

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 5:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Gary Mattie (by phone)
Councillor Bill MacFarlane
Councillor Harris McNamara

Regrets: Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Shawn Brophy

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, CAO
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Where the meeting did not have quorum, it was not formally called to order.

Continuing Business

Relationship Building with Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation

A question was raised regarding a land acknowledgement at a meeting with the RK MacDonald Board. A suggestion was made to have a conversation with Paqtnkek, the Town and the RK, to develop a land acknowledgement and continue to build the relationship with Paqtnkek. Discussion followed, and the group felt that it was important to continue to build the linkages with Paqtnkek.

Approval of 2023-2024 Standing Committee List

Mr. Horne noted that, where there was not quorum at this meeting, a motion could not be made to approve the revisions to the Standing Committee list. Staff will distribute an e-poll on the matter later in the week.

New Business

Comfort Centre Emergency Power Discussion

Mr. Horne provided an update on the letters of support that the Municipality has provided to community groups that are approved Comfort Centres for their applications to the provincial emergency power/generator program. Mr. Horne also noted that early discussions are underway with the library for its consideration as a comfort centre, and early stages to identify sites to be considered as an emergency shelter in the community are underway.

Holiday Community Supports Discussion

A discussion about what organizations are available in the community, following enquiries that councillors were receiving from their constituents. Several organizations and individuals that run holiday support programs were mentioned.