

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

**Council Chambers
Municipal Building**

**Tuesday
June 18, 2013**

A Meeting of Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Centre, 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish, NS.

Present were: ***Warden Russell Boucher, Chair***

Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Hughie Stewart

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Vaughan Chisholm

Councillor Rémi Deveau

Councillor Pierre Boucher

Regrets: Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Angus Bowie

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

Debbie Cormier, Deputy Clerk

Jason Boudrout, Solicitor

Sr. Agnes Beaton, REA Group

David MacLean, REA Group

Corey LeBlanc, The Casket

Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM

Matt Draper, The Reporter

Greg Morrow, The Hawk

Gallery

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Warden Boucher called for any additions or deletions to the agenda as presented. The following items were deleted from the Agenda:

#1 - Words of Congratulations to Aidan & Rebecca MacDonald

#8 - Request for Road Name Change – “Sandy Randals Road”

The following item was added to the Agenda:

-Petition for Sidewalks - Councillor Bill MacFarlane

2013-074 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Warden called for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of May 21, 2013 meeting of Municipal Council three times. Hearing none, he called for approval of the Minutes as presented.

2013-075 (Approval of Minutes – May 21, 2013)
MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the minutes of the May 21, 2013 Meeting of Municipal Council be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

The Warden called for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of May 28, 2013 meeting of Municipal Council three times. Hearing none, he called for approval of the Minutes as presented.

2013-076 (Approval of Minutes – May 28, 2013)
MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that the minutes of the May 28, 2013 Meeting of Municipal Council be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

PRESENTATION – Antigonish Detachment RCMP

Staff Sergeant Tony Perry then appeared before Council to give an update on activities in the County over the past year. A copy of Staff Sergeant Perry's report is attached to the Minutes.

PRESENTAITOH – Responsible Energy Action Group

David MacLean and Sister Agnes Beaton then appeared before Council to make a presentation on behalf of the Responsible Energy Action Group (REA). REA is a community group concerned with how we obtain and use energy. A copy of their report is attached to the Minutes.

REPEAL OF MUNICIPAL ANTENNA SITE PROCEDURE

A Municipal Antenna Site Procedure was approved by all Municipal Units under the Eastern District Planning Commission when the Broadband initiative was put in place.

This industry is now regulated by the Federal Government and there are now federal regulations in place governing the various cell towers that are being erected. As a result, the County is being asked to repeal this procedure as the Commission continues to get inquiries regarding these regulations.

2013-077 (Municipal Antenna Site Procedure)

MOVED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that Municipal Council repeal the Municipal Antenna Site Procedure. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO R.K. MACDONALD NURSING HOME BOARD

2013-078 (R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home Appointee)

MOVED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that Councillor Hughie Stewart be appointed to serve on the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home Board. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operational Services Committee Report – June 17, 2013

2013-079 (Water Utilities Agreement)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that the County enter into a Water Utilities Agreement with the Antigonish/Guysborough Municipalities. Motion carried.

2013-080 (SCADA – Gaspereaux Lake)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that the County purchase a SCADA system for the Gaspereaux Lake Water System. This is to come out of the Gas Tax monies. Motion carried.

2013- 081 (By-Law Respecting Charges for Local Improvements)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that the County confirm the approval of the By-Law Respecting Charges for Local Improvements. Motion carried.

2013-082 (Taxes on Exhibition Grounds)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the outstanding taxes on the Exhibition Grounds be approved for payment. Motion carried.

2013-083 (Funding – Highland Games)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that the request for funding towards the Highland Games be approved in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the current year. Motion carried.

Recreation Committee Report – June 17, 2013

2013-084 (Grants to Community Groups & Organizations)
MOVED by Councillor Angus Bowie, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the 2013/2014 Community Groups & Organizations Grant Program be approved as per the attached. Motion carried.

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

- Deputy Warden Owen McCarron reported that he attended the VON Annual Meeting where he presented a cheque for \$5,000.00 on behalf of the County.
- Councillor Rémi Deveau reported that he attended a Crime Prevention Meeting. He noted that the topic of a Youth Center was discussed for 12 – 18 year olds.
- Councillor Angus Bowie noted that he attended Public Meetings with respect to the Heatherton School.
- Councillor Mary MacLellan indicated that she attended the Pictou/Antigonish Regional Library Board Annual Meeting.
- Councillor Pierre Boucher indicated that he attended a meeting of the Eastern District Solid Waste Management Committee. They are still looking at options for diversion of materials from the Landfill.
- Warden Russell Boucher reported that he, along with other members of Council had attended the FCM Conference in Vancouver. He noted it was a good conference, however, he noted that cities seem to be taking over the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

A card of thanks was received from the retired Director of Public Works, Mike O’Leary.

Councillor Bill MacFarlane then presented Council with a Petition for Sidewalk Construction from the end of Grandview Drive to Williams Point. Councillor MacFarlane requested that this petition be put on file.

On motion of Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, meeting adjourned

Warden Russell Boucher

Alan J. Bond, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer