

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes Tuesday, June 21st, 2016 7:30pm

Present:

Warden Russell Boucher

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillors:

Bill MacFarlane

Rémi Deveau

Mary MacLellan

Vaughan Chisholm

Hughie Stewart

Angus Bowie

Pierre Boucher

Donnie MacDonald

Regrets:

None

Also present:

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

John Bain, Director - Eastern District Planning Commission

Adam Rodgers, Solicitor-Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm

Media:

Corey LeBlanc, Antigonish Casket

Matthew Draper, Port Hawkesbury Reporter

Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM

Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

Gallery:

Lise DeVilliers, ACALA

Angus MacGillivray and Janet Becigneul, Affordable Housing Society

Michael MacEachern, Antigonish Art Fair Mike MacDonald, Emergency Fuel Fund

Elaine Robertson, Mini Trail Community Centre Association

Angela Bresson, Seaside Communications

Greg MacDougall, 4-Valleys Volunteer Fire Department Benny Tenbrinke, St. Andrew's Volunteer Fire Department

Jim Lerikos, VON

Members of the William's Point Community Centre Association

Matthew Schumacher

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Min #2016-084 (Approval of Agenda)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of May 24, 2016.

Min #2016-085 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that the Municipal Council minutes of May 24, 2016 be approved. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Statutory Public Hearing

Mr. Bain provided a brief summary of the planning staff report found within the Council agenda package. Planning staff is recommending that Council remove the maximum size limitation on accessory buildings in the Central Planning Area where such buildings are proposed for properties without access to central municipal sewer services. These areas are characterized by larger lot sizes than in areas with access to municipal sewer services and typically are also characterized by a wider spectrum of permitted uses. Mr. Bain noted that this amendment would be in keeping with the provisions found in the adjacent planning area under the Antigonish Fringe Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law.

Warden Boucher asked if anyone was in attendance to speak in support or opposition to the proposal. No one came forward.

Min #2016-086 (Central Plan Area Accessory Building Amendment)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Boucher, that an amendment to Clause 6.A.1.b. in the Central Antigonish Land Use By-law, to limit the restriction on accessory building sizes to those areas serviced with municipal sewer services, be approved. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Community Grant Cheque Presentations took place in Council Chambers, and members of Municipal Council presented cheques to groups as follows:

- Councillor MacLellan presented a cheque to Lise DeVilliers, representing ACALA
- Councillor MacDonald presented a cheque to Angus MacGillivray and Janet Becigneul, who were representing the Affordable Housing Society
- Warden Boucher presented a cheque to Michael MacEachern, representing the Antigonish Art
 Fair
- Councillor Bowie presented a cheque to Mike MacDonald, representing the Emergency Fuel Fund
- Councillor MacDonald presented a cheque to Elaine Robertson, representing the Mini Trail Community Centre Association
- Councillors MacDonald and MacLellan presented a cheque with Angela Breasson of Seaside Communications to Greg MacDougall, representing 4-Valleys Volunteer Fire Department

- Deputy Warden McCarron presenting a cheque with Angela Breasson of Seaside Communications to Benny Tenbrinke, representing St. Andrew's Volunteer Fire Department
- Warden Boucher and Councillor MacDonald presented a cheque to Jim Lerikos, representing VON
- Councillor MacFarlane presented a cheque to Members of the William's Point Community Centre Association

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the following:

- Ford Rice, Superintendent of Schools Strait Regional School Board
 - o Response to letter re: fair play in school sports
- John Bain, Director Eastern District Planning Commission
 - o EDPC 2015-2016 Annual Report and Financial Statements

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole E-Poll-June 1, 2016

Min #2016-087 (Recreation Job Postings)

MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald, that a public competition be initiated for a full time position of physical Activity Coordinator and a one (1) year term position as Recreation Programmer, be approved. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole - June 7, 2016

Min #2016-088 (Bursaries)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Boucher, that bursaries in the amount of \$200 each to École Acadienne de Pomquet and the East Antigonish Education Centre, be approved. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole E-Poll - June 16, 2016

Min #2016-089 (Collection Vehicle Operator)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that Stuart Jessens be hired for the position of Collection Vehicle Operator, effective June 20, 2016. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole - May 24th, 2016

Min #2016-090 (Recreation Programmer One (1) Year Term)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron, that Devon McGrath be hired for the position of Recreation Programmer for a one (1) year term starting in August 2016. Motion carried.

Min #2016-091 (Physical Activity Coordinator)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Meaghan MacNeil be hired for the full-time permanent position of Physical Activity Coordinator starting July 2016. Motion carried.

Min #2016-092 (Terrapure Landfill Lease)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that the Municipality enter into the amended agreement with Terrapure for the lease of lands at the Beech Hill Landfill. Motion carried.

Min #2016-093 (Public Works Truck Tender

MOVED by Councillor Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council award the tender for a new Public Works vehicle to MacDonald Chrysler Limited in the amount of \$30,874.00 (plus licensing and HST). Motion carried.

Min #2016-094 (NSF Cheque Fees)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council increase the fee for Non-Sufficient Fund (NSF) cheques received by the Municipality to \$20.00 per cheque. Motion carried.

Min #2016-095 (Records Management Plan and Policy)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald, that the Records Management Plan and Policy as proposed by staff be approved. Motion carried.

Min #2016-096 (Tracadie VFD Fire Pond Light)

MOVED by Councillor Boucher, SECONDED by Councillor Bowie, that Municipal Council cover the cost of a street light for the Tracadie District Volunteer Fire Department at their Fire Pond in Monastery. Motion carried.

<u>UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>

Deputy Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- > Strait Chamber AGM
- > REN Launch
- Monastery NSSAF Softball championship
- Community Liaison TIR meeting

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:

- OHS meeting
- > Affordable Housing Board Meeting
- DEANS event at St. FX

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- DEANS event at St. FX
- Fit4Lit Event in support of ACALA
- Chamber of Commerce breakfast with the Premier

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- Chamber of Commerce breakfast with the Premier
- Pomquet Community Centre AGM
- A provincial funding announcement to take place in Pomquet this Friday, June 24th

Councillor MacFarlane reported that he attended:

REN launch

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- > RK MacDonald staff appreciation barbeque
- DEANS event at St. FX

Council Bowie took the roundtable opportunity to announce that he would not be running in the fall election, and thanked his colleagues and community for all of his enjoyable terms of service as Councillor for District 7.

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:

- > FCM in Winnipeg
- > Chamber of Commerce breakfast with the Premier

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Summer Regular Meeting Break

Mr. Horne noted that the regular suspension of Committee of the Whole and Council meetings would occur over the months of July and August, unless urgent business necessitates the scheduling of a special meeting.

Acknowledgement of Deputy Warden McCarron's Professional Retirement

Warden Boucher took the opportunity to acknowledge Deputy Warden McCarron's retirement from his position with the Department of Natural Resources.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2016-097 (Motion to Adjourn)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Boucher that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:01pm. Motion carried.

Warden Russell Boucher

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer