

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF  
**ANTIGONISH**

**Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 14, 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  
Acting Deputy Warden Bill MacFarlane  
Councillor Mary MacLellan  
Councillor Donnie MacDonald  
Councillor Shawn Brophy

Councillor Remi Deveau  
Councillor John Dunbar  
Councillor Gary Mattie  
Councillor Harris McNamara (by Zoom)

**Regrets:**

Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart

**Staff Present:**

Glenn Horne, CAO

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

**Also Present:**

Gallery (in person and on Zoom)  
Drake Lowthers, The Reporter  
Connie Clement, Antigonish Affordable  
Housing Society

Matt Draper, XFM (by Zoom)  
Colleen Cameron, Antigonish Affordable  
Housing Society

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**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 # 2023-120**

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**Motion Carried**

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**Approval of October 10, 2023 Municipal Council Minutes**

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

**Min # 2023-121**

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of October 10, 2023 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**Delegations**

**Antigonish Affordable Housing – Appleseed Second Phase Development**

Glenn Horne declared a conflict of interest, as he sits on the AAHS Board.

Representatives from Antigonish Affordable Housing introduced their plans for a second phase of their development on Appleseed Drive, on land donated by the Province. An overview of various aspects of their operation, including their solar panels, utilities for the development, and rent pricing was briefly reviewed. Antigonish Affordable Housing is requesting a contribution of \$150,000 over five years from the County, to assist with the development of the second phase of the build on Appleseed Drive.

Questions that were asked pertained to tender processes, anticipated completion dates for the build, and whether any sidewalk is included is factored into the budget. Some suggestions were also shared regarding accessibility, and Colleen shared her appreciation for that input and a desire for further consultation to ensure that the barrier-free units function as intended. Antigonish Affordable Housing was commended by several members of the Committee for the work that they have done to help to address the topic of affordable housing in the community, and the work done by the volunteer board executive of the organization to support the project was also noted.

Warden McCarron thanked the Antigonish Affordable Housing Society for their presentation and will take the request under consideration.

**Correspondence**

Mr. Horne spoke to a letter to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities from several municipal units regarding improvements to cell phone coverage for emergency preparedness, in light of the forest fires that took place through the province earlier in the year. Mr. Horne also spoke to correspondence included in the agenda package regarding

the recent announcement from Build Nova Scotia regarding provincial investment into telecommunications and communications networks throughout the province.

Mr. Horne also reviewed correspondence received from the Minister of Public Works regarding the request for updates about the request for a review of speeds and pedestrian counts, which noted that those reviews were not yet completed.

**Committee Reports**

**October 24, 2023 Asset Management Committee Report**

No recommendations were put forward.

**October 24, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report**

**Min # 2023-122**

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council send a letter to Minister Masland, MLAs Thompson and Morrow, and Warden Pitts of the District of Guysborough regarding concerns with the deferral of the construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Trunk 4 and Trunk 16 in Monastery, due to its priority to the community to address safety concerns.

**Motion Carried**

**November 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report**

**Min # 2023-123**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the signing of the Order for Winter Parking Regulations for 2023-24 setting out the period from December 1, 2023 to April 15, 2024 as the time in which Winter Parking Regulations will be in effect on roads/streets under the jurisdiction of the County of Antigonish.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-124**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves a contribution of \$27,730 toward the cost overrun on the replacement of the Antigonish Arena chiller and condenser, with the same amount being provided by the Town of Antigonish.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-125**

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council excuses Deputy Warden Stewart from the Municipal Council meeting of November 14, 2023.

**Motion Carried**

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

- Councillor MacDonald provided an update from Eastern Region Solid Waste Management. He noted that their new enforcement truck is in transit for delivery. An update regarding the Extended Producer Responsibility Program, noting upcoming consultations with municipal staff and other major stakeholders. The 2023/2024 budget was presented and passed by the ERSWM committee.
- Councillor Deveau noted that he had attended the Recreation Nova Scotia Conference, and that during a session at the conference presenters from the Province showcased photos of the accessibility infrastructure at Pomquet Beach. Councillor Deveau also attended Hospital Help Day, the NSFM conference in Halifax, and an EMO education session for Town and County Councillors about the Incident Command System (ICS).
- Warden McCarron shared that he attended the NSFM conference in Halifax earlier in the month. He also attended Hospital Help Day, which he noted was well supported by the community.

**Motions**

Mrs. Schumacher noted that the proposed amendments to the By-Law Respecting Local Improvements were being brought forward to Council for consideration for second reading. Notice as required by the Municipal Government Act was undertaken by placing an advertisement in the local paper in accordance with the required notification timelines.

**Min # 2023-126**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to a By-law Respecting Local Improvements for Second Reading, and that Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to Municipal Local Improvements Fees Policy.

**Motion Carried**

**Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**Miscellaneous Business**

There was no miscellaneous business.

**Adjournment**

**Min # 2023-127**

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:03pm.

**Motion Carried**

  
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Warden Owen McCarron

  
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Glenn Horne, CAO