

# **MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH**

## **Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 11, 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 (by Zoom)

### **Regrets:**

None

### **Staff Present:**

Glenn Horne, CAO

John Bain, EDPC

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

### **Also Present:**

Gallery

### **Media Present:**

Matt Draper, XFM

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

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

**Min # 2023-085**

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of June 13, 2023 Municipal Council Minutes**

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

**Min # 2023-086**

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of June 13, 2023 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

**Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**Statutory Public Hearings**

*Adding medical clinics and ambulance depots to the C-2 Zone in the West River Antigonish Harbour Plan Area*

Mr. Bain spoke to the amendments proposed, being to amend the C-2 Zone in the West River Antigonish Harbour Plan Area to permit medical clinics and ambulance depots. He noted that he felt that this was a housekeeping amendment, and reviewed other similar uses, such as veterinary clinics, already permitted in the C-2 Zone. Regarding the inclusion of government facilities and buildings in all zones, Mr. Bain noted that the policy document noted the uses being permitted in all areas, but the same provision not being found in the Land Use By-law. As such, he felt that this amendment provided a correction to implement the policy intent. Mr. Bain noted that the public hearing was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Government Act, and no written submissions were received.

The floor was opened to questions from Council. A question was asked about permitted sizes and heights for these uses, which Mr. Bain addressed. No parties were present wishing to speak against, or in favour of, the proposed amendments.

**Min # 2023-087**

Moved and Seconded

That Council amend the West River Antigonish Harbour Land Use By-law as follows:

PART 6: GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ALL ZONES is hereby amended by inserting the following text in bold immediately following s. 6.A.13 Front Yard for a Through Lot and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly:

**Government Buildings and Facilities**

**6.A.14 Government buildings and facilities shall be permitted within any zone subject to compliance with the applicable provisions of that particular zone.**

Section 16.1 of PART 16: GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) ZONE is hereby amended by inserting the following text in bold and re-lettering the remaining sections accordingly:

**I. Medical clinics**

PART 25: DEFINITIONS is hereby amended by inserting the following text in bold in alphabetical order:

**GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES means a building or facility where one of the three levels of government provides services to the public. Examples include but are not limited to, courthouses, post offices, hospitals, employment offices, libraries, and emergency services.**

**Motion Carried**

**Correspondence**

Mr. Horne reviewed the correspondence received from Minister Lohr, requesting that the Municipality look at identifying serviceable municipal land for housing. Mr. Horne noted that a preliminary assessment of municipally-owned land has been undertaken, and no suitable properties have been identified.

**Committee Reports**

**June 27, 2023 Asset Management Committee Report**

**Min # 2023-088**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council award the tender for the water storage tank associated with the St. Josephs Water System Expansion project to Greatario at a value of \$490,000 + HST.

**Motion Carried**

**June 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report**

**Min # 2023-089**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the 2023/24 Antigonish County Water Utility Budget as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-090**

Moved and Seconded

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**

July 5, 2023 Asset Management Committee e-Poll Report

Councillor MacFarlane declared a conflict and removed himself from the table for the vote.

**Min # 2023-091**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Finance to sign Construction Agreement No. 2023-027.

**Motion Carried**

July 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report

There were no motions coming forward from this meeting.

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

- Councillor Dunbar provided updates from the Heritage Museum Board, being that they met on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, that two students hired for the summer, and that lots of events planned.
- Councillor Dunbar also shared that the Heatherton Mural Committee has been created.
- Councillor MacFarlane wished staff and Council a thanks and best wishes for the summer.
- Councillor Deveau shared that the Heart Tour wheels and walk took place in the community earlier in the day.
- Councillor McNamara shared that the RK MacDonald AGM was held and went well.
- Councillor Mattie attended the Antigonish Community Transit Society AGM earlier in the day.
- Councillor Brophy also attended the RK MacDonald AGM.
- Warden McCarron attended the funding announcement held at Paqtnkek First Nation for a microgrid project and fast charging station project earlier in the day.

**Motions**

There were no additional motions.

**Miscellaneous Business**

The following messages of congratulations were shared by Municipal Council:



- Congratulations to Antigonish County resident Brooke Hayne, who won the Highland Dancing Canadian Championship (12 & Under 14) at the ScotDance Canadian Championship Series hosted in Halifax. Brooke will be going to Scotland to compete in the worlds in August.
- Congratulations to Christian Gerro, who won a gold medal in the standing long jump, a bronze medal in the 4x100m Relay, and placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100m run at the Special Olympics Worlds competition in Berlin.
- Congratulations to Paul (PJ) Prosper, Regional Chief for the Assembly of First Nations and representative of the Mi'kmaw Chiefs of Nova Scotia, on the recent announcement of his appointment to the Canadian Senate.

Councillor MacLellan raised a question from a resident in her district about the process of appointments to the RK Foundation Board. Staff noted that they have reached out to staff at the RK MacDonald Foundation Board and are awaiting an answer.

Warden McCarron thanked staff for staff's work during this year's Council session, and noted that there was no meeting scheduled to take place in August.

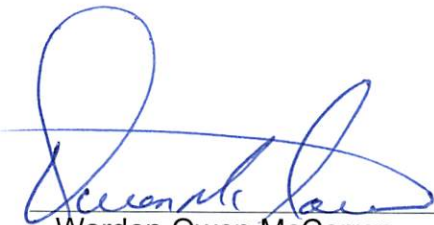
### **Adjournment**

**Min # 2023-092**

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 7:54pm.

**Motion Carried**



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO