

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 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

Councillor Gary Mattie

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Harris McNamara

Councillor John Dunbar

Councillor Shawn Brophy

Regrets:

None

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Gallery (in person and by Zoom)

Media Present:

Matt Draper, XFM

Drake Lowthers, The Reporter

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Min # 2023-070

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of May 9, 2023 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

Min # 2023-071

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of May 9, 2023 be approved.

Motion Carried

Approval of May 30, 2023 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

Min # 2023-072

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of May 30, 2023 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Statutory Public Hearings – Heritage Designations

Mrs. Schumacher reviewed the process to date for the consideration of the municipal heritage designation of Holy Rosary Church and St. Margaret's Parish Church. Both of the churches were designated by Municipal Council in 1991, but those registrations were not registered so the documentation required by the Province for heritage grants could not be produced. Mrs. Schumacher noted that the notices required by the Heritage Protection Act had been served and registered, and representatives of the properties were notified of their chance to appear at the hearing. No representatives of the properties were in attendance at the meeting.

Holy Rosary Church – Ballantyne's Cove

Min # 2023-073

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the designation of Holy Rosary Church, located at 6205 Highway #337, Ballantyne's Cove, Antigonish County, PID01303916, as a Municipal Heritage Property.

Motion Carried

St. Margaret's Parish Church - Arisaig

Min # 2023-074

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the designation of St. Margaret's Parish Church, located at 5559 Highway #245, Arisaig, Antigonish County, PID1201292, as a Municipal Heritage Property.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Mr. Horne reviewed the correspondence received.

Twelve-month notice from the Department of Municipal Affairs

- Construction debris restrictions – as of July 5th treated wood no longer permitted to be disposed of at the Municipal C&D stream and will be diverted to the landfill/garbage stream of waste.
- Regulations for the Coastal Protection Act are still in progress.
- The RCMP collective agreement negotiations are expected to commence soon.

Minister Masland – Seabright Road

Mr. Horne read the letter as provided, and Warden McCarron shared that after speaking with residents along that roadway, a discussion with the local MLA might be appropriate. Councillor MacDonald noted that he sympathized with the residents along Seabright Road and offered to facilitate the discussion with Minister Thompson to review the options for the roadway.

St. Martha's Hospital Auxiliary – Mayfest Thank-you Letter

Mr. Horne reviewed the thank-you letter received. Warden McCarron thanked those in the room who assisted with event, and also thanked Myers Tea Room for running the book sale for the Auxiliary when the shop in the hospital wasn't available.

Alzheimer's Walk Fundraising Thank-you Letter

Warden McCarron highlighted the turnout and fundraising success of the event as highlighted in the letter.

Committee Reports

May 23, 2023 Asset Management Committee Report

Min # 2023-075

Moved and Seconded

That the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Finance be authorized by Municipal Council to sign Cost Share Agreement No. 2023-031.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-076

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council award Project 22-82-C Antigonish Net Zero Buildings Solar Upgrades to Geddes and Murphy Electric Ltd. at the bid price of \$692,950.00 + HST.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-077

Moved and Seconded

That the Warden and CAO be authorized by Municipal Council to sign Cost Share Agreement No. 2023-002.

Motion Carried

May 23, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2023-078

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the amendments to Policy 17 - Public Participation at Council/Committee Meetings, as proposed.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-079

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the installation of a streetlight at the Havre Boucher Park.

Motion Carried

June 5, 2023 Joint Council Committee Report

There were no recommendations for motions in this committee report.

June 7, 2023 Asset Management e-Poll Report

Min # 2023-080

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve an application being made to the Provincial Capital Assistance Program to support the Trunk 7 Roundabout Water & Sewer Relocation project.

Motion Carried

June 12, 2023 Planning Advisory Committee Report

Min # 2023-081

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give First Reading and set a Public Hearing date for the following amendments proposed to the West River Antigonish Harbour Land Use By-law:

1. to add a general provision implementing the existing policy to allow Government Buildings and Facilities in all zones;
2. to add a definition of Government Buildings and Facilities; and
3. to add "Medical clinics" as a permitted use within the General Commercial (C-2) Zone.

Motion Carried

June 13, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2023-082

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council support the establishment of emergency shelters at the Heatherton Community Centre and the CACL/Royal Canadian Legion.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-083

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council appoint Carroll MacAdam and Carleton MacNeil to the Joint Town and County Police Advisory Board.

Motion Carried

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

- Councillor MacFarlane noted that on Saturday June 17th from 12-4pm in Chisholm Park an event is planned to welcome new residents in the community who have come from Ukraine. He also noted that on July 4th, the grand opening of the Pioneer Cemetery is planned. Councillor MacFarlane acknowledged Mr. Mike MacDonald, who served as the Chair of the restoration committee.
- Councillor Dunbar shared that A Roof Over Your Head is holding their AGM at the library on June 22 at 630pm.
- Councillor Brophy shared that the RK MacDonald AGM is on June 29th.
- Councillors MacLellan shared that the PARL AGM was on June 8th. Some financial details, materials sign-out figures, and building usage statistics were shared.

Motions

There were no additional motions.

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

Min # 2023-084

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:03pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO