

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Monday November 25, 2024

7:30pm

Council Chambers

Municipal Administration Building

285 Beech Hill Road

Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Councillors Present:

Warden Nicholas MacInnis

Deputy Warden John Dunbar

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Adam Baden-Clay

Councillor Richelle MacLaughlin (by Zoom)

Councillor Shawn Brophy

Councillor Wayne Melanson

Councillor Gary Mattie

Councillor Harris McNamara

Councillor Sterling Garvie

Regrets:

None

Staff Present:

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO

John Bain, EDPC

Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Meghan MacGillivray-Case, Solicitor

Marlene Melanson, Director of

Recreation (by Zoom)

Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities

Also Present:

Gallery (in person and on Zoom)

Call to Order- Warden MacInnis

Warden MacInnis called the meeting to order at 7:33pm

Approval of Agenda

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

Min # 2024-157

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of November 12, 2024 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden MacInnis called for any errors or omissions in the minutes included in the agenda package. Ms. Schumacher noted that the surnames of two of the speakers at the public hearing noted in the minutes were spelled incorrectly and would be amended.

Min # 2024-158

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of November 12, 2024 be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Committee Reports

November 25, 2024 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2024-159

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council send a letter to Provincial Department of Public Works, the Antigonish MLA, and the Provincial Minister of the Department of Public Works, asking for immediate help regarding the condition and maintenance of the Antigonish part of the Dunmaglass-MacArras Brook Road.

Motion Carried

Min # 2024-160

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the March 31, 2023 audited consolidated financial statements for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish.

Motion Carried

Min # 2024-161

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council award **UPLAND Planning + Design consultants** the contract for “Planning Consultation for Housing Density Increase, Zoning and Bylaw Review” for the Town of Antigonish and the Municipality of the County of Antigonish as part of their responsibilities under the Federal Housing Accelerator Fund, at the bid price of \$39,900 + HST for a total of \$45,885.

Motion Carried

Min # 2024-162

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council engage KBRS for Compensation Review Services for the total cost of \$26,100 + HST.

Motion Carried

Min # 2024-163

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the signing of the Order for Winter Parking Regulations for 2024-2025, setting out the period from December 1, 2024 to April 15, 2025 as the time in which Winter Parking Regulations will be in effect on roads/streets under the jurisdiction of the County of Antigonish.

Motion Carried

Min # 2024-164

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council appoint the following SPCA staff members as By-law Enforcement Officers for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish for the purpose of enforcing the By-Law Respecting the Responsible Ownership of Dogs: Tanner Howatt, Paul Hunter, Jennifer Nolan, Kevin Strooband, Janice Mills, Heather Woodin, and Karen DeWolfe.

Motion Carried

Motions

Mount Cameron Rezoning

Ms. MacGillivray-Case spoke to the status of the motion that was tabled on October 8, 2024, as well as a second motion regarding that tabled motion made on November 12, 2024. Council was advised to put the tabled motion back on the table for the purpose of withdrawing it, and making a new motion regarding the request to rezone the identified properties.

Min #2024-165

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council return to the table the motion that Municipal Council table of motion by two weeks for the rezoning of a portion of a property (PID 10132611) located between Highway 337 and Mount Cameron Circle as well as four properties (PIDs 10137099, 10137107, 10137123 and 10137131) located on Mount Cameron Circle Antigonish Landing, Antigonish County from the Residential (R-1) Zone to the Residential Multi-unit (R-2) Zone to allow for the development of

a quadplex residential development, and that a new staff report be prepared and that legal advice regarding the status of the tabled motion be presented.

Motion Carried

Min #2024-166

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council withdraw a motion that Municipal Council table of motion by two weeks for the rezoning of a portion of a property (PID 10132611) located between Highway 337 and Mount Cameron Circle as well as four properties (PIDs 10137099, 10137107, 10137123 and 10137131) located on Mount Cameron Circle Antigonish Landing, Antigonish County from the Residential (R-1) Zone to the Residential Multi-unit (R-2) Zone to allow for the development of a quadplex residential development, and that a new staff report be prepared and that legal advice regarding the status of the tabled motion be presented.

Motion Carried

Councillor Baden-Clay provided his thanks to the residents in his district that reached out to him to express their concerns with the proposed development, with particular mention of the loss of a walking trail located where a road is proposed to be constructed, and the potential for flooding of adjacent properties adjacent to the proposed development. Councillor Baden-Clay that a request be made to the applicant to provide a stormwater management plan. He noted that many of the residents that reached out to him asked for an additional access to Highway 337, which is shown in the proposed development plan. He also spoke to representatives from Public Works regarding sewage treatment plant concerns when investigating the concerns raised by residents in that area. Councillor Baden-Clay noted that senior's housing is in high demand in the community and asked that affordable housing be a consideration in development in the area. He asked that municipal policies regarding parkland dedication be revisited, as well as the means that are utilized for giving notice of a rezoning application to the public, and that accessibility and active transportation be considered as well.

Min #2024-167

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the proposed rezoning of a portion of a property (PID 10132611) located between Highway 337 and Mount Cameron Circle as well as four properties (PIDs 10137099, 10137107, 10137123 and 10137131) located on Mount Cameron Circle Antigonish Landing, Antigonish County from the Residential (R-1) Zone to the Residential Multi-unit (R-2) Zone to allow for the development of a quadplex residential development.

Motion Carried

Proclamation of December 3, 2024 as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in Antigonish County

Warden MacInnis read through the proclamation for the benefit of Council.

Min #2024-168

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council proclaim December 3, 2024 as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in Antigonish County.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Correspondence from the Food Bank was reviewed.

Min #2024-169

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council donate \$3,000 to the Antigonish Community Food Bank.

Motion Carried

Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

Miscellaneous Business

Deputy Warden Dunbar shared that he and Councillor Baden-Clay attended the Naomi Society flag raising earlier in the day and provided awareness pins to the rest of Council.

Adjournment

Min # 2024-170

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:08 pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Nicholas MacInnis

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO