
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 5:30 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
 Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities
 Allison Duggan, Director of Finance
 Marlene Melanson, Director of Recreation
 Daryl Myers, Director of Public Works

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 5:32pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Horne noted that, time permitting, an update on the Canada Day celebrations would be added. Councillor Deveau asked to add an item regarding a funding request for the Ecole acadienne de Pomquet graduation celebration.

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Approval of May 25, 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 25, 2021 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

Continuing Business

Budget Deliberations

Mrs. Duggan reviewed the proposed budget with members of the Committee, starting with the proposed rates and levies. There was some discussion about the water utility rates and the impact of the study that was passed during the previous fiscal year. The budget was then reviewed line by line with the Committee, providing Councillors with the opportunity to ask questions as they went along.

The floor was then opened for any questions from the Committee. There was some discussion about the Safe Restart Funding that was received from the Province and the guidelines for its use.

There was discussion about considering a reduction in the commercial tax rate, in recognition of the difficult year that businesses in the community have experienced due to Covid-19 restrictions. Nine of ten Councillors supported providing a two-cent decrease in the commercial tax rate for this fiscal year.

Warden McCarron thanked staff for all of the work that they did in the preparation of the budget, and all of the amenities and community organizations that are supported in the budget while keeping the municipal tax rate stable.

New Business

There was no new business.

Additions to the Agenda

Canada Day Celebration Update

Ms. Melanson brought forward a proposal to reschedule the municipality's larger Canada Day celebrations to a date later in the summer when the Province is further along in the re-opening plan. Details on any event plans would be subject to securing an appropriate

location and pending any Public Health approvals and Covid restrictions. Discussion followed.

Mr. Horne noted that there is expected to be a public notice of the intent to postpone the traditional Canada Day celebrations, issued in conjunction with the Town, later this week.

Ecole acadienne de Pomquet Graduation Celebration Request

Councillor Deveau has received a request from the Ecole acadienne de Pomquet school for funding to assist with their modified and parent-organized graduation celebrations. Discussion followed.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves a \$1900 contribution to the Ecole acadienne de Pomquet for graduation celebration expenses.

Motion Carried

In Camera Items

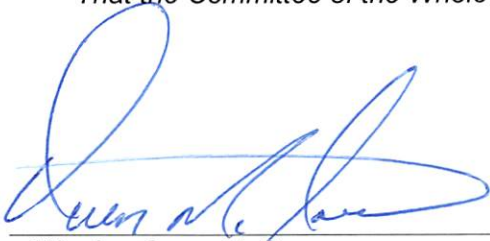
There were no in-camera items.

Adjournment

Moved

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:09pm

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO