

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF**  
**ANTIGONISH**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 6:30 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 Mary MacLellan  
Councillor Donnie MacDonald  
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm  
Councillor Remi Deveau  
Councillor John Dunbar  
Councillor Neil Corbett

Regrets: Councillor Gary Mattie  
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

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

**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 7:27 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

A request was made to add a discussion about brush clearing concerns along roadways in the County. Mr. Horne noted a Deletion: 2018/2019 Water Budget and SOE, which is being referred to the next meeting.

**Moved By Councillor Deveau**

**Seconded By Deputy Warden Stewart**

*That the agenda be approved as amended.*

**Motion : Carried**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

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

a. **Approval of June 19, 2018 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

Moved By Councillor MacLellan  
Seconded By Deputy Warden Stewart

*That the Committee approve the Minutes of June 19, 2018, as presented.*

**Motion : Carried**

b. **Approval of July 17, 2018 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

Moved By Councillor MacDonald  
Seconded By Councillor Corbett

*That the Committee approve the minutes of July 17, 2018, as presented.*

**Motion : Carried**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Councillor MacLellan asked for clarification on the AED item noted in the minutes. The AEDs have been ordered, with training to be scheduled. Once the training is complete, the Municipality will reimburse for units purchased as approved.

5. **Continuing Business**

a. **On-Site Energy Manager**

Mr. Horne provided background on the on-site energy manager position, which was an idea generated during the energy session held during the CEDI sessions in May. The position would be divided between partnering municipalities, with the expense cost-shared with Efficiency Nova Scotia. The program is being offered to two years, and the annual expense of the position is estimated to be \$100,000.

Staff has reached out to neighbouring units to see who would like to participate. Mulgrave has committed by passing the proposed resolution. Guysborough and St. Mary's are considering the motion in the near future. The breakdown of the municipal share of the cost-share would have to be negotiated depending on the participating partners; those details would be captured in an inter-municipal agreement that would return to the Committee for approval. Discussion followed.

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart  
Seconded By Councillor Corbett

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves the Municipality of the County of Antigonish partner with neighboring municipalities and First Nation to apply for a dedicated Efficiency Nova Scotia Energy Manager to assess municipal infrastructure for the purpose of determining and accessing opportunities for reduction of energy consumption, and that an inter-municipal agreement be developed among the partners to share the costs equitably.*

**Motion : Carried**

**6. New Business**

**a. Volunteer Firefighter Medal Discussion**

Ms. Schumacher brought forward a request made by the 4 valleys volunteer fire department for financial assistance in acquiring long-service medals and pins for members for presentation at their 40th anniversary celebration in November. Consensus was to support this request and a motion was made.

Further discussion took place regarding utilizing this recognition method at other departments in the County. Staff will follow-up with further information about long-service members in other VFDs that are celebrating anniversaries this year.

**Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart**

**Seconded By Councillor MacLellan**

*That the Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the request made by Four Valleys VFD to purchase long-service medals and pins in advance of their 40th anniversary.*

**Motion : Carried**

**b. Arisaig Parish Community Centre Request**

Councillor MacLellan provided an overview of the timing and nature of the request being made by the Arisaig Parish Community Centre, who are hoping to start the development of their outdoor pickleball courts now in order to be able to capitalize on savings provided by utilizing a contractor who is already in the area doing paving work.

**Moved By Councillor MacLellan**

**Seconded By Councillor Deveau**

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council pass the request made by the Arisaig Parish Community Centre regarding the release of funds for the outdoor pickleball courts.*

**Motion : Carried**

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

**a. Antigonish Heritage Museum Board**

There was nothing to report.

**b. Antigonish Arena Commission**

The commission met in July to discuss scheduling concerns. The financial review is underway and is being undertaken by MGM. The audit was awarded to MGM and will take place after the financial review. The RFP for by-law and policy development will be going out soon, and a call for public members to the commission will coming out after that.

**d. Eastern District Planning Commission**

There was nothing to report.

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

The committee has an upcoming meeting later in September.

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

Updates were provided regarding previous discussions about the REN and negotiations with the province.

**g. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library**

Eric Stackhouse is back to work following. With the contributions provided by the library's funding partners, staff was given a 1% cost of living increase.

**h. RK MacDonald Nursing Home**

Work is being done to re-point the brickwork on the building. Some staff changes due to retirements are pending.

**8. Community Events**

- Councillor Dunbar noted that Paqtnkek PowWow starts on September 21st.
- Warden McCarron noted that a walk is coming up this Sunday at Chisholm Park at 2pm to about 3pm – This is a men's walk in support of women, from Chisholm Park to Columbus Field, and is hosted by the KoC.
- Councillor MacLellan noted that on Sept 29th a dinner and auction fundraiser is happening in Arisaig for HM MacDonald school for upgrades to the playground equipment at the school
- Sunday Sept 16th is Open Farm Day
- Councillor Corbett reviewed events that have taken place in his district including the Havre Boucher community hall fashion show, the salmon supper that had a good

turnout. Chase the Ace is ongoing in HB and is starting to build. The Car Show had a very good turnout, and Pickleball is being established in Havre Boucher.

9. **Additions to the Agenda**

a. **Brush Clearing Concerns**

Councillor Deveau raised a concern regarding brush clearing in his district. Funds have been cited as a reason for the work not being done. Councillor Deveau has been recommended to write a letter to Minister Hines noting this concern in the County.

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

*The Committee recommends that Municipal Council write a letter to Minister Hines noting concerns with brush cutting in the County.*

10. **Adjournment**

**Moved By** Councillor MacLellan

*That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:15 pm.*

**Motion : Carried**

Warden Owen McCarron

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer