



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH**  
Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes  
Tuesday, November 17, 2015  
7:30pm

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**Present:** Warden Russell Boucher, Chairperson  
Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

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

**Also present:** Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer  
Shirlyn Donovan, Interim Deputy Clerk  
Andrew Jones, EDPC  
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor – Boudrot & Rodgers Law Firm  
Corey LeBlanc, Antigonish Casket  
Matthew Draper, Port Hawkesbury Reporter  
Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM  
Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk  
Martha Brown

The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**Min #2015-153 (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 October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Min #2015-154 (Approval of October 20<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes)**

*MOVED by Councillor Macdonald and SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan, that the Municipal Council Minutes of October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be approved. Motion carried.*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

Mr. Jones introduced the amendment proposed, to Policy L-14.2 of the Central Antigonish Municipal Planning Strategy and the corresponding Part 18.1 and 18.2 of the Land Use-Bylaw that addresses Hamlet Industrial (HI-1) zone permitted uses by development agreement. This amendment would allow new development 'as of right' in the HI-1 zone providing the applicant has received an approval from the Public Works Department. Mr. Jones noted that the public hearing was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the MGA.

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 #2015-155 (Amendments to Hamlet Industrial (HI-1) Zone)**

*MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that the Municipality approve the proposed amendment to Policy L-14.2 of the Central Antigonish Municipal Planning Strategy and the corresponding Part 18.1 and 18.2 of the Land Use-Bylaw that addresses Hamlet Industrial (HI-1) zone permitted uses by development agreement. This amendment would allow new development 'as of right' in the HI-1 zone providing the applicant has received an approval from the Public Works Department. Motion carried.*

Mr. Jones introduced the amendment proposed, to rezone the property located at PID# 10056174 from Hamlet Highway Commercial (HHC-1) to Hamlet Residential (HR-1). Mr. Jones noted that the public hearing was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the MGA.

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 #2015-156 (Rezone Property PID# 10056174)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Bowie that the Municipality approve the proposed rezoning of the property located at PID# 10056174 from Hamlet Highway Commercial (HHC-1) to Hamlet Residential (HR-1). Motion carried.*

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Martha Brown – Woodland Owner of the Year**

Councillor Hughie Stewart presented Martha Brown with a Certificate of Congratulations for being awarded the Department of Natural Resources Eastern Region and Provincial Woodland Owner of the Year.

Martha thanks Municipal Council for recognizing the importance the forestry industry plays within the municipality. She is very proud to be representing all woodlot owners. She mentioned that she is the 5<sup>th</sup> recipient of a regional or provincial award from the Lochaber area.

**CORRESPONDANCE**

Leo & Janet Duggan – Letter of thanks for funding for Terry Fox Run.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Committee of the Whole Report E-Polls – October 30, 2015**

**Min #2015-157 (Speed Limit Reduction Letter)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that the Municipality send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting a speed limit reduction from 80km/hr to 50km/hr from the Antigonish Town line going North on Route 337 to the Antigonish Landing road. Motion carried.*

**Min #2015-158 (Talk About Health)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that the Municipality participate in the Talk About Health session with the Nova Scotia Health Authority on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.*

**Committee of the Whole Report – November 17, 2015**

**Min #2015-159 (Municipal Vignettes RFP)**

*MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that Municipal Council approves the request for proposals for Municipal Vignettes. Motion carried.*

**Min #2015-160 (Water Meters Tender)**

*MOVED by Councillor Boucher, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that Municipal Council approves the request for proposals for Water Meters. Motion carried.*

**Min #2015-161(Courthouse Upgrades)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Bowie that Municipal Council allot \$34,250 in the 2016-17 Budget for upgrades to the Antigonish County Courthouse. Motion carried.*

**Min #2015-162 (Sewer Interest Rate)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that Municipal Council approve an increase in the interest rate charged on overdue sewer accounts from 3% to 6% per year effective February 1, 2016 and for the sewer bill and property tax to be combined on the same bill. Motion carried.*

**Min #2015-163 (UNSM Conference Attendance)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council contract SPL Development Services to review staff compensation, position descriptions, and HR/Employee Personnel Policies and Procedures. Motion carried.*

**MOTIONS**

**Min #2015-164 (Winter Parking Regulations)**

*MOVED by Councillor Bowie, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm that Municipal Council approve the signing of the Order for Winter Parking Regulations for 2015/16 setting out the period from December 1, 2015 to April 15, 2016 between the hours of 12:01am and 7:00am as the time in which Winter Parking Regulations will be in effect on roads/streets under the jurisdiction of the County of Antigonish. Motion carried.*

**Min #2015-165 (Road Name Change)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that Municipal Council approve a road name change from Unnamed Private Road in Morrystown to Rosehip Lane. Motion carried.*

**Min #2015-166 (Street Light on Alex Terrace)**

*MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council approve the addition of a new streetlight on Alex Terrace. Motion carried.*

**UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Boucher reported that he attended:

- Extended Producer Responsibility Workshop
- Eastern Regional Solid Waste Meeting

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- Meeting with Randy Delorey here at Municipal Office
- UNSM Conference
- Joint County Council Meeting
- Library Meetings
- Solar Energy Open Houses

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:

- Business Ability Banquet
- UNSM Conference
- Joint Town County Council Meeting
- Antigonish Affordable Housing Association

Deputy Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- Attended Antigonish Arena re-opening
- Remembrance Day Ceremony at St. Andrews Consolidated School
- Talk About Health by Nova Scotia Health Authority
- Business Abilities Banquet

Councillor MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- Chamber Dinner
- Provincial Cross Country meet at StFX
- Opening Ceremony for Canadian University Rowing Championships
- Meeting with Randy Delorey
- Joint Town County Council Meeting
- Remembrance Day Ceremony at Antigonish Education Centre

Councillor Bowie reported that he attended:

- Joint Town County Council Meeting
- Antigonish Community Transit Update

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- UNSM Conference
- Remembrance Day Ceremony at Ecole acadienne de Pomquet
- Remembrance Day Ceremony and Dinner in Pomquet

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- Business Ability Banquet
- Joint Town County Council Meeting
- RK Board Meeting
- Meeting with Randy Delorey
- UNSM Conference

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:

- Coady Gala Dinner
- Immigration Summit
- REN Meeting
- Opening Ceremony for Canadian University Rowing Championships
- Havre Boucher Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Nova Scotia Long Service Awards
- UNSM Conference
- Business Ability Banquet
- Remembrance Day Celebration in Antigonish
- Joint Town and County Council Meeting

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **Dog By-law Review**

Staff will be starting a review of the By-law respecting the Control and Regulation of Dogs and are seeking feedback from residents and community stakeholders for input on the bylaw. All input can be directed to Shirlyn Donovan.

### **Holiday Open House**

Mr. Horne let everyone know that the Municipality's Holiday Open House will be on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Antigonish Arena from 4:30-6:00pm. There will be a free skate for the public as well as a chance to try out sledges, meet and greet with County Councillors and refreshments.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Min #2015-167 (Motion to Adjourn)**

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

  
Warden Russell Boucher

  
Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer