

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 6:30 pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

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

Regrets: None

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, CAO
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Others Present: Gallery

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 6:35pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Several additions were requested: Crosswalk of 337 at Mt. Cameron, snow removal for seniors, streetlights in Havre Boucher needing repair by NSP.

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Approval of October 11, 2022 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 November 22, 2022 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Review of the December 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole Notes

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

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee of the Whole notes of December 13, 2022 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor McNamara asked whether there had been any additional discussions with Paqtnkek. Warden McCarron noted that outreach would take place in January.

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Continuing Business

There was no continuing business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Community Events

- Councillor Deveau noted that that Carnaval d'hiver de Pomquet is planned to run from Feb 18-27.

- Councillor McNamara noted the following events:
 - February 4 dart tournament in Havre Boucher – already fully booked
 - Bear Head Energy Project information sessions – January 2023 is expected to be the beginning of the construction phase for this project.
- Councillors MacDonald, Deveau, MacFarlane and Brophy attended the New Years Levy
- Councillor Mattie attended the New Years Dance in Monastery and attended the Bear Head Energy Project open house as well.
- Councillor Dunbar attended a Christmas Concert at the Heatherton Activity Centre.
- Warden McCarron attended the New Years Levy and noted that there was a levy at the Heritage Museum as well.

Additions to the Agenda

Crosswalk on 337 at Mount Cameron

Councillor MacDonald requested Council's endorsement of a letter to representatives from DTIR and the local MLA petitioning for a crosswalk at Mt. Cameron on Highway 337. He noted the volume of both pedestrian and vehicular traffic in that location was a concern and wishes to request a crosswalk with a flashing beacon.

A question was asked as to whether staff has been in contact with local Department of Transportation representatives. Mr. Horne reviewed the different requests made over the past several years.

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Municipal Council approves that a letter be sent to the Minister of Public Works, the local MLA, and representatives from the local NS Public Works office requesting consideration of a crosswalk on Highway 337 at Mt. Cameron Circle.

Motion Carried

Snow Removal for Seniors

Councillor Mattie has been contacted by several constituents asking of whether there are any programs available to help seniors with snow removal. Warden McCarron thought that there might be a provincial program. Councillor Mattie noted that one constituent did contact 211 to enquire about provincial programs that might be available. Councillor McNamara noted that he has also received similar enquiries.

Havre Boucher Streetlights

Councillor McNamara noted that requests made early last summer for streetlight installations have not been fulfilled by Nova Scotia Power to date and asked whether there was anything that could expediate those installations. The Warden suggested that a list of outstanding streetlights be compiled to facilitate the discussion with Nova Scotia Power. Councillor McNamara noted that there is a streetlight at Exit 38 on Highway 104 as well.

In Camera Items

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss litigation / potential litigation at 6:57pm.

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded

That the in-camera session adjourns at 7:11pm.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Moved

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:11pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Owen McCarron

Glenn Horne, CAO