
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 27, 2023, 6:30 pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

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

Regrets: None

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, CAO
 Alisha Bowie, Administrative Assistant
 Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities
 Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Others Present: Gallery (in person and by Zoom)

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 6:45 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. The following items were added:

- Iris Consulting
- Blue reflective civic number signs

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Approval of June 13, 2023 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in the Committee of the Whole minutes of June 13, 2023.

Moved and Seconded

That the minutes of June 13, 2023 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

Antigonish Coalition to End Poverty

Colleen Cameron and Darlene O'Leary presented to the Committee. They are requesting that Warden McCarron send a letter of support to the Federal Government.

Jason Parise, SWEB Energy – Weaver's Mountain Project Update

Mr. Parise updated council on the Weaver's Mountain Project.

Continuing Business

Approval of the 2023/24 Antigonish County Water Utility Budget

Ms. Duggan presented the water utility budget.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the 2023/24 Antigonish County Water Utility Budget as presented.

Motion Carried

Funding Formula for Regional Emergency Shelters

Mr. Horne reviewed the proposed funding formula. Discussion followed.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that that Municipal Council commit \$49,869 to the establishment of a regional emergency shelter at the Heatherton Community Centre and the CAO be authorized to sign the associated facility usage agreement.

Motion Carried

New Business

Tri-Council Meeting Debrief

A general overview of the meeting was provided.

- 29 People in attendance
- Overall, very good and informative
- Tammy to follow up with Darryl on job postings.

Community Partnership Grants

Councillor McNamara enquired as to why the Aulds Cove Fire Department application for a community partnership grant was not successful. Discussion followed. Staff was directed to look into other practices across the province when it comes to fire departments and funding.

Community Events

Members of the Committee shared the following community events:

- Councillor Deveau:
 - Chez Deslauriers
 - Acadian Days on August 13
 - Half chicken BBQ – Long weekend in August
- Councillor MacFarlane:
 - Community Development Project
- Councillor Dunbar:
 - Heatherton 4H Beach clean-up send letter to members.

Reports from Inter-Municipal Boards, Committees and Commissions

Antigonish Heritage Museum Board

- Meeting next month

Antigonish Arena Association

- No meeting

Eastern District Planning Commission

- Next meeting September

Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management Committee

- Met today – trying to meet once a month.

Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

- Held AGM – next meeting September.

RK MacDonald Nursing Home

- AGM Thursday night

County Paqtnkek Joint Steering Committee

- Earlier discussion

Consolidation Steering Committee

- Nothing new

Community Navigation and Physician Retention Services Association

- Haven't met with new Community Navigator

Additions to the Agenda

Iris Communications

The question was raised on who hired Iris Communications. Mr. Horne noted that the County retained them for communication strategy and content.

Blue Reflective Civic Signs

A discussion was held regarding the blue reflective civic addressing signs. A suggestion was made that a page should go in the County Connect.

In-Camera Items

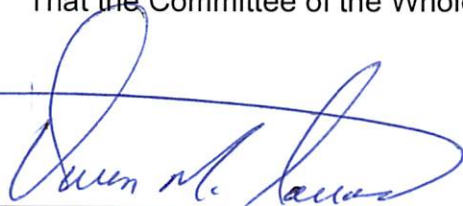
There were no scheduled in-camera items of business.

Adjournment

Moved

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:32pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO