

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday June 11, 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 Shawn Brophy

Councillor Remi Deveau

Councillor John Dunbar

Councillor Gary Mattie

Councillor Harris McNamara

Regrets:

Councillor Hugh Stewart

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO

Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable
Communities

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Andrew Jones, EDPC

Also Present:

Gallery

Matt Draper, XFM

Nathan MacLeod, Upland Planning

Drake Lowthers, The Reporter

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:43pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Min # 2024-069

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of May 29, 2024 Municipal Council Minutes

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

Min # 2024-070

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of May 29, 2024 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Statutory Public Hearings

Plan Antigonish Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law

Mr. Horne reviewed the public hearing protocols. Mr. MacLeod provided an overview of the plan development process, reviewed the themes of the feedback from public consultation sessions, and gave a high-level summary of the proposed plan. He noted that the should the plan receive approval by Council, it will go to the Province for review.

The floor was opened to Council for any questions or comments. A question of clarification was asked regarding fishing zones, to which Mr. MacLeod provided an explanation. A question was asked about housing units on lots could be permitted, and Mr. MacLeod noted that if there was adequate servicing, the base number of units permitted would be four. A question of clarification regarding coastal protection was asked, and Mr. MacLeod noted that the documents do reference the Coastal Protection Act and have a horizontal setback, but additional guidance from the province about the Coastal Protection Act will be needed.

Warden McCarron called for anyone looking to speak in favour or against the motion. No one was present to speak to the item.

Min # 2024-071

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the Plan Antigonish Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use by-law as proposed.

Motion Carried

Warden McCarron thanked Mr. MacLeod and the Upland Team for all of their work on the plan.

Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

Correspondence

Mr. Horne reviewed the correspondence that was included in the agenda package. Deputy Warden MacFarlane asked for Council's consensus to send a letter to the Department of Fisheries regarding the riverbank of concern as shared with the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Horne also reviewed correspondence received from the Provincial Department of Public Works regarding concerns with Cape Jack Road.

Committee Reports

June 3, 2024 Planning Advisory Committee Report

Min # 2024-072

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give first reading and set a public hearing date to rezone PIDs 10138329, 10136901, 10138337, and 10138345 from the Rural (R-1) Zone to Residential Multi-Unit (R-2) Zone under the Eastern Antigonish Plan Area.

Motion Carried

Min # 2024-073

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give first reading and set a public hearing date to rezone PID 01208933, Sylvan Valley, from the Residential (R-1) Zone to Multi-Unit Residential (R-2) Zone under the West River Antigonish Harbour Plan Area.

Motion Carried

Min # 2024-074

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give first reading and set a public hearing date for amending the Multiple Unit Residential (R-1) Zone townhouse lot requirements under the West River Antigonish Harbour Land Use By-law to have smaller lot size requirements subject to a maximum hard surface coverage of 50% with accompanying definition of "hard surface".

Motion Carried

Min # 2024-075

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give first reading and set a public hearing date for amending the General Commercial (C-2) Zone under the West River Antigonish Harbour Land Use By-law to allow non-residential buildings to be converted to entirely residential buildings subject to special requirements with accompanying definition of "amenity space".

Motion Carried

Min # 2024-076

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give first reading and set a public hearing date for the proposed amendment to the Eastern Antigonish Land Use by-law to allow "Brewpubs, taproom breweries, and micro-distilleries" and "licensed establishments" to Restaurants are permitted uses within the Rural (R-1) Zone.

Motion Carried

June 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2024-077

Moved and Seconded

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

Min # 2024-078

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council Municipal Council approve the creation of a fourth collection vehicle operator position in the Public Works Department.

Motion Carried

Min # 2024-079

Moved and Seconded

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

Motion Carried

Outside Boards and Committees

- Councillor Mattie shared highlights from the Tracadie Volunteer Fire Department awards dinner held on June 8th.
- Councillor Macdonald provided a summary of the Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management committee, who met on May 30th. Auditing taking place at the facility in Kempton. A lightbulb recycling program is being explored.
- Deputy Warden MacFarlane shared highlights from the FCM conference attended in Calgary earlier in the month. Thanks were given to the conference hosts, and a suggestion was made to send a letter to Calgary Mayor.
- Councillor Deveau shared information from a session that he attended at the FCM Conference about AI and how it is being used in municipal operations.

- Councillor Brophy also attended the FCM conference and was impressed.
- Warden McCarron shared that he also attended the FCM conference, and described the challenge faced by the City of Calgary when the large watermain broke. He noted that the new president of FCM comes from Colchester County, and asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to him.

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Motions

There were no motions.

Additions to the Agenda

There were no further additions to the agenda.

Adjournment

Min # 2024-080

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:24 pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO