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# MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

## Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 7:00 pm  
Council Chambers  
Municipal Administration Building  
285 Beech Hill Road  
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Present were: Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart  
Councillor Mary MacLellan  
Councillor Donnie MacDonald  
Councillor Remi Deveau  
Councillor John Dunbar  
Councillor Neil Corbett

Regrets: Warden Owen McCarron  
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm  
Councillor Gary Mattie  
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer  
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Also Present: John Beaton

1. **Call to Order – Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart**

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Deputy-Warden Stewart, at 6:33pm

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Deputy Warden Stewart called for any additions or deletions to the minutes. The following was added to the agenda:

- Dog Park
- Riverside Speedway Corporate Sponsorship
- Keppoch Signs

**Moved By Councillor MacDonald**

**Seconded By Councillor MacLellan**

*That the agenda be approved as amended.*

**Motion Carried**

3. **Approval of March 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

Deputy Warden Stewart called for any errors or omissions in the minutes.

**Moved By** Councillor Deveau

**Seconded By** Councillor Dunbar

*That the Committee of the Whole minutes of March 12, 2019 be approved as presented.*

**Motion Carried**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. **Delegations**

There were no delegations.

6. **Continuing Business**

There was no continuing business

7. **New Business**

a. **Housekeeping Policy Amendments - Human Resources Administrative Policy Manual**

Mr. Horne reviewed the housekeeping amendments proposed to the Human Resources Administrative Policy Manual. Specifically, these updates are to remove reference to sick leave for part time employees, to update the per diem table to bring it in line with the amounts in the Council expense policy, and to reference the Municipal Clerk Treasurer's expenses being addressed in the Policy on Municipal Council and Municipal Clerk Treasurer Expense Reimbursement.

**Moved By** Councillor Corbett

**Seconded By** Councillor Deveau

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council amend the Human Resources Policy Manual for Employees as presented.*

**Motion Carried**

8. **Reports from Inter-Municipal Boards, Committees and Commissions**

a. **Antigonish Heritage Museum Board**

There was nothing to report.

b. **Antigonish Arena Commission**

Mr. Horne provided an update on upcoming actions related to the financial review and the consultant's work with the management board. Mr. Horne also provided further information regarding the arena's accumulated deficit. Discussion followed.

c. **Antigonish Crime Prevention**

Meeting was held last month, but Councillor Deveau was not able to attend because it occurred at the same time as the Warden's Tour stop in his district.

d. **Eastern District Planning Commission**

At the last meeting the annual budget was approved, and a summary of the status of current applications was provided.

e. **Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management Committee**

A meeting is scheduled to take place on March 21st.

f. **Eastern-Straight Regional Enterprise Network**

Mr. Horne noted that these updates will be discussed in-camera (Contract Negotiations).

g. **Pictou Antigonish Regional Library**

There was nothing to report.

h. **RK MacDonald Nursing Home**

There was nothing to Report.

9. **Staff Reports**

Deputy Warden Stewart noted that the RCMP report was included for information. A report from ESREN was also passed out for information, and Mr. Beaton was on hand to answer any questions that members of the Committee might have.

10. **Community Events**

The following community events were noted:

- Chase the Ace in St Josephs on Friday night
- Chase the Ace in Havre Boucher
- Treasure Chest fundraiser in the Havre Boucher community has started as well
- Work is being done on Cape Jack beach - a committee has been struck to work on making improvements to the beach

11. Additions to the Agenda

a. Dog Park

Councillor Dunbar brought forward a question from his constituents about the possibility of an off-leash dog park in the community, and asked members of the Committee about their thoughts. Discussion followed. Mr. Horne recalled that there had been some discussion about dog parks in the community at a Joint Council meeting several years ago. Consensus was provided by Council to look into the issue further.

b. Riverside Speedway Corporate Sponsorship

Mr. Horne reviewed the 2019 request for the Municipality to renew its corporate sponsorship at Riverside International Speedway. Mr. Horne outlined what is included in the gold level corporate sponsorship, which is the package that the Municipality has purchased for the last several years.

**Moved By** Councillor MacDonald

**Seconded By** Councillor Deveau

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council renew its gold level corporate sponsorship for Riverside International Speedway for the 2019 year.*

**Motion Carried**

c. Signage at the Keppoch

Deputy Warden Stewart brought forward a request from Keppoch Mountain for assistance with purchasing directional signage from the Province on Highway 104 at exit 30. Volunteers have been quoted \$1800 per sign and are looking for two signs (one in each direction on the highway). Discussion followed.

**Moved By** Councillor Deveau

**Seconded By** Councillor MacLellan

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the purchase of two tourism directional signs for Keppoch Mountain, on Highway 104 at exit 30, at the quoted price of \$1800 each.*

**Motion Carried**

12. In Camera Items

This subject matter falls within Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act as that which a committee may discuss in a closed session. It is recommended a motion be made to initiate an in-camera session to discuss Contract Negotiations, Personnel Matters, and the Acquisition, Sale, Lease, and Security of Municipal Property.

**Moved By** Councillor Dunbar  
**Seconded By** Councillor Deveau

*That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss the Acquisition, Sale, Lease, and Security of Municipal Property, Personnel Matters, and Contract Negotiations at 7:05pm*

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Deveau  
**Seconded By** Councillor Corbett

*That the Committee adjourn the In-Camera session at 7:37pm*

**Motion Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Corbett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Deveau

*The Committee recommends to Municipal Council that it rescind Motion #2019 – 020 related to the Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network and confirm the Municipality's intent to withdraw, effective March 31, 2019.*

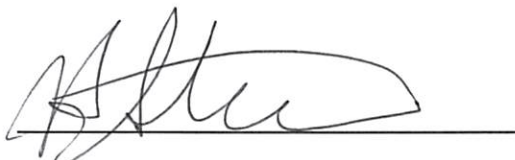
**Motion Carried**

**13. Adjournment**

**Moved By** Councillor Dunbar

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

**Motion Carried**



Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer