

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, March 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 (by Zoom)

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Deputy Warden Stewart (by Zoom)

Councillor Remi Deveau (by Zoom)

Councillor Gary Mattie

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Harris McNamara

Councillor John Dunbar

Councillor Shawn Brophy

Regrets:

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO

John Bain, Eastern District Planning
Commission

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Gallery

Media Present:

Drake Lowthers, The Reporter

Matt Draper, XFM

Corey LeBlanc (by Zoom)

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:38pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Horne noted that the first public hearing, being the rezoning on Grandview Drive and listed as item 5a, is to be removed from the agenda where the applicant has withdrawn their application.

Min # 2023-021

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of February 14, 2023 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

Min # 2023-022

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of February 14, 2023 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Statutory Public Hearings

Seniors' Multi-Unit Apartment Building on Smith's Way

Mr. Bain spoke to the application for the development agreement for an apartment building on Smith Way. Details on the property dimensions, zoning, and the applicable policies were reviewed. The proposed development plan, including elevations, were shared. Staff is recommending that Council approve the Development Agreement as proposed.

Mr. Bain noted that the meeting was advertised as required by the MGA, and no submissions were received prior to the hearing. Warden McCarron then conducted a roundtable with Council to allow the opportunity for questions and comments.

A question was asked about whether a certain number of rooms would be required to be accessible. Mr. Bain noted that there would be accessible units in accordance with the National Building Code. A question was asked about statement that no additional water infrastructure would be required. Staff noted that no additional water infrastructure was required for this particular development.

Warden McCarron called for any attendees looking to speak in favour or against the proposal. No parties spoke in favour or against the proposal.

Min # 2023-023

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves a Development Agreement for a multi-unit apartment building on Lot 21-2, PID#10134633, MacPherson Lane, Mount Cameron, Antigonish County.

**Motion Carried
(9 in favour, 1 contrary)**

Rezoning at 306 Pomquet Monks Head Road

Mr. Bain reviewed the application to rezone a parcel on 306 Pomquet Monks Heads Road. The existing zoning, location of the parcel, and the proposed rezoning boundary were reviewed. Additional details regarding the proposed market and the products that are intended for sale were provided. Comments from Councillors noted the benefit to the community to have a local food store, with a benefit to local farmers having a location to sell their goods. A question was asked as to whether the store would be year-round or seasonal, and the assumption was made that it would be year-round.

Warden McCarron called for any parties present to speak in opposition or in favour of the proposal. No parties came forward to speak to the item.

Min # 2023-024

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves an amendment to 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.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Mr. Horne reviewed the correspondence included in the agenda package.

Committee Reports

February 27, 2023 Planning Advisory Committee Report

Min # 2023-025

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council adopt, by Policy, the attached Municipality of the County of Antigonish Public Participation Program Regarding Engagement with Abutting Municipalities.

Motion Carried

February 28, 2023 Asset Management Committee Report

Min # 2023-026

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council awards the tender for Vincent's Way Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter to BD Clifton Contracting Ltd. In the amount of \$825,037 + HST.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-027

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council commits \$73,696 in the 2023/24 fiscal year to support funding application for a Multi-Use Path connecting the Bethany Gardens to St. Martha's Hospital as part of the Community Active Transportation Network.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-028

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement for MacDonald Beach Road.

Motion Carried

February 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2023-029

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council provides \$5,000 to Paqtnkek First Nation for their 2023 PowWow.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-030

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the annual appointments of Eastern District Planning Commission staff to Municipal positions, as proposed.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-031

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the extension of the Community Navigation & Physician Retention Inter-Municipal Agreement for an additional three-years.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-032

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council write to the Provincial Minister of Public Works, copying the local MLA, Department of Public Works Area Manager, and the Department of Public Works District Director, regarding the condition of Seabright Road.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-033

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council provides a letter of support be provided to the Antigonish Arena's Recreation Facility Development Grant application, and budget to provide matching funds up to \$52,395.24 in the 2023/24 fiscal year.

Motion Carried

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

- Councillor Mattie shared that on March 17th, a dance is being held at the Tracadie Fire Hall. On March 19th, a concert is being held at the Tracadie Hall.
- Councillor MacLellan provided a report from the Library Board meeting. Updates on the chili fundraiser, recent hires, and the library's priorities and budget for 2023/24 were provided.
- Councillor Dunbar noted that the deadline for the Lego contest at the Heritage Museum closed and the submissions are being shared online.
- Warden McCarron attended the funding announcement at St. FX, regarding the new program that is being developed with support from the Provincial government.

Motions

There were no motions.

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

Min # 2023-034

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at **8:16pm**.

Motion Carried

Warden Owen McCarron

Glenn Horne, CAO

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