

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 6:30pm
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
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Others Present: Gallery (in person and on Zoom)

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 6:30 pm.

In-Camera Items

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee of the Whole adjourn to an in-camera session to discuss Personnel Matters and Legal Advice Eligible for Solicitor-Client Privilege at 6:31 pm.

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded

That the in-camera session adjourns at 7:24 pm.

Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. The following additions were made: Motion to Forgive Costs Awarded, Additional Collection Vehicle Operator, Leave of Absence for Councillor Stewart.

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Approval of May 29, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in the Committee of the Whole minutes of May 29, 2024.

Moved and Seconded

That the minutes of May 29, 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

Concerns Regarding New Streetlights and Visibility on Highway 104

Councillor Mattie shared noted that he has received calls from residents concerned that the level of lighting when approaching intersections where the lights were replaced are not providing sufficient light. A suggestion was made to contact the Department of Transportation to request that the lighting at this intersection be checked to ensure they provide sufficient lumens. Councillor McNamara noted that the lights of concern at the Havre Boucher intersections have been fixed. Warden McCarron offered to raise the concern with the Department of Transportation.

New Business

Engage Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey Funding Request

Mr. Horne reviewed the staff memo outlining the request for funding made by Engage Nova Scotia to support undertaking a Quality-of-Life Survey. Questions were asked regarding the timing of the survey and how it is funded.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council supports the Engage Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey Funding Request, for the proposed amount of 50 cents per resident.

**Motion Carried
(8 in favour, 1 against)**

Community Events

- Councillor McNamara shared that fire fighter appreciation events are planned to take place in his district in early July
- Councillor Mattie noted that on July 13, the Tracadie Fire Department will host their Car Show
- Councillor MacLellan shared that a Plant Sale run in her district made around \$4000, Cape George area holding two concerts over the summer.
- Councillor MacDonald shared that in his district there will be the annual July 1st holiday celebration
- Councillor Deveau shared information about upcoming events in his district, including the Pomquet Volunteer Fire Department golf tournament, the official opening of Pomquet Cultural Centre later in June, Chicken barbeque in August, Acadian Day in early August, and events at Chez Deslauriers through the summer.

Additions to the Agenda

Motion to Forgive Costs Awarded

Councillor McNamara made a motion to forgive costs awarded to parties in the recent court case regarding consolidation. Councillor Brophy noted his reasons why he would be abstaining from voting.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends to Municipal Council that 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.

**Motion Defeated
(3 in favour, 5 against, 1 abstention)**

Hiring of Collection Vehicle Operator

Mr. Horne shared that the Public Works Department is looking to hire a fourth collection vehicle operator, to provide coverage and rotate between routes to provide assistance.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the creation of a fourth collection vehicle operator position in the Public Works Department.

Motion Carried.

Leave of Absence for Councillor Stewart

Mr. Horne noted that Councillor Stewart will require an excusal from Council from the Council Meeting scheduled for later in the evening.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council provide a leave of absence to Councillor Stewart for the June 11, 2024 Council Meeting for medical reasons.

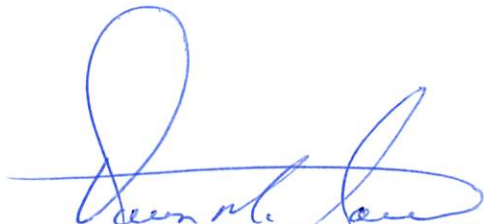
Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Moved

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:37pm.

Motion Carried


Warden Owen McCarron


Glenn Horne, CAO