

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH**

Special Meeting of Municipal Council - Minutes

**Tuesday, June 3, 2014**

**7:30 to 7:45 pm**

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Present: **Warden Russell Boucher, Chairperson**

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillor Vaughan Chisholm

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Rémi Deveau

Councillor Angus Bowie

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Pierre Boucher

Councillor Hughie Stewart

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

Adam Rodgers, Municipal Solicitor

Joyce Levangie, Recorder

Corey LeBlanc, The Casket

Matt Draper, The Reporter

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Hearing none, the Warden called for approved of the Agenda as presented.

**Min #2014-078 (Approval of Agenda)**

*MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.*

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND STRIKING THE TAX RATE**

The Resolution adopting the Budget and Striking the Tax Rate for the Twelve months ending March 31, 2015 was then reviewed. Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk reviewed the 2014/15 rates and recommends approval.

**Min #2014-079 (Approval of Operating Budget)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the Resolution Adopting the Budget and Striking the Tax Rate for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2015 be approved as presented. Motion carried. (Resolution attached)*

The interest will be calculated at 6% per annum, with payment due by July 4, 2014.

## **BORROWING RESOLUTION**

Our Bank, CIBC, requires that Municipal Council approve a Borrowing Resolution each year which gives the Municipality to borrow \$4,588,530.00 in the event that taxes are not being paid.

**Min #2014-080 (Borrowing Resolution)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that Municipal Council approve the Borrowing Resolution for CIBC giving the County to borrow up to \$4,588,530, if necessary. Motion carried. (Resolution attached)*

## **TAX EXEMPTION POLICY**

**Min #2014-081 (Tax Exemption Policy)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that the Tax Exemption Policy for Low Income Tax Payers come in effect for fiscal year 2014/15. Motion carried. (Policy attached)*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Committee of the Whole Report – May 20, 2014**

**Min #2014-082 (Sewer Adjustment Request)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the Sewer on PID #09708081 be changed to a single unit for sewer charge. Motion carried.*

**Min #2014-083 (Eastern Antigonish County Plan Area Land Use By-Law Amendment)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie the Eastern Antigonish County Plan Area Land Use By-Law be amended as circulated in the Staff Report concerning Power connections to Accessory Buildings. Motion carried.*

**Finance Committee Report – May 26, 2014**

**Min #2014-084 (Custom Truck Tender)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that the County award the tender for the Public Works Custom Truck to Ron MacGillivray Chev Buick GMC at a price of \$27,347.00 + HST. Motion carried.*

**Min #2014-085 (30% Tax Reduction Request)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that the 30 % tax reduction on Account #09707956 be approved. Motion carried.*

**Min #2014-086 (East Antigonish Education Centre/Academy Bursary Fund)**  
*MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the County contribute \$200.00 towards the East Antigonish Education Centre /Academy Bursary Fund. Motion carried.*

**Min #2014-087 (Antigonish East Education Centre – Request for Ad)**  
*MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the County purchase a full page advertisement in the East Antigonish Education Centre’s annual year book at a cost of \$150.00. Motion carried.*

**Min #2014-088 (Pomquet School Bursary Fund)**  
*MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the County contribute \$200.00 towards the Pomquet School Bursary/Scholarship Fund. Motion carried.*

**Committee of the Whole Report – May 27, 2014**

**Min #2014-089 (Community Identification Signage Award)**  
*MOVED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the Contract for design of two (2) identification signs be awarded to We-Us-Them in the amount of \$1,725.00. Motion carried.*

**Min #2014-090 (Public Works Administrator)**  
*MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the Position of Public Works Administrator be created, and Debbie Cormier be appointed to that position. Motion carried.*

**Min #2014-091 (Interim-Deputy Clerk)**  
*MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that Allison Duggan, Director of Finance, be appointed as Interim-Deputy Clerk effective June 16, 2014 for a period of six (6) months. Motion carried.*

*Moved by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron and seconded by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the meeting adjourn.*

  
Warden Russell Boucher

  
Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer