

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

7:30 pm

Councillors Present:

Warden Owen McCarron
Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Remi Deveau

Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Gary Mattie (by Zoom)
Councillor Bill MacFarlane
Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Shawn Brophy

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable
Communities

Also Present:

Dr. John Chiasson, Positive Action for Keppoch
Eric Smith, Positive Action for Keppoch
Bill Dinn, Positive Action for Keppoch
Alex Dunphy, EDPC (by Zoom)

Matt Draper, 98.9XFM
Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk
Corey LeBlanc (by Zoom)

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:41pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Min # 2021-042

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of March 9, 2021 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

Min # 2021-043

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of March 9, 2021 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Presentations

Cheque Presentation - Donation to the Keppoch

Dr. Chiasson provided a brief presentation about the Keppoch and the work that has been done at the site in the past and shared a number of photographs of the site and all of the activity taking place at the mountain, including upcoming Theatre Antigonish presentation. A cheque was presented to Dr. Chiasson and representatives of the Keppoch from Councillors Brophy and MacFarlane. Photographs were taken.

Statutory Public Hearings

Amendments to the Antigonish Fringe Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law

Mr. Horne outlined the Statutory Public Hearing protocols, and introduced Mr. Dunphy, Planner with the Eastern District Planning Commission, who provided a presentation regarding the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use by-law to create a Business Commercial designation and Business Commercial (BC-1) zone. Mr. Dunphy noted the dates that Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Casket and online. There were no parties present in the gallery to speak to the item, nor were any submissions received. Questions of clarification were asked by members of Council in advance of the amending motion being considered.

Mr. Dunphy then provided an overview of a staff memo regarding a floor area limits the Fringe Land Use By-law. Mr. Dunphy noted that the dates for notice of the hearing for the amendment were the same as those for the previous item. There were no parties present in the gallery to speak to the item, nor were any submissions received.

Mr. Dunphy was thanked for his presentations.

Min # 2021-044

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council Amend the Antigonish Fringe Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to include a new Business Park designation and Business Commercial (BC-1) zone; and

That Municipal Council approve an application to rezone the properties listed as PID #10133668, 10133718, 10133726, 10106417 from General Commercial (C-2) and Rural General (RG-1) to Business Commercial (BC-1) concurrently with the amendments.

Motion Carried

Min # 2021-045

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council amend the Fringe Land Use By-law to remove the Special Requirement for Bedroom Floor Area Maximum from the Rural General (RG-1), Rural Residential (RR-1), Residential (R-1), and Multiple Unit Residential (R-2) zones.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Mr. Horne reviewed correspondence that has been received and included in the agenda package. With respect to the correspondence from the Heritage Museum Board, Councillor MacDonald provided clarification that the intent was to enquire whether the Planning Advisory Committee would deal with Heritage items in lieu of having a stand-alone Heritage Advisory Committee. Staff noted that they believe that is already arranged in the Terms of Reference for Planning Advisory Committee to review heritage applications as part of their mandate.

Committee Reports

March 23, 2021 Asset Management Committee Report

Mr. MacFarlane read the report for Council. There were no recommended motions from the Committee.

March 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole Report

Mr. Horne reviewed the committee report. The following motions were made based on Committee recommendations:

Min # 2021-046

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the 2020/21 Water Utilities budget as presented.

Motion Carried

Min # 2021-047

Moved and Seconded

That a letter of opposition to Bill 4, the Biodiversity Act, be sent by Municipal Council to Premier Iain Rankin, Minister Chuck Porter, Antigonish MLA Randy Delorey and Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie MLA Lloyd Hines.

Motion Carried

April 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole Report

Mr. Horne reviewed the committee report. The following motions were made based on Committee recommendations:

Min # 2021-048

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council forward the resident petition requesting road upgrades on the Old Maryvale Road with a letter to the local Department of Transportation office, Minister Delorey, and the Minister of Transportation.

Motion Carried

Min # 2021-049

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council support the multi-year funding application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Green House Gas Reduction Stream for the Antigonish Active Transportation Corridor project with a municipal contribution of \$2,090,729.00.

Motion Carried

Min # 2021-050

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council support the multi-year funding application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Green House Gas Reduction Stream for the Antigonish Community Buildings Retrofit project with a municipal contribution of \$670,000.00.

Motion Carried

Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Conferences, and Community Activities

- Councillor MacDonald provided an update from Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committee, including highlights on The Great NS Pick Me Up.
- Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended the North Shore VFD AGM. She also provided an update on the Arisaig lobster dinner being planned to be held by delivery/advance order.
- Councillor Deveau attended the OHS conference, which was held online.
- Warden McCarron reported that he attended:
 - NSFAM Zoom call - vaccination updates received from Dr. Strang during that meeting
 - Weekly meeting with University for updates on their operations and Covid response
 - NSFAM Regional meeting - Amanda McDougall is now the interim president for NSFAM
- Councillor Dunbar reported that he attended the Heritage Museum Board meeting.

Motions

Proclamation of May 2021 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month

Min # 2021-051

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the proclamation of May 2021 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the County of Antigonish.

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

Min # 2021-052

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourn at 8:39pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO