

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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 (by Zoom)

Councillor Harris McNamara

Regrets:

None

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Gallery

Hugh MacKay, Rural Communities
Foundation of

Matt Draper, XFM

Drake Lowthers, The Reporter

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 # 2024-001

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of December 12, 2023 Municipal Council Minutes

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

Min # 2024-002

Moved and Seconded

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

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Warden McCarron welcomed everyone back for the New Year. He also expressed the condolences of Council to Councillor Deveau regarding the passing of his brother over the holidays.

Delegations

Hugh MacKay, Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia

Mr. MacKay provided an overview of the Rural Communities Foundation and their programs with a specific focus on the Dave Gunning Zero Hunger Program. Mr. MacKay asked the Council share information about the program with their connections and will be looking at applying to the Community Partnership Grant program later in the new year. Members of Council thanked Mr. MacKay for his presentation and expressed that they felt that the issue of addressing hunger concerns was very important to the community.

Correspondence

Mr. Horne reviewed the response received by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Committee Reports

January 4, 2024 Emergency Management Committee Report

Min # 2024-003

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the amendments to the Comfort Centre and Emergency Shelter Policy as presented.

Motion Carried

January 8, 2024 Planning Advisory Committee Report

Min # 2024-004

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give First Reading and set a Public Hearing date for the Development Agreement for three (3) multi-unit apartment buildings providing 17 units on Lots 2A, PID 10079572, Appleaseed Drive, Post Road, Antigonish County.

Motion Carried

January 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2024-005

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the September 28, 2023, amendments to the RK MacDonald Nursing Home Corporation Bylaws as amended with the proposed changes to Articles III and IV related to Conflict of Interest.

Motion Carried

Min # 2024-006

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves reimbursing S.F. Smith Retirement Living Incorporated **\$3,063.50** for NSPI invoices on streetlights that they paid dating back to 2021.

Motion Carried

Min # 2024-007

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves a **\$93.95** streetlight levy for Fiscal Year 2023/24 on 38 properties in Mount Cameron.

Motion Carried

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

- Councillor Brophy noted that the RK MacDonald Board meets on the 25th of January.
- Councillor Dunbar shared that the Heritage Board met last night. They are looking for board members from the County, as well as a Treasurer. They are also looking to schedule their AGM for the spring. The Curator noted success of Lego contest last spring and is looking to do again this year. Councillor Dunbar also shared the good reception for the museum's float in parade.

- Deputy Warden MacFarlane shared that on January 15th is the meeting with Planning Commission.

Motions

There were no motions.

Additions to the Agenda

There were no further additions to the agenda.

Miscellaneous Business

PVSC Assessment Notices and Appeal Period

Mr. Horne shared that property owners should expect to receive their assessment notices in the coming days and reviewed some further information about the property assessment process, assessment trends, and the number of assessment accounts in the County. He shared further information about assessments as shared by PVSC including information about the “capped” rate of growth being at 3.2%, based on CPI, with 91% of homes in the County being covered by the CAP. Mr. Horne also shared the appeal deadline, which this year is February 8th.

Adjournment

Min # 2024-008

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:01 pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Owen McCarron

Glenn Horne, CAO