
Joint Town and County Council Minutes
Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 6:00 PM
Town Council Chambers
274 Main Street
Antigonish, NS

Present were:

Warden Owen McCarron
Councillor Bill MacFarlane
Councillor Shawn Brophy
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Haris McNamara
Councillor John Dunbar

Deputy Mayor Willie Cormier
Councillor Sean Cameron
Councillor Mary Farrell
Councillor Andrew Murray
Councillor Diane Roberts

Glenn Horne, CAO, County of
Antigonish
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Jeff Lawrence, CAO, Town of
Antigonish
Dianne Wilson, Deputy Clerk
Recording Secretary
Kate MacInnis, Director, Community
Development

Also Present:

Ashley Pettipas, Andrea Boyd & Pat McKenna - Festival Antigonish
Paul Curry & Mike MacEachern - Antigonish Tourism Association
Dan Cochrane, Joe MacDonald,- Antigonish Highland Society

Absent with Regret:

Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart
Councillor Remi Deveau

Mayor Laurie Boucher
Councillor Donnie MacInnis

Call to Order

The Joint Town and County Council Committee was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron at 6:00 PM. Roundtable introductions took place.

Approval of December 5, 2022, Council Minutes

Moved by Councillor Bill MacFarlane
Seconded by Councillor Shawn Brophy

“To approve the Joint Council Minutes of December 5, 2022.”

Motion carried.

Business Arising

There was no Business arising from the Minutes.

Presentations

Festival Antigonish

The Festival Antigonish delegates were introduced and Andrea Boyd provided an overview of highlights from the past year. Details on awards received by Festival Antigonish were noted. Dan McKenna and Andrea Boyd provided details around the various aspects of Theatre/Festival Antigonish and details on upcoming shows and concerts. Sponsors, funders, and friends were thanked for their support. Andrea Boyd thanked Councils for their support. A question-and-answer session followed.

Antigonish Tourism Association

Paul Curry and Mike MacEachern took to the podium and thanked Councils for the opportunity to present to Joint Council. Paul Curry provided a brief overview of activities over the past year and a half. It was noted the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) funding for the proposed storage program proposed for last year was not able to move forward, however, it was noted the project may be revisited in the future.

Details were provided on funding approved for digital marketing of the area along with additional content for marketing. Short video promotional clips of the area were presented. Details on the inaugural Jazz Fest were provided and it was noted it will be returning next year.

Paul Curry spoke to the idea and vision of a community mobile stage. Mike MacEachern provided details specific to the stage and its mobility. A question-and-answer session followed. Warden Owen McCarron thanked the delegates for their presentation.

Antigonish Highland Society

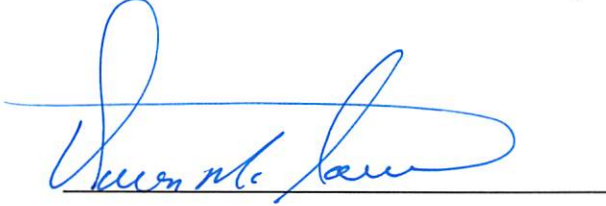
Joe MacDonald and Dan Cochrane took to the podium and thanked Joint Councils for the opportunity to make their presentation.

Joe MacDonald spoke on the costs associated with hosting the Highland Games and details on sponsorship efforts. Details were provided on various events for the upcoming year. A short video was presented.

A question-and-answer session followed with Warden Owen McCarron thanking the delegates for their presentation.

Adjournment

At 6:56 PM the Joint Council was adjourned.



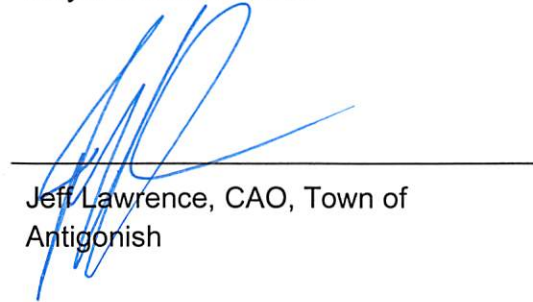
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