

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 7:30pm

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 26, 2023 Municipal Council Minutes
4. Public Hearings
 - a. Dangerous and Unsightly – Property of LNB Inc. Fairmont Rd, Antigonish Harbour NS PID (10130755) and AAN (10853222)
5. Correspondence
 - a. There is no correspondence.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. October 5, 2023 Joint Police Advisory Board Report
 - b. October 10, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report
7. Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Conferences, and Community Activities
8. Motions
9. Miscellaneous Business
10. Adjournment

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Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023
Immediately Following the Committee of the Whole
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 Shawn Brophy (by Zoom)

Councillor Remi Deveau (by Zoom)

Councillor John Dunbar

Councillor Gary Mattie

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Harris McNamara

Regrets:

Deputy Warden Stewart

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Gallery (online and in person)

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:22pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Min # 2023-101

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of September 12, 2023 Municipal Council Minutes

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

Min # 2023-102

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of September 12, 2023 be approved.

Motion Carried

Committee Reports

August 1, 2023 AMC E-Poll Report

Min # 2023-103

Moved and Seconded

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

Motion Carried

September 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2023-104

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council renames D-38 Road to Sears Ross Drive.

Motion Carried

September 21, 2023 Joint Council Committee Report

No recommendations were put forward.

September 26, 2023 AMC Report

Min # 2023-105

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council receive the proposed amendments to a By-law Respecting Local Improvements for First Reading, and that the Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to Municipal Local Improvements Fees Policy when it gives second reading to the proposed by-law amendment.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-106

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves identifying Duncan MacIsaac Road, Tamara Drive, and Macken Road as priorities for 2024-2025 J-Class Road cost-sharing with the Province.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-107

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the 2023-28 Capital Investment Plan as presented.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-108

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves sending a letter to the Provincial Department of Public Works to address concerns with ditching and repairs work in the area of Pine Ridge Estates.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-109

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council commission an update to engineering review of the stormwater system in the Pine Ridge Estates subdivision.

Motion Carried

September 26, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2023-110

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council amend the Position of the Warden and Deputy Warden policy as proposed.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-111

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council amend the Position of the Warden and Deputy Warden policy as proposed.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-112

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council sends a letter to the Minister of Public Works to follow up to a previous request made for a crosswalk on Highway 337 at Mount Cameron, requesting copies of policy regarding the crosswalks and data from the Highway 337 speed study, with copies being sent to Minister Thompson as the local MLA, and Basil Pitts and Paul Colton from the local Nova Scotia Department of Public Works office.

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-113

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council renames the section of Mill Road between Highway 104 and Trunk 4 to "Old Mill Road".

Motion Carried

Min # 2023-114

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the 2023/24 Statement of Estimates A&B.

Motion Carried

Motions

Selection of Acting Deputy Warden

Warden McCarron reviewed the reasons and process for the selection of an Acting Deputy Warden. A call for nominations was made, and the nomination of Councillor MacFarlane was made and seconded. Councillor MacFarlane accepted the nomination for the position.

Min # 2023-115

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council appoint Councillor MacFarlane as Acting Deputy Warden for the term extending from September 26, 2023 to January 24, 2024.

Motion Carried

Acting Deputy Warden MacFarlane thanked Council for their support and noted that he looked forward to Deputy Warden Stewart's return.

Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

Min # 2023-116

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 7:33pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Owen McCarron

Glenn Horne, CAO



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August 25 2023

Mr. Glenn Horne
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of the County of Antigonish

**Reference: Property of LNB Inc. Fairmont Rd, Antigonish Harbour NS
PID (10130755) and AAN (10853222)**

Dear Mr. Horne,

Regarding the above mentioned property. There is an outstanding complaint on this property from 2020, under the *Dangerous and Unsightly Premises* provisions in the *Municipal Government Act*. We worked with the property owners at that time, and a building permit was obtained with letters of undertaking from engineers, to repair the building, and locate it on a new foundation.

The building permit expired on September 2 2021. Since the permit was obtained, until now, no meaningful work has been done on the property, and the condition of the property has, in fact, deteriorated. As such, under section 9(3)(b) of the *Nova Scotia Building Code Act*, I am writing to you, and the property owner (in cc) to notify them that the building permit is hereby revoked.

Since a building permit is no longer in place, and the property still meets the definition of *Dangerous and Unsightly* it is our intention to recommend to council at the next convenient opportunity, that the building be demolished.

In my opinion the property gives the appearance of being abandoned while meeting the *Municipal Government Act* definition of "dangerous and unsightly". My recommendation as a Certified Building Official is that the building should be demolished. It is therefore our recommendation that the an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners instructing that the building be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes.

When the date and time of the meeting has been set, I will notify the property owner so they might make representation on behalf of the property if they so choose.

If you have any questions regarding the above please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely

Jonathan Martin
Administrator

cc. Property Owners

TO: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FROM: JOINT POLICE ADVISORY BOARD
SUBJECT: JOINT POLICE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT
DATE: October 5, 2023

The Joint Police Advisory Board was convened at 5:25pm on Tuesday, October 5, 2023. The following members were present.

Mayor Laurie Boucher, Meeting Chair
Councillor Sean Cameron
Carrol MacAdam
Carleton MacNeil
Mike Nuggent

Regrets were received from Councillor Hughie Stewart, Councillor Shawn Brophy, Councillor Judy Bernard Julian, Matt Whitehead, and Pamela Chisholm.

Antigonish RCMP Detachment S/Sgt. Kim Hillier, County CAO Glenn Horne, and Town CAO Jeff Lawrence were also present.

No recommendations were made.

The following items were discussed:

- New Board members Carroll MacAdam, Carleton MacNeil, and Mike Nuggent swore/affirmed their oaths of office as members of the Antigonish Town and County Joint Police Advisory Board.
- S/Sgt. Hillier provided a summary of activities from the past two quarters, as well as a review of the calls for service. They also discussed upcoming initiatives and plans for StFX Homecoming.
- Town officials shared information related to its recently approved Nuisance Party Bylaw.
- Notice was provided to the Board concerning the recent provincial announcement of a comprehensive policing review.
- The Board identified areas of interest for future meetings, including mandatory training for bouncers at liquor establishments, community policing and rebuilding neighborhood watches.