



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

7:30 to 8:15 pm

Present: Warden Russell Boucher, Chairperson
Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillors: Bill MacFarlane Rémi Deveau
Mary MacLellan Vaughan Chisholm
Angus Bowie Pierre Boucher

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor – Boudrot & Rodgers Law Firm
John Bain, Director of Planning, EDPC
Corey LeBlanc, Antigonish Casket
Matt Draper, The Reporter
Greg Morrow, The Hawk
Bill MacCuish, CJFX
Gallery

Regrets: Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Hugh Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Warden Boucher called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. No changes were identified.

Min #2015-084 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of May 19th, 2015.

Min #2015-085 (Approval of May 19th Council Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor Boucher, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan, that the Municipal Council Minutes of May 19th, 2015 be approved. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Bain introduced the amendment proposed, to the **Rural General (RG-1) Zone** of the Land Use By-law for the **Antigonish Fringe Planning Area**, to add “**Storage Buildings**” as a permitted use in the zone and adding special requirements for a storage building (which is a main use) with respect to the size of the building and the conditions under which an Environment Approval or Qualified Persons Report verifying soil conditions adequate to contain an onsite sewer system may be required. Mr. Bain noted that the public hearing was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the MGA, and the Town of Antigonish had been directly notified in accordance with the Planning Strategy policies.

Warden Boucher asked if anyone was present who wished to speak for or against the proposal. No one identified that they wished to speak.

Min #2015-086 (Fringe Plan Storage Buildings Amendment)

MOVED by Councillor Bowie, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm that the Rural General (RG-1) Zone of the Land Use By-law for the Antigonish Fringe Planning Area be amended to add “Storage Buildings” as a permitted use in the zone and adding special requirements for a storage building (which is a main use) with respect to the size of the building and the conditions under which an Environment Approval or Qualified Persons report verifying soil conditions adequate to contain an onsite sewer system may be required. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Seaside Communications

Ms. Brenda Stewart from Seaside Communications made a presentation of cheques to the Tracadie and Auld’s Cove Volunteer Fire Departments, as part of the Seaside Wireless Communications Volunteer Firefighters Appreciation Project. Ms. Stewart thanked members of Municipal Council for their ongoing support with the program, and members of Council thanked Ms. Stewart for Seaside’s ongoing support of local volunteer fire departments.

Bell Aliant

Mr. Kevin Hashem, Mr. Jeremy White, and Mr. John Ouellette appeared on behalf of Bell Aliant to provide members of Council with the opportunity to ask any questions that they may have regarding telecommunications services and coverage offered by the company within the county. Mr. Hashem noted that in 2014, Bell Aliant was purchased by Bell Canada.

Councillor MacLellan noted a concern with the poor cellular service/access available throughout District 1. There have been committees established by local residents who have worked with local telecommunication companies, but to date no success has been realized with respect to improved cellular coverage in the area. This is a particular concern to year round residents, but especially seasonal residents who may not otherwise have a land-line connection due to the part-time nature of their tenancy. Mr. Hashem noted that he would look to speak with his counterpart with Bell Mobility to raise the issue and look to get some more information regarding build plans for towers to improve cellular access in that area. Mr. Hashem requested some statistical information from county staff, and noted that the County of Victoria had recently had success with coordination with a cellular provider to ensure better coverage in their area.

Deputy Warden McCarron asked how far FibreOp services extend into the County, and whether there are any plans to extend that service to more residents. Mr. Hashem will follow-up with his marketing department, but may not be able to provide an answer with respect to future development plans due to competitive reasons. Any information that he is able to gather will be forwarded to members of Council via Mr. Horne.

The presenters were thanked by the Warden and members of Council for their time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Horne reviewed the correspondence that has been received from the following:

1. UARB – Boundary Review Decision
2. Staff Sgt. Glassford – RCMP Monthly Report – May 2015
3. NS Dept. of Municipal Affairs – Notice of Upcoming Increase in Out of Court Settlement Amounts of Summary Offense Tickets for By-law Offences
4. A thank-you card from the members of the Pomquet Development Society for the grant support provided by the Municipality.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Report – May 26, 2015

Min #2015-087 (Antigonish International Film Festival)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan that Municipal Council sponsor the Antigonish International Film Festival (2015) in the amount of \$100. Motion Carried.

Min #2015-088 (Tax Account Reduction)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that Municipal Council grants a reduction of 30% to the 2015 amount owing for tax account #09707956. Motion Carried.

Min #2015-089 (Council Representative of RK MacDonald Board)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Bowie that Municipal Council approves Councillor Chisholm to replace Councillor Stewart as one of the County's representatives on the RK MacDonald Board. Motion Carried.

Planning Advisory Committee Report – June 3, 2015

Min #2015-090 (Municipal Heritage Designation of the Cape George Lighthouse)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that Municipal Council designates the Cape George Lighthouse as a municipal heritage property. Motion Carried.

Min #2015-091 (Feedback to Province on Heritage Act Changes)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Bowie that Municipal Council direct staff to respond to the request from the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage staff noting no concerns with the proposed changes to the Heritage Property Act and Heritage Conservation District Regulations, as proposed. Motion Carried.

Committee of the Whole Report – June 16, 2015

Min #2015-092 (Antigonish Arena Borehole Testing)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that Municipal Council authorizes the recommended borehole testing for the Antigonish Arena, as per the memo dated June 15, 2015 from CJ MacLellan Associates Inc. Motion carried.

Min #2015-093 (Deputy Clerk One-Year Term Appointment)

MOVED by Councillor Boucher, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm that Municipal Council approve the appointment of Shirlyn Donovan to the position of Deputy Clerk for a one-year term, and that Mrs. Donovan be provided with signing authority for the Municipality. Motion carried.

Min #2015-094 (Active Living Coordinator One-Year Posting)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that Municipal Council approve the public posting of an open competition for the Municipal Active Living Coordinator, for a one-year term. Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Deputy Warden McCarron reported that he had attended:

- The Care Van appreciation dinner for volunteer drivers
- Arena Commission Meeting (noted that the 50/50 is still ongoing)
- The announcement of Peter MacKay's resignation

Councillor Deveau reported that he had attended:

- A Crime Prevention meeting

Councillor Chisholm reported that he had attended:

- The RCMP Advisory Board
- The Seniors' Games closing banquet on behalf of Council

Councillor Bowie reported that he had attended:

- FCM in Edmonton
- ACTs annual general meeting
- A meeting with the organizers of Evolve

Councillor MacLellan reported that she had attended:

- The ACALA 20th anniversary party at the Library
- DEANS annual meeting

Councillor Boucher reported that he had attended:

- DEANS annual meeting

Warden Russell Boucher reported that he had attended:

- A meeting with the organizers of Evolve
- Strait Area Chamber of Commerce AGM in Port Hawkesbury
- Town / County meeting
- FCM in Edmonton

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- A meeting with MLA Randy Delorey in June 12th
- St. FX President's Gala/Dinner

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Summer Council Schedule

Mr. Horne noted that a special Committee of the Whole and Council meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, to allow any outstanding items to be addressed before the summer. The regular meetings of Council are to be cancelled for the months of July and August, unless they are required to address an issue that cannot be handled through an e-poll or wait until September.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2015-095 (Motion to Adjourn)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:13pm. Motion carried.


Warden Russell Boucher


Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer