

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

A Committee of the Whole Meeting was held Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administrative Centre, 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish NS.

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron, Chair
 Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart
 Councillor Mary MacLellan
 Councillor Donnie MacDonald
 Councillor Rémi Deveau
 Councillor John Dunbar
 Councillor Neil Corbett
 Councillor Bill MacFarlane

 Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
 Allison Duggan, Director of Finance
 Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
 Laurie Boucher, Mayor Town of Antigonish
 Stephen Scannell, Special Projects Coordinator

Regrets: Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
 Councillor Gary Mattie

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron, at 6:32pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda.

- Crime Prevention Curling Bonspiel
- AED's in Community Halls
- Letters of Request Class Trips

Moved by Deputy Warden Stewart and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden McCarron called three times for any errors or omissions in the January 16th Committee of the Whole minutes.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Corbett that the Committee of the Whole minutes of January 16th be approved as presented. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

ANTIGONISH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROPOSAL

Mr. Steve Scannell, Special Projects Coordinator at the Town of Antigonish, presented a proposal under consideration, for the establishment of a Business Improvement Area (to market and promote Antigonish).

Councillor MacFarlane asked if there was acceptance from the business community. Mr. Scannell said they are just starting to receive responses back from the business community and will have more information soon.

Warden McCarron thanked Stephen for his presentation and the committee looks forward to hearing how this moves forward.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROVINCE'S ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE DISBANDING OF ELECTED REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS

This was an opportunity for members of the Committee to further discuss the announcement made by the Province on January 24th, where they identified their intent to eliminate the province's seven English language school boards and remove principals and vice-principals from the teachers union as part of their proposed changes to the education system.

There were concerns expressed by members of Council regarding who the local residents will talk to about issues if there is no local school board or elected official.

Council will continue to have discussions and would like to talk to MLA Randy Delorey about this topic.

MURAL DISCUSSION

Further to the update provided by staff at the January 16th Committee of the Whole meeting, this is an opportunity for further discussion and planning for the 2018/2019 cycle of the community mural program.

We have heard from one community member who would like to see a Mural at the Mini Trail Community Centre in Lakevale.

Councillors presented the following options for consideration

- Heatherton Community Centre
- Pomquet
- St. Andrews Community Centre
- Lochaber
- St. Josephs Lakeside Community Centre
- Cape George
- Arisaig
- Havre Boucher Community Centre
- District 10

The Municipality budgets about \$4000 per mural. Municipal Council discussed this and would like to consider 3 per year.

Council discussed that they can either use the money toward a mural or a community sign.

Mr. Horne brought up the concept of partnering with the Town and the University to have a Special Olympics Mural commissioned which would be a legacy piece of the National Special Olympics taking place this summer. Committee agreed that they would like to continue discussions on this and make a decision once there is more information.

CRIME PREVENTION CURLING BONSPIEL

Crime Prevention is hosting their 13th Annual Curling Bonspiel on February 25. The organizing Committee is looking for a \$125 sponsorship for the event.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane and seconded by Councillor Dunbar that Municipal Council approve a \$125 Sponsorship for the Crime Prevention Curling Bonspiel. Motion carried.

AED's for COMMUNITY HALLS

Concerns were raised about community centres around Antigonish County not having AED Machines on hand. After some brief research it was found that 3 community centres currently have AED machines while 7 do not. Mr. Horne discussed the option with the committee about the Municipality providing AED's to all community centres and providing back up batteries to the Community Centers that currently have AED machines.

Deputy Warden Stewart suggested that any Community Centre that currently has an AED be reimbursed for the cost of the AED instead of receiving a new battery.

Mr. Horne suggested that this request be considered under budget deliberations.

LETTERS OF REQUEST CLASS TRIPS

A discussion was held around groups and individuals requesting funding from Councillors for cultural trips. The Committee would like staff to gather information regarding district grants and recreation grants and recommend how to move forward on requests like these in the future. The Committee has decided that a subcommittee be struck to look into these types of requests. Councillor MacDonald and Councillor Deveau would like to be part of this working group.

IN-CAMERA – ACQUISITION, SALE, LEASE AND SECURITY OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY; CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS; PERSONNEL MATTERS

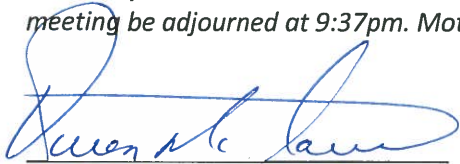
This subject matter falls within Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act as that which a committee may discuss in a closed session. It is recommended a motion be made to initiate an in-camera session. Materials will follow.

Moved by Councillor Deveau and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss the Acquisition, Sale, Lease, and Security of Municipal Property, Contract Negotiations and Personnel Matters at 8:24pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Deveau and seconded by Councillor Dunbar that the In-Camera session be adjourned at 9:37pm. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Dunbar and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 9:37pm. Motion carried.



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer