

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF**  
**ANTIGONISH**

**Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**  
**7:30pm**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Municipal Administration Building**  
**285 Beech Hill Road**  
**Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4**

**Councillors Present:**

**Warden Owen McCarron**  
**Deputy Warden Bill MacFarlane**  
**Councillor Mary MacLellan**  
**Councillor Donnie MacDonald**  
**Councillor Hugh Stewart**

**Councillor Shawn Brophy**  
**Councillor Remi Deveau**  
**Councillor John Dunbar**  
**Councillor Gary Mattie**  
**Councillor Harris McNamara**

**Regrets:**

**None**

**Staff Present:**

**Glenn Horne, CAO**

**Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk**

**Also Present:**

**Gallery**  
**Matt Draper, XFM**

**Ross MacDonald, Municipal Advisor**  
**Drake Lowthers, The Reporter**

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

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:38pm.

**Approval of Agenda**

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. One addition was made: Correspondence from the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works regarding a speed limit review for Route 337.

**Min # 2023-128**

**Moved and Seconded**

**That the agenda be approved as amended.**

**Motion Carried**

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**Approval of November 14, 2023 Municipal Council Minutes**

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

**Min # 2023-129**

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of November 14, 2023 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**Delegations**

There were no scheduled delegations.

**Correspondence**

The thank-you letter from the Heritage Museum, included in the agenda package, was read out for the benefit of the gallery. Mr. Horne and members of Council noted the fantastic job that the Museum Board and their Curator have been doing with programming at the museum.

Correspondence regarding the speed limit review for the request for a speed reduction on Route 337 adjacent to the Mount Cameron subdivision was reviewed. Councillor MacDonald asked if the correspondence could be shared with concerns residents in the area.

**Committee Reports**

**November 28, 2023 Asset Management Committee Report**

No recommendations were put forward.

**November 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report**

**Min # 2023-130**

Moved and Seconded

That Councillor Bill MacFarlane be elected to the position of Deputy Warden for the remainder of the 2020-2024 Council term.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-131**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves taking Scenario 1, 10-Districts with Minimum Variance and Scenario 3, 10-Districts with Minimum Change, forward to the second phase of public consultation for the Boundary Review, subject to further refinement to incorporate the suggestions of the Committee.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-132**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the Municipality of the County of Antigonish Opting-In to the provincial Extended Producer Responsibility for paper, packaging, and packing-like products program.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-133**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council send letters of congratulations to recently elected Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation Chief and Council.

**Motion Carried**

November 29, 2023 Joint Council Advisory Committee Report

No recommendations were put forward.

December 11, 2023 Asset Management E-Poll Report

**Min # 2023-134**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves making an application to the Municipal Capital Growth Program to support the Antigonish County Priority Housing Water and Sewer project.

**Motion Carried**

December 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole Report

**Min # 2023-135**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the issuance of a RFP for a Community Transit Service Review in collaboration with the Town of Antigonish and Antigonish Community Transit.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-136**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council appoint Sgt Warren McBeath as the Municipal Traffic Authority.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2023-137**

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council accept the Committee's recommendation that a sign recognizing Dennis Bonvie be erected in Frankville.

**Motion Carried**

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

- Councillor Dunbar noted that on December 1<sup>st</sup> he attended the Heatherton Group Home Concert, and on December 7<sup>th</sup> he attended the CACL Business-Ability Banquet. Christmas Carol Concert at the Heatherton Community Centre will take place on December 16<sup>th</sup>, with a movie playing inside the community centre.
- Councillor Deveau also attended the Business-Ability Banquet.
- Deputy Warden MacFarlane gave his Christmas wishes to everyone present, and a thanks to Council and staff.
- Councillor McNamara provided a summary of the Festival of Lights and Food Drive in Havre Boucher.
- Warden McCarron shared that the CareVan committee had a Christmas dinner for the volunteer drivers on December 7<sup>th</sup>. He noted that additional volunteer drivers are needed to help the organization.

**Motions**

There were no motions.

**Additions to the Agenda**

There were no further additions to the agenda.

**Miscellaneous Business**

There was no miscellaneous business.

**Adjournment**


Warden McCarron thanked Council, staff, the media, and those in attendance for their support over the past year. He wished those in the community a safe and happy holidays and noted that he looked forward to seeing everyone at the New Years Levee on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Min # 2023-138**

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 7:56 pm.

**Motion Carried**



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Warden Owen McCarron



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Glenn Horne, CAO