyone be interested in attending.

Discussion followed.

Min #2014-149 (Letter of Concern – Turkey Farmers)

Moved by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that the Municipality issue a letter of concerns to the Minister of Agriculture, also request a time extension of ceasing the turkey slaughter operation. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Hughie Stewart and seconded by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the meeting adjourn @ 9:10 pm.


Warden Russell Boucher


Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer