

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 26, 2023
Immediately Following the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

1. Call to Order – Chair Owen McCarron
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of September 12, 2023 Municipal Council Minutes
4. Committee Reports
 - a. August 1, 2023 Asset Management Committee ePoll Report
 - b. September 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report
 - c. September 21, 2023 Joint Council Committee Report
 - d. September 26, 2023 Asset Management Committee Report
 - e. September 26, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report
5. Motions
 - a. Selection of Acting Deputy Warden
6. Adjournment

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Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, September 12, 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

Councillor Remi Deveau

Councillor Gary Mattie

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Harris McNamara

Councillor John Dunbar

Regrets:

Deputy Warden Stewart

Councillor Shawn Brophy

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Gallery

Media Present:

Matt Draper, XFM

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:44pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. An addition was requested: Antigonish Archery.

Min # 2023-094

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of July 11, 2023 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in the minutes included in the agenda package.

Min # 2023-095

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of July 11, 2023 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Statutory Public Hearings

There were no statutory public hearings.

Correspondence

Mr. Horne reviewed the correspondence received from the Lion's Club, thanking the Municipality for grant support to purchase a generator for the Lion's Den.

Committee Reports

September 6, 2023 Antigonish Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee Report

Min # 2023-096

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council request the Province of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Public Safety Advisory Committee prioritize the implementation of a province-wide Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry, integrated into the 911 system.

Motion Carried

September 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2023-097

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee recommends that Municipal Council supports Option D for a Mini-Pitch development, contingent on a funding contribution being made by the Town of Antigonish and up to a maximum funding amount of \$583k.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-098

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipality of the County of Antigonish endorse the recommendation of the RK MacDonald Nursing Home Board of Directors related to an Agreement of Purchase and Sale.

Motion Carried

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

- Councillor Deveau provided an update regarding the Pomquet Chicken Dinner, the Chez Deslauriers Lobster Dinner, and Acadian Days.
- Councillor MacFarlane shared that the Maritime Angus Association meeting was held in Salt Springs and was attended by Councillor MacFarlane and Councillor Brophy. A request was made to send a thank-you to the hosts of the meeting, and consensus was provided.
- Councillor Dunbar shared that the Heritage Museum Board met on September 11th, and that the ice is back in at the Antigonish Arena. On September 27th the Department of Public Works will be holding an information open house about the Highway 104 twinning at the Heatherton Community Centre.
- Councillor McNamara shared that the final meeting of the Area Advisory Committee for the Eastern Plan Revision is expected at the end of the month. An update on the construction of the Havre Boucher Park equipment was provided. Councillor McNamara shared some stories from Harbourfest celebrations held in the community. Councillor McNamara noted that the Seniors Care Grant provided by the Province has had its parameters changed, and an application assistance session is planned for District 9.
- Councillor Mattie attended a fundraiser for Mr. Delaney, which was very well attended.
- Councillor MacLellan shared that the Library Board would be meeting in the upcoming weeks.
- Councillor MacDonald shared that an ERSWM meeting was upcoming.
- Warden McCarron shared that he attended:
 - Play at the museum, followed by the certificate ceremony for newcomers.
 - Events at the Coady.
 - The grand opening of the highway twinning.
 - Funding announcement for the St. Joseph's and Highway 337 water projects.
 - CACL summer barbeque.

- Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition, with 4H day doing well despite the rain.
- Dairy Queen IWK fundraiser.
- MS Society fundraiser at A&W
- Federation of Agriculture provincial barbeque in Heatherton.
- Physician Navigator hosted a get together for physicians at Candid and the Bauer Theatre.

Motions

Mr. Horne reviewed the materials regarding British Home Children and read out the proclamation.

Min # 2023-099

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the proclamation of September 28, 2023 as British Home Children Day.

Motion Carried

Mr. Horne also read out a summary regarding the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day, noting that the office would be closed on Monday October 2nd, 2023 in observance of this National Statutory Holiday. Information about Orange Shirt Day was also shared, and orange shirts were provided to members of Council.

Additions to the Agenda

Antigonish Archery Association

Councillor Deveau shared an expression of thanks for the support received by the Archery Association in its early years, and reviewed some of the fundraising that the group has done in the community for a variety of causes since. Consensus was given to write a congratulatory letter to that organization.

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

Min # 2023-100

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:04pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Owen McCarron

Glenn Horne, CAO

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TO: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FROM: GLENN HORNE, CAO
SUBJECT: **Asset Management Committee e-Poll Report**
DATE: September 26, 2023

An e-Poll was issued on August 1, 2023 regarding a construction agreement with the Province for the replacement of the waterline as part of the West River Bridge construction being undertaken by the Province on Trunk 7. The following Councillors participated:

Warden McCarron
Deputy Warden Stewart
Councillor MacLellan
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Brophy
Councillor Deveau
Councillor Dunbar
Councillor Mattie
Councillor McNamara
Councillor MacFarlane

The following recommendation was made:

“That the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign Construction Agreement No. 2023-027.”

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TO: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FROM: Glenn Horne, CAO
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
DATE: September 26, 2023

The Committee of the Whole was reconvened on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, following the regular meeting of Municipal Council. The following Councillors were present:

Warden McCarron
Councillor MacLellan
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Deveau
Councillor Dunbar
Councillor Mattie
Councillor McNamara
Councillor MacFarlane

The following recommendations were made:

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council renames D-38 Road to Sears Ross Drive.

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TO: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FROM: WARDEN OWEN MCCARRON
SUBJECT: **JOINT COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**
DATE: September 26, 2023

The Joint Council Advisory Committee was convened at 6:00pm on Thursday September 21, 2023, at the Town of Antigonish Council Chambers. The following members were present:

Warden Owen McCarron	Mayor Laurie Boucher
Councillor Mary MacLellan	Deputy Mayor Willie Cormier
Councillor Donnie MacDonald	Councillor Andrew Murray
Councillor Remi Deveau	Councillor Mary Farrell
Councillor John Dunbar	Councillor Diane Roberts
Councillor Gary Mattie	Councillor Donnie MacInnis
Councillor Harris McNamara	
Councillor Bill MacFarlane	

No recommendation were made.

The following items were discussed:

- Staff provided a presentation regarding a Tourism Strategy.
- Adam Perry provided a presentation regarding an Assessment of the Needs, Strengths, Opportunities, and Challenges to Antigonish Becoming an Age-Friendly Community.
- Blaise MacDonald, EMC, provided an update on training and preparedness exercises being done with teams in the area.