
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 5:30 pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron
Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Neil Corbett
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Councillor Mary MacLellan

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer
Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Also Present: Sonny MacDougall

1. **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 5:36pm

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

- Cultural Connections Antigonish

Moved By Councillor Deveau
Seconded By Councillor Chisholm

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of September 23, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

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

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart
Seconded By Councillor Mattie

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of September 23, 2019 be approved as presented

Motion Carried

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. **New Business**

a. **Audited Financial Statements**

Mr. MacDougall provided the Committee with a presentation of the 2019-2020 Financial Statements, reviewing the document in detail. The floor was then opened for questions and comments. Mr. MacDougall noted that the figures for the Municipality depict a healthy operation. Discussion followed. Warden McCarron thanked Mr. MacDougall for his presentation and his team's work, and thanked Ms. Duggan and the Finance Team for all of the work that they have done both with the audit and with general financial operations.

Councillor MacFarlane asked about several of the reserve funds. Mr. MacDougall recommended having a 5 to 10-year plan for gas tax reserves.

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart
Seconded By Councillor Deveau

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council adopt the Audited Financial Statements as presented.

Motion Carried

b. **Financial Information Return**

Moved By Councillor Mattie

Seconded By Councillor MacDonald

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the Financial Information Return.

Motion Carried

c. **Introduction of Proposed Hospitality Policy**

Mr. Horne reviewed the Municipal Hospitality Policy. This policy works hand and glove with the expense policy. This will be looked at over the course of 3 nights. Tonight is the introduction. Ross MacDonald, Municipal Advisor, will come in for one session to explain the changes of the MGA. On the third night, staff could look for approval of the Policy.

d. **5th Annual Business Ability Banquet**

The Committee would like to book a table for the 5th Annual Business Ability Banquet.

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

a. **Antigonish Heritage Museum Board**

Numbers have been down at the museum this summer. Councillor Corbett recommended coming up with some fundraising ideas.

b. **Antigonish Arena Commission**

Meeting scheduled for October 9.

c. **Antigonish Crime Prevention**

Committee had a presentation from the new staff sergeant. Committee is looking for new members.

d. **Eastern District Planning Commission**

No quorum at last meeting. John Bain had great praise for Sean Donovan for receiving his Level 2 inspector course.

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

No update.

f. **County – Paqtnkek Joint Steering Committee**

No update.

g. **Pictou Antigonish Regional Library**

No update.

h. **RK MacDonald Nursing Home**

No update.

9. **Community Events**

- Chase the Ace St Andrews Thursday Nights 7:00pm
- November 2nd Merchant Bingo
- October 27th Breakfast at the PJ Baccardax Hall
- Havre Boucher Veterans Memorial Sunday November 3rd
- Trivia Night Friday October 5 Heatherton Community Centre.
- Jimmy the Janitor October 18 Heatherton Community Centre.

10. **Staff Reports**

There were no staff reports to present.

11. **Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

12. **In Camera Items**


There were no in-camera items.

13. **Adjournment**

Moved By Councillor Deveau

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 6:44pm

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer