

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

**Council Chambers
Municipal Building**

**Tuesday
February 19, 2013**

A Meeting of Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Centre, 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish, NS.

Present were: ***Warden Russell Boucher***

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillor Vaughan Chisholm

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Angus Bowie

Councillor Hughie Stewart

Councillor Pierre Boucher

Councillor Rémi Deveau

Also present was: Alan J. Bond, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

Debbie Cormier, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Adam Rodgers, Municipal Solicitor

Corey LeBlanc, The Casket

Kerri Penney, 98.9 XFM

Matt Draper, The Reporter

Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

Richie Mann, Melford International Terminals Inc.

Mike MacDonald, Antigonish Emergency Fuel Fund

Lise DeVilliers, ACALA

Gallery

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher who welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Warden Boucher called for any additions or deletions to the agenda as presented.

The following item was added to the Agenda:

- 1) Speed Limit, Beech Hill Cross Roads and Old Hwy #104.

<i>2013-009 MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane App. Agenda that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried</i>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden Boucher called for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of January 15, 2013 Meeting of Municipal Council three times. Hearing none, he called for approval of the Minutes as presented.

2013-010	<i>MOVED by Councillor Remi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that Approval of the Minutes of the January 15, 2013 meeting of Municipal Council be approved as Minutes circulated. Motion carried.</i>
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

Melford International Terminal Inc.

Mr. Richie Mann, VP Marketing, Maher Melford International Terminals Inc. then made a presentation to Council on the proposed development of a deep water container terminal at Melford on the Strait of Canso.

A copy of Mr. Mann's presentation and additional information distributed at the meeting is attached to the Minutes.

Mr. Mann is requesting Council's support to oppose the efforts to create a Canadian Port Authority (CPA) for the Strait.

Council members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Mann was thanked for his presentation and Warden Boucher indicated that Council would be discussing the matter and reviewing the information provided by Melford International Terminals Inc. Once Council has made a decision Mr. Mann was advised that he would be notified.

Antigonish Emergency Fuel Fund

Mike MacDonald, Antigonish Emergency Fuel Fund then made a presentation to Council requesting continued financial assistance for the winter 2013-14.

Mr. MacDonald was accompanied by Fr. Syd Miffen and Michelle Ashby. A copy of Mr. MacDonald's presentation is attached to the Minutes.

Warden Boucher thanked Mr. MacDonald for his presentation and advised that the request would be included in budget deliberations.

ACALA

Lise DeVilliers, Coordinator, ACALA then came before Council and gave an update on ACALA's activities and programs they are currently offering. Ms. DeVilliers asked Council for continued financial assistance in the next fiscal year. A copy of Ms. DeVilliers presentation is attached to the Minutes.

Warden Boucher thanked Ms. DeVilliers for her presentation and advised that her request for continued financial assistance would be considered during preparation of the budget.

APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM

An Addendum to May 2009 Memorandum of Understanding between St. Francis Xavier University and the Town & County of Antigonish was then reviewed. The purpose of the addendum is to update the agreement to include the planned field event additions to the St. F.X. Artificial Turf Field. The addendum will result in the St. F.X. Artificial Turf Facility being modified and referred to as the St. F.X. Artificial Turf, Track & Field Facilities.

2013-011	<i>MOVED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan</i>
Addendum	<i>that Municipal Council approve the Addendum to May 2009 Memorandum of</i>
MOU –St. FX	<i>Understanding between St. F.X. University and the Town and County of Antigonish.</i>
Town/County	<i>Motion carried.</i>

LOBBYING TO SECURE A LONG-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

The Federal Government Building Canada Plan expires in March 2014. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Union of NS Municipalities is encouraging Municipal units to join a campaign to communicate with local MP's and federal cabinet ministers responsible for the region letting them know how important investments in rural and small town infrastructure is to the local area.

2013-012	<i>MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane</i>
Long-term	<i>that the County of Antigonish send correspondence to our federal representatives</i>
Infrastruct	<i>encouraging the renewal of the current long-term infrastructure plan, due to expire in</i>
Plan	<i>2014, ensuring predictable funding which is essential to the future prosperity of our</i>
	<i>communities. Motion carried.</i>

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – January 29, 2013

2013-013	<i>MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that:</i>
MPS/LUB	<i>1) Municipal Council approve, on first reading, the Central Antigonish Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law and proceed to Public Hearing, and;</i>
	<i>2) Municipal Council approve, on first reading, the following amendments to the Subdivision By-Law and to proceed to Public Hearing.</i>
	<i>1. Allow private roads in areas serviced by municipal water only, and require these private roads to be brought to public street standards in order to be eligible for municipal sewer extensions;</i>
	<i>2. Require new private roads accessing six (6) or fewer lots to be designed by a licensed professional engineer, and</i>
	<i>3. Increase the length of time a maintenance bond must be posted for privately constructed public streets or services from a period of twelve (12) months to a period of twenty-four (24) months.</i>
	<i>Motion carried.</i>

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – February 12, 2013

2013-014	<i>MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that</i>
TRADA Inc.	<i>Council approve, on first reading and proceed to Public Hearing, an application by</i>
Rezone	<i>TRADA Inc. to rezone part of a property located in Beech Hill, Antigonish County (PID</i>
Gateway	<i>#10108116) from Rural Development (RD-1) to Gateway Commercial (GC-1) to allow</i>
Commercial	<i>the construction of a service station, touchless car wash and fast food restaurant with</i>
	<i>drive through. Motion carried.</i>

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you notes have been received from the following:

- 1) Bernadette Chisholm & Family
- 2) Shinarama Campaign

Correspondence was also received from the Strait Regional School Board advising that the Rev. H.J. MacDonald School at Heatherton is surplus to the Board's needs effective immediately. Keys will be handed over to the County on March 21, 2013.

REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Deputy Warden reported that he attended:

- Highway Liaison Committee meeting. He noted that several topics were discussed including signage for new section of highway, lighting, potential name change for Old Highway 104, and time frame for next phase of twinning to Taylors Road which is expected to be fully operational in 2016.

Councillor Angus Bowie noted that he attended a meeting where possible uses of the Heatherton School were discussed.

Councillor Mary MacLellan reported that:

- ACALA has created five (5) films which are being shown at the Library. These films are open to the public and are worth attending.
- The R.K. MacDonald is launching a new website.
- She attended the Jackson Katz presentation on Violence against women.
- The People's Place Library remains very busy. All programs are currently full and there is an average of 539 visitors per day with an average of 90 computer bookings per day.

Councillor Vaughan Chisholm noted that he attended a meeting of the Antigonish Food Security Coalition.

Warden Russell Boucher reported that he attended:

- A meeting at the Library Re: RENS
- A Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. These meetings will be on-going
- ACOA Announcement – St. Andrews & Arisaig
- Meeting with Seaside RE: Monies for Fire Departments
- Mayors and Wardens Committee meeting
- Meeting with Dwayne Cross RE: Alignment of Highway east of Taylor's Road
- Chamber of Commerce President's Dinner
- PC Caucus – Roundtable Discussions
- Jackson Katz Presentation & Breakfast

SPEED LIMIT – Beech Hill/Old Highway 104

Councillor Bill MacFarlane expressed concern about the lack of a posted speed limit on Beech Hill Cross Road. There are several businesses and a residence on the road and they would like to have a 50 km speed sign posted.

Also, on the Old Highway 104 coming from Antigonish going east to the 3-way stop, the speed limit is 80 km, which is unusual coming to a 3-way stop for safety reasons.

2013-015 *MOVED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that Speed Limits correspondence be sent to Paul Colton, Area Manager, and the Minister of Transportation, our local MLA, Hon. Maurice Smith requesting that a 50 km speed limit sign be posted on Beech Hill Cross Road and the section of the old 104 Highway going east leading to the three way stop be lowered from 80 km/hr to 70 km/hr for safety reasons. Motion carried.*

On motion of Councillor Angus Bowie, meeting adjourned to Committee of the Whole.

The meeting was called back to order and the following recommendations were brought forward.

2013-016 *MOVED by Councillor Hugh Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that Jim Eastern Mainland MacIntyre be appointed to represent the Municipality on the Board of the Eastern Mainland Housing Authority. Motion carried.*

2013-017 *MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Remi Deveau that the J. Brow Municipality proceed to Tender for the demolition of the James Brow property at 1243 Demolish Cape Jack Road, Havre Boucher. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned.

Warden Russell Boucher

Alan J. Bond, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer