

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

7:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

Councillors Present:

Warden Owen McCarron

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Remi Deveau (by phone)

Councillor Gary Mattie (by phone)

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Harris McNamara

Regrets:

Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor John Dunbar

Councillor Shawn Brophy

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Kristen Knudskov, Planner, EDPC

Jonas Probst

Ray Mattie, Summerfest

Mark MacMullin

Media Present:

Blake Priddle, 101.5 The Hawk

Drake Lowthers, The Reporter

Corey LeBlanc

Matt Draper, XFM

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:42pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Min # 2022-131

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of November 8, 2022 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

Min # 2022-132

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of November 8, 2022 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Statutory Public Hearings

Rezoning of PIDs 10093540 and 01297654 from the Rural Settlement (RS-1) Zone to the Residential Multi-Unit (R-2) Zone

Ms. Knudskov provided Council with a review of a proposed re-zoning in the Eastern Plan, which would provide for the development of multi-resident dwellings on a parcel adjacent to the East Antigonish Education Centre in Monastery. Ms. Knudskov provided an overview of the policies, comments from circulated agencies, and possible development plans for the proposed project. She noted that the public hearing was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the MGA, and she had received one phone call from a resident asking questions but not noting any concerns that they wanted brought forward at the public hearing. Councillor Mattie noted that he had talked to several residents in his district who are interested in units in this development and looks forward to its construction. There were no further questions or comments from Council. There were no parties in the gallery that spoke against or in favour of the proposed rezoning.

Min # 2022-133

Moved and Seconded

That Council approve the rezoning of PIDs 10093540 and 01297654 from the Rural Settlement (RS-1) zone to the Residential Multi-unit (R-2) zone.

Motion Carried

Presentations

Ray Mattie - Summerfest Marketing Campaign Summary

Mr. Mattie provided an overview of the Summerfest attendance figures and marketing campaign efforts for the 2022 events that were held in Antigonish and Halifax. He noted

that attendees came from all around the world and provided some information about the different acts that performed. Mr. Mattie shared information about food and drink partnerships featuring made-in-Nova-Scotia products, which he plans to continue in Summerfest events in 2023. Mr. Mattie noted that Summerfest would be submitting a request for support for 12.5% of their 2023 marketing campaign costs, in the amount of \$7500, would be sought from Council. Mr. Mattie was thanked for his presentation, and members of Council shared the positive feedback that they had received regarding the 2022 festival event.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports

November 22, 2022 Asset Management Committee Report

Min # 2022-134

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for the Fiscal Years 2022/23 to 2026/27 as presented for submission to the Province.

Motion Carried

November 22, 2022 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2022-135

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the request from the Havre Boucher and Area CDRA to reallocate some of their 2022/23 Community Partnership Grant to allow for the creation of an asphalt surface for a future basketball court / games court.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-136

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the installation of a streetlight at the Havre Boucher Park on Cape Jack Road, across from Civic #1470.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-137

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves a streetlight in Lakevale on Highway 337 at the intersection with MacNeil Road on a turn in the highway just beyond civic # 4414.

Motion Carried

Councillor MacFarlane declared a conflict and did not participate in the vote on the motion regarding the Antigonish Golf Course.

Min # 2022-138

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council refunds the sewer levy charged to the Antigonish Golf Course going back ten (10) years (to 2012).

Motion Carried

November 28, 2022 Antigonish Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee Report

Councillor MacDonald read the report, noting that there were no motions.

November 28, 2022 Planning Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Horne noted that there were no motions coming forward in the report and provided a summary of the topics of discussion summarized in the meeting report.

December 1, 2022 Antigonish Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee e-Poll

Min # 2022-139

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the Antigonish Regional Emergency Management Plan as presented.

Motion Carried

December 5, 2022 Joint Council Report

Mr. Horne noted that there were no motions coming forward and provided an overview of the topics of discussion as outlined in the report.

December 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole Report

Mr. Horne noted that quorum was not present at the Committee of the Whole meeting earlier in the night due to the weather conditions, and an e-poll would be circulated to members of Council regarding the Council appointments to standing committees.

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

Councillor MacDonald provided an update from the Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committee, which met on November 24th. He noted that their Terms of Reference were approved by the Committee and circulated to their membership CAOs for signature. Election for a new Chair is upcoming, and draft budgets were passed. Zoom attendance now an option for board meetings, and next meeting January 26th in Guysborough.

Councillor MacFarlane attended the St. FX fall convocation on behalf of the County.

Councillor McNamara attended the Havre Boucher Christmas parade on Saturday December 10th. There were a total of 35 floats in the parade, and it was well attended by those in the community.

Councillor Mattie attended a presentation in Tracadie at the Fire Hall, where the first of the long service awards from the Municipality were provided to volunteer fire members.

Councillor Deveau provided an update on the Senior's Christmas dinner, which delivered to 125 households on December 3rd. He also noted that the Physician Retention Navigation Committee was waiting for the report from their October forum.

Warden McCarron provided updates on the Christmas on Main event, where he noted good attendance, an excellent concert, and highland dancing. The Santa Claus Parade was rescheduled due to weather and took place on November 27th with a good turnout. Santa's Tour took place on December 3rd and 4th throughout the County. Warden McCarron also attended a Care Van Committee meeting and noted that they have a new van in operation and their old van is now for sale. Finally, he noted that a Christmas Tree lighting at the Senior's Centre in St. Andrews was well attended by the community.

Motions

There were no motions.

Miscellaneous Business

New Year Levee

Mr. Horne shared that for the first year since 2019, the Joint Town, County and Legion New Years Levee is planned to take place on January 1, from noon - 2pm.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays


Warden McCarron wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thanked staff and Council for a busy year, noted the staff contribution to the Knights of Columbus toy drive. A thank-you was also extended to the media for attending meetings and reporting on municipal business.

Adjournment

Min # 2022-140
Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:38pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO