

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF **ANTIGONISH**

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

7:30 pm

Councillors Present:

Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Remi Deveau

Councillor John Dunbar

Councillor Neil Corbett

Regrets:

Warden Owen McCarron

Councillor Vaughn Chisholm

Councillor Gary Mattie

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Reema Fuller, Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre Corey LeBlanc, the Casket

Andrea Boyd, Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre Matt Draper, 89.9X

Robert Cochrane, Antigonish Highland Society Drake Lowthers, The Reporter

Irene MacLeod, Antigonish Highland Society Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

Mike MacIsaac, Antigonish Highland Society

Call to Order- Chairman, Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart

Deputy Warden Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:41pm

Approval of Agenda

Deputy Warden Stewart called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Min # 2019-032

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of March 5, 2019 Municipal Council Minutes

Deputy Warden Stewart called for any errors or omissions.

Min # 2019-033

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That the Municipal Council Minutes of March 5, 2019 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Presentations

Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre

Reema Fuller and Andrea Boyd provided a summary of the 2018 season and gave an overview of the upcoming season. Summaries of the plays being presented this year were provided for Council.

Festival Antigonish will be submitting a grant request for this year and provided some information about what other funding they have received from other levels of government. Discussion followed. Ms. Fuller and Ms. Boyd were thanked for their presentation.

Antigonish Highland Society

Mr. Robert Cochrane, Mrs. Irene MacLeod, and Mr. Mike MacIssac were in attendance on behalf of the Highland Society. Mr. Cochrane spoke to the impact of the Highland Games economically in the community. A summary of events held throughout the County year-round were also noted. This year, a Highland Hike is being planned at the Keppoch.

Mr. MacIssac, Treasurer, provided an overview of the financial position of the Society, and some of the bigger expenses that are incurred in running the Highland Games. Local businesses are used whenever possible, and a list of local vendors were provided. Businesses who provide in-kind contributions were also recognized.

Mrs. MacLeod provided some final figures regarding revenue, volunteer hours, and the impact of the parade and street fair in the community. This year, the Society is anticipating an increase in costs for the parade for traffic control. Discussion followed. The presenters were thanked for their time.

Correspondence

Deputy Warden Stewart noted that the following items of correspondence were included in the agenda package:

- Letter of Thanks - Dr. John Hugh Gillis Senior Girl's Basketball Team

- Letter of Thanks - Mr. Leyton Stewart on behalf of the Nova Major Bantam Hockey Team
- Petition to DTIR regarding Pleasant Valley Road

Min # 2019-034

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That Municipal Council send a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal noting support for the residents of Pleasant Valley Road who submitted a petition regarding concerns with road conditions.

Motion Carried

Committee Reports

March 5, 2019 Asset Management Committee Report

Min # 2019-035

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council approve issuing a Request for Proposals for the sale of the Antigonish County Court House, subject to a restriction on the demolition of the building and/or significant alteration to the exterior facade or building footprint.

Motion Carried

March 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2019-036

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

That Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to the Council Expense Policy.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-037

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council provide the requested cost-of-living increase to PARL for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-038

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

That Municipal Council approve the amended by-laws for the RK MacDonald Board.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-039

MOVED by Councillor Dunbar

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council approve inactive account write-offs in the amount of \$10,863.27.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-040

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council approve Warden McCarron representing the County at the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance Sport Tourism Awards in Ottawa on March 19, 2019.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-041

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

That Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to the contract with Terrapure Environmental.

Motion Carried

March 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2019-042

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council make housekeeping amendments to the Human Resources Policy Manual for Employees.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-043

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That the Municipality renew the Municipality's gold level corporate sponsorship for Riverside International Speedway for the 2019 year.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-044

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council approve the purchase of two directional signs from the Department of Infrastructure Renewal for the Keppoch, on Highway 104 at exit 30, at the quoted price of \$1800 each.

Motion Carried

Min # 2019-045

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

The Committee recommends to Municipal Council that it rescind Motion #2019 – 020 related to the Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network and confirm the Municipality's intent to withdraw, effective March 31, 2019.

Motion Carried

Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Commissions

Councillor MacDonald provided an update on the Warden's Tour stop in his district this month. There was a good turnout and interest from the community.

Motions

Min # 2019-046

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

Whereas, **Purple Day** is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world; and,

Whereas, **Purple Day** was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a then nine-year-old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people to know that if you have epilepsy, you are not alone; and,

Whereas, epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect more than 300,000 people in Canada, and more than 50 million people worldwide; and,

Whereas, the public is often unable recognize the common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid; and,

Whereas, **Purple Day** is celebrated to increase understanding, reduce stigma and show support for those affected by epilepsy.

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Hughie Stewart, Deputy Warden of the Municipality of Antigonish County, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2019 as

"Purple Day"

in the County of Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous Business

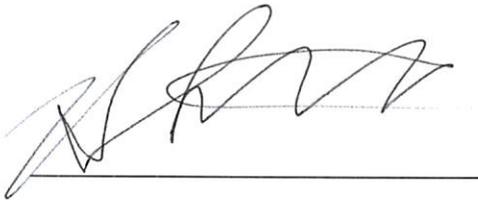
There was no miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:25 pm.

Motion Carried



Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer