
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 6:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron
Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Bill MacFarlane
Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Shawn Brophy

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, CAO
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron, at 5:52pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Horne requested to delete item 7(d), which will be discussed at a later date. The following additions were requested:

- Environmental Compensation Fund for Divided Highway
- Request for party to sit on Antigonish Cemetery Group

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Approval of May 18, 2021 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in the minutes.

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of May 18, 2021 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Continuing Business

Discussion of Beach Access

Mr. Horne spoke to a concern raised from the residents of the private road that provides access to Cribbons Point Beach. A map of the area in concern was shared for the benefit of the Committee. Concerns raised by residents of the private roads include vehicular congestion and littering. This concern that has been raised is similar to concerns raised in the Malignant Cove area in late 2020. Given the popularity of beaches in the County and the likelihood of the concern to be raised again, Mr. Horne welcomed discussion from the Committee about whether Council would like to take on the concern of beach access from private roads. Discussion followed.

New Business

Road Name Change - Arthur's Point Lane

Mr. Horne introduced the road name change request for Arthur's Point Lane.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves renaming an unnamed private lane to Arthur's Point Lane.

Motion Carried

Housekeeping Updates to Property Tax Exemption for Not-for-Profit Organizations Policy

Mr. Horne spoke to updates to the Property Tax Exemption for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee approve adding AAN# 10344506 - District #9 Treatment Facility, and removing AAN # 03392619, formerly of the St. Andrews Utility from Part II of the Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations Policy.

Motion Carried

Consideration of Graduation Funding Requests

Mrs. Donovan provided an update on the funding request that has been received from the regional high school, to assist with modified graduation ceremonies being planned for the end of the school year. Based on a breakdown of students from the County, a per-capita approach could be taken if there are requests from the other high schools in the community. Discussion followed. Councillors felt that it would be best to wait until requests were received from Pomquet and the East before making any decisions on contributions to them.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council provide \$4,000 to the J.H. Gillis Regional High School for graduation ceremonies.

Motion Carried

Reports from Inter-Municipal Boards, Committees and Commissions

Antigonish Heritage Museum Board

Nothing to report.

Antigonish Arena Association

Nothing to report.

Antigonish Crime Prevention

The Committee met on the 20th. They are still hoping to have Jacqueline Campbell present at the Joint Council meeting in June, and the Crime Prevention board members would like to attend as well. Will look at next steps with the Senior Safety Coordinator position in September.

Eastern District Planning Commission

The board is scheduled to meet on the 27th. The Eastern Area Advisory Committee is looking to meet on the afternoon of the 27th as well.

Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management Committee

The next Committee meeting is on the 27th.

Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

Financial Reports for the year were reviewed at the last meeting. The library is not open to the public, but modified services are still being provided.

RK MacDonald Nursing Home

The next Board meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday the 27th.

County Paqtnkek Joint Steering Committee

Nothing to report.

Community Events

Councillor McNamara provided feedback on how well the bulky waste collection pickup in Havre Boucher went earlier in the day.

Additions to the Agenda

Wetland Contribution Fund

Councillor MacFarlane felt that there should be follow-up to the Province in their administration of the Wetland Contribution Fund for the Highway 104 twinning project, to encourage that wetland compensation funds are designated for use in the community of the wetlands that are being disturbed. Discussion followed. Staff was requested to follow-up with the Department of Environment and provide an update/refresher on the fund to members of the Committee.

Member Request - Antigonish Cemetery Project

Councillor MacFarlane has been requested to formally join the Antigonish Cemetery Project by members of that organization. Councillor MacFarlane accepted the request.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Councillor MacFarlane be the County's representative on the Antigonish Cemetery Project.

Motion Carried

In Camera Items

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss the Personnel Matters at 6:44pm

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded

That the in-camera session end at 6:47pm.

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the appointment of Frederick Rhynold to represent the Municipality on the Antigonish Heritage Museum Board.

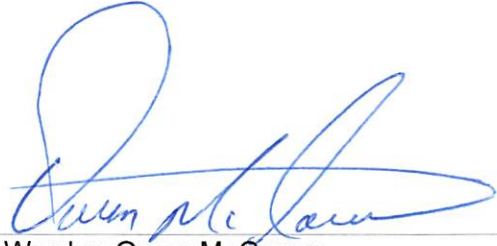
Motion Carried

Adjournment

Moved

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 6:48pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO