
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 14, 2024, 5:30pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron
 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

Regrets: Councillor Hugh Stewart

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, CAO
 Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator

Others Present: Gallery

Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron, at 5:32 pm.

In-Camera Items

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee of the Whole adjourn to an in-camera session to discuss a Personnel Matter, Contract Negotiations and Advice Eligible for Solicitor-Client Privilege at 5:32pm.

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded

That the in-camera session adjourns at 6:13pm.

Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. The following deletion and addition was made:

Deletion of New Business a. Motion: "that Antigonish County Council forgive the payment of costs to Antigonish County by Anne Marie Long, Alicia Vink and Terry Penny in the amount of 8,041 dollars and 59 cents".

Addition: Sidewalks in Antigonish County.

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Approval of April 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in the Committee of the Whole minutes of April 23, 2024.

Moved and Seconded

That the minutes of April 23, 2024 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Continuing Business

Budget Deliberations – Consideration of Community Partnership Grants

Mr. Horne reviewed the recommended grant allocations.

Councillor McNamara would like to request an extra \$3000-\$4000 for the Monastery Ball Field. Mr. Horne clarified that the Monastery ball field was at the max allotment of 1/3 of project cost.

Warden McCarron thanked all of the organizations who submitted applications for the work they do in the community.

Councillor Dunbar asked if the 3% is based on this year or last years tax assessment. He also asked what the contribution to DEANS went to support. He wanted clarification on what Keppoch was applying for.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the Community Partnership Grants as presented.

Motion Carried

Consideration of St. Joseph's Community Centre Community Partnership Grant Extension and Reallocation

Mr. Horne reviewed the request from the St. Josephs Lakeside Community Centre to reallocate the grant funding that was awarded in 2021. Mr. Horne reviewed several options for the committee's consideration.

1. Reallocate the \$50,000 toward the new project.
2. Reallocate a portion of the \$50,000 toward the new project.
3. Do not award any grant.

Discussion followed.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council that the \$50,000 grant to the SJLCC be reallocated as requested.

Motion Carried

New Business

Streetlight on Trans Canada Highway Exits

Since September of last year, lights have been out at exit 38 in Monastery. Letters have been written to Minister Morrow and to Basil Pitts. Councillor McNamara would

like Municipal Council to send a letter to the Minister, local MLAs and Basil Pitts requesting that the lights be replaced.

Councillor Mattie said that there is a similar issue at exit 37.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council send a letter to the Minister, local MLAs and Basil Pitts requesting that the street lights at Exit 37 and Exit 38 be replaced.

Motion Carried

Reappointment of County Representative to the RK MacDonald Board

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council reappoint Fran Haley as the County Representative on the RK MacDonald Board.

Motion Carried

Community Events

- Community Clean up later in May in Pomquet. The official opening of the Cultural Community Centre in Pomquet will be June 20. Acadian Days, Chicken BBQ events coming up this summer.
- Community Clean up in Brierly Brook, community looks great.
- Councillor MacLellan said that her community will be acknowledging Peter Jackson. Peter Jackson was a builder of trails, Fairmont, Cape George, Keppoch etc. On June 2 they will present Mr. Jackson with a bench with a plaque on it.
- Alzheimer's Walk in Havre Boucher on May 26.
- Moose Hide Campaign Day is taking place on Thursday, May 16 and there will be a walk leaving Bayside at 1:00pm.

Additions to the Agenda

Sidewalks


Deputy Warden MacFarlane would like the Committee to consider construction of sidewalks as part of new developments. He would like to refer this topic to the Asset Management committee for further conversation.

Adjournment

Moved

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:21pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO