



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH
Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
7:30pm

Present: Warden Russell Boucher
Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

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

Regrets: Councillor Pierre Boucher

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Shirlyn Donovan, Interim Deputy Clerk
Corey LeBlanc, Antigonish Casket
Matthew Draper, Port Hawkesbury Reporter
Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM
Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor- Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm
John Bain, Director EDCPC
Linda Arsenault
Colleen Cameron
Angus MacGillivray
Sister Marion Sheridan

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Min #2016-010 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Min #2016-011 (Approval of January 19th Council Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau and SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that the Municipal Council Minutes of January 19th, 2016 be approved. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Amendments to the Antigonish County Subdivision By-law

John Bain, Director of the Eastern District Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendments to the Antigonish County Subdivision By-law. The proposed amendments are as follows:

- Clarification that subdivision provisions which apply to private roads also apply to private lanes; Adding a “bona fide access” requirement for lots created on private roads/lanes and removing the design requirements for a private road/lane subdivision with six lots or less;
- To allow for private lanes or private roads to cross “unmaintained public roads”;
- To allow for landlocked parcels to be created where an access easement must cross a railway right-of-way; and
- To allow for the creation of lots 950 square metres or less in area which are being created for a purpose that will not require the construction of an on-site sewage disposal system.

Mr. Bain opened it up for questions from Council.

Deputy Warden McCarron asked if there was a provision in the by-law if a resident owns a piece of land which was 1100 square metres, that they did not have to put on an on-site sewage disposal system. Mr. Bain said there is not currently but they could make it into two parcels of land.

Councillor MacFarlane gave kudos to Mr. Bain on convening the professional community and making these amendments.

Min #2016-012 (Amendments to Antigonish County Subdivision By-law)
Moved by Councillor Bowie and Seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the second reading of the Subdivision By-law be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Alternative Voting By-law

Mr. Horne reviewed the Alternative Voting By-law, stating that it was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

In order for the Municipality to offer electronic voting in the 2016 Municipal Elections, this Alternative Voting By-law must be approved and adopted.

Min #2016-013 (Alternative Voting By-law)
Moved by Councillor Stewart and by Seconded Councillor MacDonald that the second reading of the Alternative Voting By-law be approved and the by-law be adopted.

PRESENTATION

Antigonish Affordable Housing Society

Colleen Cameron and Angus MacGillivray presented to municipal council.

AAHS is working hard to pull together the necessary funding to move forward with a proposed 14 unit housing development. Consultants reported that there is a lot of competition for charitable dollars in Antigonish. The consultants stated that it would be very difficult for the society to raise the money needed to meet their fundraising targets.

There are currently about 131 applicants on a waiting list from the town and county for affordable housing.

The AAHS are looking forward to moving forward with a 4 unit building which would include two one-bedroom units and two two-bedroom units. Two of the four units would be barrier free. The County has committed \$100,000 over 5 years to the AAHS. The Society is hoping to get this year's portion and next budget year's portion by May 2016.

Warden Boucher thanked the members of the Antigonish Affordable Housing for presenting to Municipal Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole – February 2nd, 2016

Min #2016-014 (Renewable Energy MOU)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that Municipal Council proceed with the development of an MOU for renewable energy and share in proportional costs. Motion Carried.

Min #2016-015 (Municipal Vignettes)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart that Municipal Council award the proposal for Municipal vignettes to Leah Johnston and Jeff Babineau for \$13,920. Motion carried.

Min #2016-016 (Keppoch Lease Clause)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm that Municipal Council approve the amendment to the Keppoch Lease Clause to be in the name of the Municipality but paid by the Positive Action for Keppoch Society. Motion carried.

Min #2016-017 (Awarding Water Meter Tender)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council award the tender for water meters to Neptune Technology Group (Canada) Inc. for a cost of \$644,950. Motion carried.

Min #2016-018 (Municipal Property Identification Signage)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm that Municipal Council contract WeUsThem Inc. to design the Municipal Property Identification Signage. Motion carried.

Min #2016-019 (Intermunicipal Agreement)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Bowie that Municipal Council approve the continued participation of the Municipality in the Intermunicipal Agreement for another 5 years. Motion carried.

Min #2016-020 (Community Partnership Grants Policy)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council approve the Community Partnership Grants Policy. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole – February 16th, 2016

Min #2016-021 (Investigation and Removal of Asbestos at Correctional Facility)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that the Municipality let a tender process for investigation and removal of asbestos in the former Correctional Facility. Motion carried.

Min #2016-022 (Demolition of former Correctional Facility)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan that the Municipality begin developing a tender process for the demolition of the Correctional Facility. Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- Library Board Meeting
- Tourism Strategy Meetings
- RK Board Meetings
- Meeting with Sean Fraser and Rodger Cuzner

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:

- RK Meeting
- Meeting with Sean Fraser and Rodger Cuzner
- Meeting with RCMP

Councillor MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- Meeting with Sean Fraser and Rodger Cuzner

Councillor Bowie reported that he attended:

- RK Board Meeting
- Antigonish Community Transit

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- Tourism Strategy Meeting

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- RK Board Meeting

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:

- Meeting with RCMP
- Proclamation for Black Heritage Month at StFX University
- Meeting with Sean Fraser and Rodger Cuzner

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Municipal Mural Competition

Mr. Horne reviewed the expressions of interest for the next municipal mural competition.

Mr. Horne thanked the local media for supporting the mural competition, especially 101.5 The Hawk who provided free advertising.

Eight communities expressed interest in hosting the next municipal mural. Each district number was placed in a bowl and Municipal Solicitor Adam Rodgers selected which district would receive the next municipal mural. District #9 was selected, therefore the Havre Boucher Community Development Association will receive the next municipal mural.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2016-023 (Motion to Adjourn)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:38pm. Motion carried.



Warden Russell Boucher



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer