

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF**  
**ANTIGONISH**

**Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

**7:30 pm**

**Council Chambers**

**Municipal Administration Building**

**285 Beech Hill Road**

**Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4**

**Councillors Present:**

**Warden Owen McCarron**

**Councillor Mary MacLellan**

**Councillor Donnie MacDonald**

**Councillor Remi Deveau**

**Councillor Gary Mattie (by Zoom)**

**Councillor Bill MacFarlane**

**Councillor Harris McNamara**

**Councillor John Dunbar**

**Councillor Shawn Brophy**

**Regrets:**

**Deputy Warden Stewart**

**Staff Present:**

**Glenn Horne, CAO**

**Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk**

**Also Present:**

**Gallery**

**Media Present:**

**Blake Priddle, 101.5 The Hawk (by Zoom)**

**Matt Draper, XFM**

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**Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron**

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Min # 2023-008**

**Moved and Seconded**

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of January 10, 2023 Municipal Council Minutes**

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

**Min # 2023-009**

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of January 10, 2023 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

**Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**Presentations**

**Antigonish County Volunteer Fire Department Long Service Medals**

Warden McCarron welcomed members of the Antigonish County Volunteer Fire Department and the St. Andrews Volunteer Fire Department who were in attendance to receive long service medals. Warden McCarron reviewed the exceptional events that have taken place over the last several years, including flooding and Hurricane Fiona, where the services of the local Fire Departments were appreciated. Members receiving medals were awarded those medals by the Warden. The Warden also read out the names of representatives from the Pomquet Fire & Emergency Services and Tracadie Fire Department who received their service medals at an earlier date. Councillors were provided with the opportunity to say a few words. Photographs were taken.

**Paul MacLean – Bear Head Energy**

Mr. Paul MacLean from Bear Head Energy provided a presentation on an energy project that is being planned along the Strait of Canso. The project is a green hydrogen project. Mr. MacLean reviewed details regarding the project site, the permits and opportunities, and elements that make the Bear Head Green Fuel Production Facility unique. The project is anticipated to be in operation in 2027.

**Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**Committee Reports**

**January 24, 2023 Asset Management Committee Report**

No motions were made.

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January 24, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report

**Min # 2023-010**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council endorse the appointment of the following Antigonish County residents as representatives on the RK MacDonald Foundation Board:

- Ms. Chantel Sangster, Pomquet
- Ms. Lois Wazny, Cribbons Point
- Mr. Blaise Ross, Highway 245.

**Motion Carried**

January 30, 2023 Planning Advisory Committee Report

**Min # 2023-011**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give first reading to an application to amend the West River Antigonish Harbour land Use By-law by rezoning the property located at PID#10127124 from Residential (R-1) to Residential Multi-Unit (R-2), and schedule a Public Hearing date.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-012**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give first reading to an application for a Development Agreement for a multi-unit apartment building on Lot 21-2, PID#10134633, MacPherson Lane, Mount Cameron, Antigonish County, and schedule a Public Hearing date.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-013**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give first reading to an application to amend the Central Antigonish Plan Area land Use by-law to rezone a portion of the property identified as PID 01261379 from the Rural Development (RD-1) Zone to the Rural Commercial (RC-1) Zone to allow for a Country Market, and schedule a Public Hearing date.

**Motion Carried**

February 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report

**Min # 2023-014**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council carry over the 2022/23 Community Partnership Grant for the Havre Boucher & Area CDRA to the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-015**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council provide Jeux de l'Acadie with a \$15,000 grant for the Regional Games that are scheduled to take place in May 2023.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-016**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council reappoint Bobbie Mattie to the Audit Committee for a one (1) year term.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-017**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council levy an area rate of \$31.49 to the Parkhurst Subdivision for the installation of streetlights.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-018**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve a streetlight installation near 1648 Summerside Road.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-019**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council award the tender for conduit work and the installation of a backup generator at the Municipal Office to KV Electrical Inc. for the bid price of \$195,000 (plus HST).

**Motion Carried**

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

Councillor Dunbar shared an update from the Antigonish Heritage Museum Board. Several afternoon teas and book launches have been held at the museum and have been very successful. The digitization of the Casket archives continues. A LEGO contest is underway, with a deadline of March 13, 2023, where residents are encouraged to use LEGO to create a model of a heritage building in the Town or County.

Councillor Dunbar also provided a report from the Arena Board. Accessibility improvements, 50+ league updates, and a request for a ball hockey league have been received. An emergency meeting was held earlier in February to discuss the water main break that impacted the property following the extreme cold weather.

Councillor Deveau shared that on February 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a Physician Navigator Meeting.

Councillor MacDonald shared that on February 23<sup>rd</sup> the next Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management meeting is scheduled.

Councillor Mattie noted that on February 21<sup>st</sup> a funding announcement is taking place at the Municipal Office in the morning regarding Antigonish Community Transit.

**Motions**

There were no motions.

**Miscellaneous Business**

February 13<sup>th</sup> was World Radio Day – Warden McCarron thanked the local radio stations for their ongoing coverage of the local news and municipal business.

**Adjournment**

**Min # 2023-020**

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:23pm.

**Motion Carried**



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO