

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

7:30 pm

Councillors Present:

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

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

Regrets:

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Shawn Brophy

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Media Present:

Corey LeBlanc (by Zoom)
Drake Lowthers (by Zoom)
Matt Draper (by Zoom)

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. One addition was made to the agenda:

- Correspondence: Thank-you card from Ecole acadienne de Pomquet

Min # 2021-082

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Approval of June 8, 2021 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

Min # 2021-083

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of June 8, 2021 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Correspondence

May 31, 2021 - Lloyd Hines, Minister of Transportation and Public Transit

Mr. Horne reviewed the letter received from the Minister of Transportation and Active Transit regarding the petition submitted on behalf of the residents of the Old Maryvale Road.

Thank-you Letter - Ecole acadienne de Pomquet

Councillor Deveau reviewed a thank-you card received from the graduating class from Ecole acadienne de Pomquet for the contribution to their graduating celebrations.

Committee Reports

June 16, 2021 Town & County Joint Council Committee Report

Mr. Horne read out the June 16th Joint Town and County Joint Council Committee report.

Min # 2021-084

Moved and Seconded

That a letter of thanks be sent to Dr. Strang on behalf of the community, signed by representatives from the Town of Antigonish, the County of Antigonish, and St. FX University.

Motion Carried

June 22, 2021 Asset Management Committee Report

Councillor MacFarlane read out the June 22, 2021 Asset Management Committee report.

Min # 2021-085

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council adopt the Energy Management Plan as presented.

Motion Carried

Min # 2021-086

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council award the tender for the repaving of Appleseed Drive to S.W. Weeks at the bid price of 1,070,872.90 + HST.

Motion Carried

June 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole Report

Mr. Horne read out the June 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole report.

Min # 2021-087

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve a contribution of up to \$500 for the construction of a bus shelter at the intersection of the MacLellan Farm Road and the Heatherton Village Road in Heatherton.

Motion Carried

Min # 2021-088

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve adding AAN# 09100466 – North Shore Development Association Cape George Picnic Area, to the Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations Policy, and writing off taxes owing in the amount of \$412.72.

Motion Carried

Min # 2021-089

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve a contribution of \$750 towards graduation celebrations for graduating students at the East Antigonish Education Centre / Academy.

Motion Carried

Min # 2021-090

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the Inter-Municipal Agreement Creating the Municipal Technology Services Association as proposed.

Motion Carried

July 8, 2021 Police Advisory Committee Report

Deputy Warden Stewart reviewed the Committee report. There were no recommended motions.

July 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole Report

Mr. Horne read out the July 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole report.

Min # 2021-091

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council consents to guarantee a loan for the Four Valleys Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$400,000 to purchase a new Fire Truck and chassis.

Motion Carried

Min # 2021-092

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves appointing John Rogers as the public member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two-year term, effective July 12, 2021.

Motion Carried

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

Councillor MacDonald provided the following reports:

- Heritage Museum Board met on July 5th.
 - They are looking at digitizing the archives from the Casket, through a private company in Halifax who can scan the documents. A further partnership with the University is being explored for this project.
 - A new sign is being sourced to encourage further traffic/foot traffic to the museum.
 - The Board held a discussion about the funding for the museum.
 - The Curator is looking to retire in Decembver, and the Board Chair will be stepping down. Work is being done to replace both of these upcoming vacancies.
- The Eastern Region Solid Waste Management (ERSWM) committee met on June 24th
 - Divert NS hired a St. FX student to do a curbside waste audit within the community. She is looking at 10 topics for further education based on current collection streams with a data summary in the fall.
 - Extended Producer Responsibility was presented at the Joint Council meeting in June, and ERSWM is hoping that the provincial Minister will move on legislation for this in the near future. New Brunswick is moving forward with public consultation. Nicole from ERSWM is available for questions from Council if any come up.
 - Divert NS - additional funding program available to help with efficiency.

Motions

There were no additional motions.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Horne noted that there is no regular scheduled August Council meeting, and no Committee of the Whole or Asset Management committee meetings at the end of July/August. Regular meetings suspended until second week of September.

Councillor MacDonald noted that Antigonish Affordable Housing Society (AAHS) will be putting out a call for applications in the near future for units at the new Appleseed Drive building.

Adjournment

Min # 2021-093

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:02pm

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO