



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes

Thursday, August 25, 2016

5:30pm

Present: Warden Russell Boucher
Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

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

Regrets: Donnie MacDonald
Pierre Boucher

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Joyce Levangie, Administrative Assistant
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor- Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm

Media: Corey LeBlanc, Antigonish Casket

Gallery: See attached

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Arena Commission Governance

Min #2016-105 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee of the Whole E-poll – August 22, 2016

Min #2016-106 (Recreation Programmer Interim)

MOVED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that Amy Leigh George be hired for a 1 year term position as Recreation Programmer. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ENSE'S FUTURE USE OF THE ANTIGONISH ARENA

Warden Boucher read the County meeting protocol for the benefit of those in the gallery. (See attached)

Warden Boucher then invited Council colleagues to make any further comments before discussion got underway.

Deputy Warden McCarron:

- Member of the Arena Commission Board. Received many letters and calls. Supports the ENSE and the current facility for the same dates.

Councillor MacLellan:

- Over 40 people contacted her with letters and emails. Not supporting the Arena Commission's decision. There are Provincial Grants for future exhibitions.

Councillor Stewart:

- Not in favor of the Arena Commission's decision. Strong supporter of the fair.

Councillor Deveau:

- Member of the Arena Commission Board. Decision was not to make hockey more important. Lost \$104,000 last year. Supports the ENSE.

Councillor MacFarlane:

- Council's goal is to work with Community Groups to go forward. Supports the ENSE.

Councillor Chisholm:

- Does not support the Arena Commission's decision.

Councillor Bowie:

- Supports the ENSE. This is an opportunity to make it a community affair and look at the future and make plans for a new facility.

Warden Boucher:

- Met with the Exhibition Members at a February meeting. Looking at a different venue. There is now infrastructure money available for a new facility. Ensures that Council is in full support if the decision is to plan for a new facility.

Min #2016-107 (Arena Commission Decision)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that Municipal Council not accept the recommendation presented from the Arena Commission for the ENSE to change the date of the 2017 Exhibition and any future Exhibition to accommodate additional ice-rentals. Motion carried.

It was noted that two members of the Arena Commission Board made the above motion.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

ARENA COMMISSION GOVERNANCE

Councillor MacFarlane reviewed a proposal received for Council, in conjunction with our neighboring Council, take on a review of the structure and policies of the Arena Commission Board.

The Board was formed in the early 70's and, as such, this might be a good time to review the present makeup of the committee.

Suggestion is that both Councils investigate the possibility of looking at a more inclusive board, which may include a member or members of the following: Minor Hockey representative, Federation of Agriculture member, Figure Skating member, and members at large from the Community. Terms of each member should be defined and should be appointed by their respective Councils.

This review should be completed within a 6 month period and presented at the Joint Council meeting scheduled sometime in January, 2017.

Min #2015-108 (Arena Commission Governance)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that Council approves the recommendation to investigate the possibility of forming a new Arena Commission Governance. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2015-109 (Motion to Adjourn to In-Camera)

MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that the Council meeting adjourns at 5:50pm. Motion carried.

Min #2015-110 (Motion to Resume)

MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that the Council meeting resumes at 6:10pm. Motion carried.

Warden Boucher noted that a Press Release will be addressed by the County concerning the Arena issue. Warden Boucher thanked the gallery for attending the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2016-111 (Motion to Adjourn)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that the Council meeting adjourns at 6:30pm. Motion carried.



Warden Russell Boucher



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer