

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

Tuesday, July 11, 2022, 6:30pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

1. Call to Order – Chair, Warden Owen McCarron
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of June 27, 2022 Committee of the Whole Minutes
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Delegations
 - a. There are no scheduled delegations.
6. Continuing Business
 - a. There is no continuing business.
7. New Business
 - a. There is no new business.
8. Community Events

This item provides Councillors with an opportunity to briefly bring to the attention of Council events that are taking place in their communities.
9. Staff Reports
10. Additions to the Agenda
11. In-Camera Items
 - a. Legal Proceedings
 - b. Contract Negotiations
12. Adjournment

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CHART (amended October 2022)

COUNCIL PRIORITIES	
<u>NOW</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WATER UTILITY DEVELOPMENT <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion & Renew Aging Infrastructure Securing Long-Term Source Water Long-Term Financial Plan 2. DEVELOP & IMPLEMENT AN EVENTS & TOURISM PLAN 3. CONNECTIVITY – CELLULAR AND BROADBAND 4. RENEWABLE ENERGY 5. NEXT GEN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 	
<u>NEXT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN: Update & Implementation ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: Implementation COMMUNITY HUBS: Plan & Implementation 	<u>ADVOCACY/PARTNERSHIPS</u> <i>Connectivity Funding (Prov & Feds)</i> <i>TIR Service Provision (Prov)</i> <i>Long-Term Care Facility Funding (Prov)</i> <i>Aging In Place Program (Prov)</i> <i>Accessible/Affordable Housing</i>
ADMINISTRATION	FINANCE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CELLULAR & BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY 2. EVENTS & TOURISM 3. ASSET MANAGEMENT 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING: Plan & Implementation - Ongoing
PUBLIC WORKS	RECREATION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WATER UTILITY DEVELOPMENT 2. NEXT GEN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION 2. COMMUNITY HUBS
SUSTAINABILITY	PLANNING
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RENEWABLE ENERGY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCC COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MANDATORY MINIMUM PLANNING: Development & Implementation 2. EASTERN ANTIGONISH PLANNING STRATEGY & BYLAW: Complete Review

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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

MEMO FOR INFORMATION

TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: GLENN HORNE, CAO
SUBJECT: JULY 2023 STAFF REPORT
DATE: 11/07/2023

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

- Inaugural Tri Council Meeting tagged as Stronger Together happened on June 26th, 2023 with the County, Paqtnkek and the Town. The meeting focused on sharing our collective histories, ideas of partnership, current priorities and identifying areas of focus for the near future. A working group meeting is currently being arranged as follow-up.
- ICIP- Net Zero for Community Buildings - All tenders are awarded, some installation of lights and heat pumps has started. Solar supplies are on order and work on the renewable component will be planned for August. Detailed update will be emailed to Council in near future when final dates of installation are determined. Project is on schedule for completion by early 2024.
- EMP & Generator- light retrofits of municipal buildings as outlined in our Energy Management Plan are ongoing. Installation has started. Overhaul of electrical upgrade and generator installation stopped work. This was done as a health and safety precaution, the oil lines going into the building were discovered to be more shallow than on the plans or as build drawings. So the original plan had to be changed. Currently confirming the change of work order and work should re start by end of the month.
- Solar on site- Solar Field at municipal office is up and running finally! Once there are a couple of months of data we will revisit the energy production report analysis with A H Roy that was put on hold last year because of the damage by Hurricane Fiona.
- Mural Projects- District 4- Working with School board to identify a space at the schools on Appleseed for installation. Once determined then will propose mural idea. District 7 - Heatherton and Area Community Centre are working on their mural plan and draft, meeting with a local artist this week. A concept drawing will be shared within in next 2 weeks.
- Occupational Health and Safety & Wellness- Committee met on July 5th, no incidents, accidents to report. Ongoing monitoring and inspections planned for the summer. No meeting in August, Committee will meet again in September.
- CAO Glenn Horne attended the Atlantic Economic Forum at StFX University, where he moderated a panel on rural and urban housing challenges with CBRM Mayor Amanda

MacDougall, Halifax Partnership CEO Luther and Associated Vice-President of the Harris Centre Rob Greenwood.

- CAO Glenn Horne attended Superport Days on Thursday, June 29, where presentations were made by EverWind Fuels, BearHead Energy, Simply Blue Group, Port Hawkesbury Paper, Signal Gold & Maritime Launch Services concerning projects ongoing and forthcoming in northeastern Nova Scotia. Premier Tim Houston was the luncheon guest speaker.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- June was focused on tax collections.
- Bi- monthly Water Utility billing was completed and collections are ongoing.
- Several Finance staff attended the AMANS conference in Truro.
- Reception and Administrative Support position application closed on June 30th. There were nearly 100 applications received for the position. Interviews will be set up shortly.
- Provincial financial reporting is a work in progress.
- The tax office has started using the new portal set up by the Province for senior rebate applications. This new portal will upload the municipal property tax payments from the eligible seniors on a daily basis and ultimately get the rebate in the hands of the seniors sooner. The previous process was for the tax payment information to be mailed which could take 5 - 7 business days for the province to receive the information.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- The Municipality hosted another successful Canada Celebration on July 1st.
- Day camp personnel have participated in staff trainings and are in the process of finalizing last minute program details. Camps are scheduled to begin on Monday, July 10, with camps being offered in Havre Boucher, Lakevale, Heatherton, Arisaig, St. Andrews, Monastary, St. Josephs, Lochaber and Saint Andrew Junior School. Beach Days will also be held in Pomquet.
- Equipment loan program is very busy.
- Construction of phase 1 & 2 of the Antigonish AT Corridor began on Monday, June 26 and will continue until late fall. This phase of the project includes the re-purposing of Trunk 4 add a multi-use active transportation path extending from Spruce Lane to Church St. It also includes the realignment of the James St./Trunk 4 intersection and the installation of a round-about at the West St./Trunk 4 intersection.
- The department was successful in securing a Connect2 grant to help offset the cost of engage the services of a consultant to develop a streetscape plan develop a streetscape plan and design for the 5km Active Transportation multi-use path along NS Trunk 4 in

Antigonish. The plan will include designs and recommendations for solar lighting, vegetation, and signage along the path.

- Scotia Bank has confirmed funding for the mini-pitch. Discussions are ongoing with regards to site preparation, timelines and logistics.
- Municipal officials have reached out to officials at both StFX University and Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation to assess their interest in exploring a Recreation Centre with the County and Town.
- The Sport Hub online platform is being used regularly by Community Sports Organizations for program registrations.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Work has started on the St. Joseph's Waterline Extension and Highway 337 Waterline Extension

Antigonish RCMP Monthly Report for May, 2023

Occurrence and Crime Reporting- Calls for Service

Type of file	Town	County	Paqtnkek	Totals
Crime against Person	8	15	3	26
Crime against Property	25	50	4	79
Impaired Driving	0	7	0	7
Traffic Collisions	5	19	0	24
Traffic Complaints	30	38	0	68
Drug Complaints	1	0	1	2
Other Municipal	1	0	1	2
Mental Health/Wellness	4	18	7	29
Other Criminal Code	6	12	4	22
Assist Other Gov't Agency	0	6	1	7
Crime Prevention	0	3	2	5

Antigonish detachment members responded to a total of 424 calls for service during the month of May including the categories noted above.

Notable Events

Antigonish RCMP participated in Antigonish Make your Move events and McHappy Day this month. A Detachment meeting was held in mid-May where we celebrated our Investigator of the Year; Cst Tyler Baird. We also recognized two local members who received Divisional Heidi Stevenson Awards for excellence in Impaired Driving Investigations; Cst Tyler Baird was awarded a Silver medal and Cst Rob Kavanaugh was awarded a Bronze medal.

S/Sgt Hillier participated in the President's Dinner honoring the incoming President for the Antigonish Chamber of Commerce.

Community Policing/School Resource Officer

CPO Activity: During week 1 Cst. Pelly attended Dr. JHG to complete Criminal Record checks for a class, assisted Family Child Services with trying to obtain a statement from a youth and assisted SAJS with a matter involving intimate images. She attended Paq'tnkek School and visited with the children, she also liaised with High Risk Domestic Coordinator on the release of an offender then updated all members on this offender. She Attended Dr. JHG and was advised of a disturbance that had just occurred, she was able to assist in mediating the situation with Admin. She completed her Kids in the

Know at AEC, Maryvale and St. Andrew's Consolidated. She also attended Red Apple Daycare to meet with the children and talk about the Police and what we do. The police car was a big hit!

She facilitated a CACL Workshop on Fraud/Internet Safety St. She also assisted Family Services when she facilitated personal safety talks for an at-risk family. Mid-month she was at Dr. JH Gillis Regional High School to mediate a situation that involved 20 people.

School Bullying Presentations were done for 150 students in Grades 5 and 6. She attended the East Antigonish Education Centre and completed a Class talk. She spent a few hours at McDonalds for McHappy Day greeting over 200 people. She also assisted operationally by completing a Child Interview with Family Services. During this week she also attended Antigonish Education Centre for a Bullying issue to mediate with parent and school to resolve ongoing issue.

During the last part of the month she attended the Antigonish Education Centre to discuss an at-risk Child, she used this time to liaise with the school counsellor and together they spoke with child that had been displaying concerning behaviours. She assisted Family Services with a child interview, attended a case conference for a High Risk Domestic and updated partners along with completing safety planning. She had a meeting with the Mental Health-Outreach worker who provides outreach support for ages 16-24. Celebration of completion of "Kids in the Know" (with donuts) at the Antigonish Education Centre and she also completed "Kids in the know" at H.M. MacDonald Elementary School, handing out RCMP 150 labeled water bottles. She attended the residence of an at-risk female in Paq'tnkek First Nation to provide support and attempt to have female attend the Detachment for a statement. She also attended St Andrews Consolidated School for an Open House to provide context on the "Kids in the Know" programming. Cst Pelly completed a child interview with Family services, attended a Jr Softball tournament and handed out 150 swag, At the end of the month she finished strong by completing another session of "Kids in the Know" with St Andrews School, and did a bike rodeo for Antigonish "Make your Move" Program and she also did a Red Serge event during the bus tour and dinner for Africentric Conference

SCEU Activity: The team assisted Major Crimes (MCU) with an investigation in Amherst for 2 days at the beginning of the month. They continued work on a large-scale Fraud investigation and spent one day attempting to locate prolific offenders with outstanding arrest warrants. During the second week in May they spent two days assisting MCU in Eskasoni. They also we tasked with assisting Inverness District with investigating assault allegation in Port Hawkesbury.

During the third week that worked on gathering information on a local suspect and assisted with a project with Port Hawkesbury SCEU. The work on the investigation into assault from Port Hawkesbury continued. During the latter part of the month that assisted the District by covering 4 GD shifts in Cumberland County. They also assisted and provided guidance on a theft file from local business; inquiries and attempts made to locate suspects.

Impaired Driving Charges

On 05/07/2023 while on patrol, Antigonish RCMP heard a vehicle with a very loud muffler. Police conducted a traffic stop with that vehicle where an open case of alcohol was observed in the vehicle. ASD demand was made which resulted in "FAIL". The driver was transported to Antigonish RCMP Detachment and provided breath samples that resulted in readings of 110mg% and 100mg%

Traffic Enforcement

May was Motorcycle Safety month. Cst Baird was heading up the enforcement, he completed a check stop and was involved in added presence while there was a gathering of Outlaw Motorcycle riders in the area.

Human Resources

Cst Justin Greene from Sherbrooke is slated to transfer to the Antigonish District to fill one of the three current vacant positions.

1 Soft vacancy – Maternity leave.



