

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

**Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 18, 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

Deputy Warden Stewart

Councillor Remi Deveau (by Zoom)

Councillor Gary Mattie

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Harris McNamara

Councillor John Dunbar

Councillor Shawn Brophy

**Regrets:**

None

**Staff Present:**

Glenn Horne, CAO

Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable  
Communities (by Zoom)

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

**Also Present:**

Gallery (in-person and by Zoom)

**Media Present:**

Drake Lowthers, The Reporter

Matt Draper, XFM

Corey LeBlanc (by Zoom)

Aaron Beswick, Saltwire

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

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. A moment of silence was held to remember those lost, honour the survivors, and reflect on what happened in the province three years ago.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Horne noted an addition of an in-camera item to discuss Personnel Matters at the end of the open session meeting. It was later decided that Council would reconvene as the Committee of the Whole for this closed-session discussion.

**Min # 2023-035**

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

**Motion Carried**

### **Approval of March 14, 2023 Municipal Council Minutes**

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

**Min # 2023-036**

Moved and Seconded

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

**Motion Carried**

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **Presentations**

There were no presentations.

### **Correspondence**

Mr. Horne reviewed the correspondence included in the agenda package from the Minister of Transportation regarding the requests for updated speed studies and the consideration of a crosswalk across Highway 337 to facilitate connectivity between trail systems. Councillor MacDonald asked that there be further follow-up with the Province to get an idea of timelines for when the work is expected to take place. Further discussion followed regarding crosswalk criteria and other locations where crosswalks have been requested in the community.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **March 22, 2023 Joint Council Advisory Committee Report**

Mr. Horne reviewed the committee report. No motions were brought forward.

April 18, 2023 Audit Committee Report

**Min # 2023-037**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the March 31, 2022 audited consolidated financial statements for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish.

**Motion Carried**

March 28, 2023 Asset Management Committee Report

**Min # 2023-038**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council award the tender for the ICIP Net Zero Community Building LED Upgrades to Decoste Electrical & Ventilation Ltd. At a cost of \$121,427.00 + HST.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-039**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council award the tender for the ICIP Net Zero Community Building Heat Pumps to Carmichael Engineering Ltd. at a cost of \$120,128.00 + HST.

**Motion Carried**

March 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report

**Min # 2023-040**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves a streetlight on the curve at East Tracadie Road.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-041**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council write off \$1859.20 in transfer station invoices, property taxes, utility billing and a miscellaneous equipment purchase.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-042**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council directs staff to provide Notice of Recommendation to Register St. Margaret's of Scotland and Holy Rosary Churches as heritage properties and schedule a Statutory Public Hearing for May 9, 2023.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-043**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council installs a streetlight on Taylor's Road at the curve near 522 Taylor's Road where Canada Post has installed a community mailbox.

**Motion Carried**

April 18, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report

**Min # 2023-044**

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council send a letter to local MPs, as well as the Federal Minister of Public Safety and the Prime Minister expressing opposition and disappointment in the federal governments decision to make municipalities responsible for retroactive RCMP policing costs.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-045**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves a Bronze Sponsorship of Mayfest 2023 in the amount of \$250.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-046**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the Municipality providing sponsorship as a Tournament Friend (\$2000) for the 2023 Bonvie MacDonald Rinks to Links Golf Tournament.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-047**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council purchase a table of eight seats at the 2023 CACL Ham and Bean Dinner at a cost of \$200.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-048**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council send a letter to Chief Jullian, Trevor Gould, and other PowWow organizers to express their congratulations on the success of the 2023 PowWow.

**Motion Carried**

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

- Councillor MacLellan shared that the new Lobster Interpretive Centre in Arisaig will be opening in May
- Councillor Dunbar shared that the Heritage Museum Board met earlier in the month, and will meet again on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Councillor MacFarlane shared that the EDPC Board will next meet on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Councillor Deveau shared that the Physician Retention Navigator Position has been advertised.

**Motions**

**Min # 2023-049**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council proclaim May 9, 2023 as “Make Your Move Antigonish Day” in the County of Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-050**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council proclaim May 2023 as “Gaelic Nova Scotia Month” in the County of Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-051**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council proclaims May 2023 as “Lyme Disease Awareness Month” in the County of Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

**Motion Carried**

**Miscellaneous Business**

**Fire Prevention and Awareness**

Warden McCarron spoke briefly about the fire season in Eastern Nova Scotia. He noted that over the last two weeks, there have been several grass fires in the area. Warden McCarron noted that the Department of Lands and Forestry shares information online noting fire safety, particularly regarding when it is considered safe to burn, and encouraged residents to consult this online information before setting any fires. Warden McCarron thanked the local volunteer fire departments and crews from Lands and Forestry who have been responding to reported fires over the past few weeks.

**Adjournment**

**Min # 2023-052**

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 7:56pm.

**Motion Carried**



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO