

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

**Council Chambers
Municipal Building**

**Tuesday
March 18, 2014**

A Meeting of Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 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 Mary MacLellan

Councillor Rémi Deveau

Councillor Angus Bowie

Councillor Hughie Stewart

Councillor Pierre Boucher

Regrets: Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Also present was:

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

Debbie Cormier, Deputy Clerk

Adam Rodgers, Municipal Solicitor

Corey LeBlanc, The Casket

Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM

Matt Draper, The Reporter

Wanda Ryan, Development Officer, Eastern District Planning Commission

Troy Bennett, Bennett's Market

Abutting Property Owners, RE: Bennett's Market Application

Jerome Grant, Antigonish Community Transit

Alida Campbell, Antigonish Community Transit

Jamie Stewart, Antigonish Community Transit

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The following items were added to the Agenda:

7 b) Committee of the Whole Report – March 18, 2014

11 a) Sale of Antigonish Exhibition Grounds

11 b) Lease of Antigonish Arena to Federation of Agriculture

Min #2014-031 (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

Warden Boucher called for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of February 18, 2014 Meeting of Municipal Council three times. Hearing none, he called for approval of the Minutes as presented.

Min #2014-032 (Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2014)

MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the minutes of the February 18, 2014 Meeting of Municipal Council be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Horne explained that Municipal Council has received a request to appeal the decision of its Development Officer concerning a variance not granted for the rear yard setback requirements of PID #1009851, a proposal submitted by Strum Consulting on behalf of Bennett's Market.

The applicant is requesting that the rear yard setback be reduced from 12.2 meters (40 ft.) to 3 meters (9.8 ft.) as per the *Municipal Government Act*, the applicant may appeal this decision to Municipal Council within seven days after receiving notice. The applicant has chosen to do so. All abutting land owners have been notified of the date, time and place of this appeal. All materials received in relation to this request have been circulated to Councillors.

The Warden then asked if the applicant was present and if they would like to make any comments for Council's consideration. The applicants were present and indicated they had no comments.

The Warden then asked if the abutting land owners were present and if they would like to make any comments for Council's consideration. The abutting property owners were present and indicated they had no comments.

Mr. Horne asked for clarification from the abutting property owners as to whether they are in favor or against the variance being sought. They indicated they were in favor of allowing the variance that was being sought.

Min #2014-033 (Variance – Bennett's Market)

MOVED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that Municipal Council grant the variance being sought by Bennett's Market that will reduce the applicant's rear yard setback from 12.2 meters to 3 meters. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – Antigonish Community Transit

Jerome Grant then thanked Council for allowing Antigonish Community Transit the opportunity to appear before Council to give an update on the Committee's activities. Mr. Grant added as well, that a request will be made for financial assistance as part of the presentation.

Alida Campbell then presented the overall goals of the Feasibility Study, the Business Plan, and the Financials for the Pilot Project. A copy of Ms. Campbell's presentation is attached to the Minutes.

Ms. Campbell requested Council to consider a financial contribution of \$26,000.00. The same request has been presented to the Town of Antigonish.

Council Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Warden Boucher thanked the representatives from the Antigonish Community Transit group for the presentation. Warden Boucher noted that their request for funding will be considered during budget deliberations.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from Steve Joy, President, CUPE Local 1867 regarding the closure of the public paving plant.

Correspondence has also been received from the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library urging the Federal Government to continue directly funding federal-provincial agreements aimed at adult literacy and upgrading and be key partners in helping people lift themselves from poverty into meaningful employment and a better life.

OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – February 25, 2014

Min #2014-034 (Sewer Extension – Gilfoy Road)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that the request for the Sewer Extension to the end of Gilfoy Road be sent to an Engineering Consultant for a price. Motion carried.

Min #2014-035 (Community Identity Signs)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the County approve the purchase of 2 Community Identity Signs at either ends of the County at a cost of \$11,000 per sign. Motion carried.

Min #2014-036 (Letter of Support – Sandbox proposal)

MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Pierre Boucher that the County approve the request from St. F.X. for a Letter of Support towards the Sandbox Proposal as it responds to the RFP. Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – March 18, 2014

Min #2014-037 (Hamco Direct)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the County of Antigonish sponsor an ad in the Northumberland & Eastern Shore Area Guide 2014 Edition provided by Hamco Marketing & Communications. Motion carried.

Min #2014-038 (Governor's Lane Waterline Tender)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that the County of Antigonish proceed to Tender for the Governor's Lane Waterline Extension Phase II. Motion carried.

Min #2014-039 (Cloverville Road Waterline)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that the County of Antigonish proceed to Tender for the Cloverville Road Waterline Extension Phase II pending UARB approval. Motion carried.

Min #2014-040 (Sponsorship – Antigonish Atom Bulldogs Girls Hockey Team)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the County of Antigonish approve a Program Sponsorship in the amount of 125.00 for the Antigonish Atom Bulldogs Girls Hockey Team. Motion carried.

Min #2014-041 (Black Educators Association Spelling Bee)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that the County of Antigonish deny a financial contribution request for the Black Educators Association Provincial Spelling Bee. Motion carried.

Min #2014-042 (Havre Boucher Community Centre Annex)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the County of Antigonish approve a \$10,000.00 financial contribution toward a 30 x 45 ft. expansion to the Havre Boucher Community Centre. Motion carried.

Min #2014-043 (Habour Authority – Tax Exemption)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the building known as the Arisaig Harbour Authority Interpretive Centre be included in the County's Tax Exemption By-Law. Motion carried.

Min #2014-044 (Streetlights – Alex Terrace)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that the County of Antigonish approve the installation of four streetlights on Alex Terrace. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT – March 18, 2014

Min #2014-045 (REN – Declaration of Cooperation)

MOVED by Councillor Angus Bowie, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that the Municipality authorize the signing of a Declaration of Cooperation to continue exploring the establishment of a Regional Enterprise Network in Eastern Nova Scotia. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION STAFF - EDPC

Min #2014-046 (Eastern District Planning Commission Staff)

MOVED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that Municipal Council approve the following Eastern District Planning Commission Staff appointments:

- *Administrator – Dangerous & Unsightly Premises: **John Bain**
Alternate: Sean Donovan*
- *Building Inspector: **Harry Martell**
Alternates: Leon LeBlanc; Cyril LeBlanc; and David MacKenzie*
- *Assistant Building Inspector: **Sean Donovan***
- *Development Officer: **Wanda Ryan**
Alternates: John Bain; Beth Schumacher; and Andrew Jones*
- *Fire Inspector: **Leon LeBlanc**
Alternates: Sean Donovan; Harry Martell; and Cyril LeBlanc*

Motion carried.

R.K. MACDONALD FOUNDATION – Endorsement of Appointment

Min #2014-047 (R.K. MacDonald Foundation Appointment)

MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that Municipal Council endorse the appointment of Paul Arsenault and Henry VanBommel as County representatives on the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home Foundation. Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Pierre Boucher reported that he had attended a meeting of the Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committee.

Councillor Mary MacLellan reported that she:

- Attended the Chamber of Commerce Dinner
- Met with Jamie Stewart RE: Antigonish Community Transit regarding the Arisaig Route.

Councillor Donnie MacDonald reported that he attended:

- The signing of the Declaration for Red Cross month on behalf of the Warden
- The OH&S Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis. Air quality in the Municipal Administration Centre is one of the current topics being discussed which will be brought forward in the budget talks for the next fiscal year.

Deputy Warden reported that he attended:

- Keppoch Fun Days
- Chamber

Councillor Rémi Deveau reported that he attended the Pomquet Cultural Association. This group is exploring the development of a Community Center for Pomquet

Councillor Vaughan Chisholm noted that he had attended events that had been reported by other Council Members. In addition, he had attended a Planning Advisory Committee meeting for the Fringe Area.

Councillor Angus Bowie reported that he attended:

- Keppoch Fun Days
- Chamber Dinner
- Several Active Transportation Meetings
- Poverty Reduction Coalition Meeting

Councillor Hughie Stewart noted that he attended Keppoch Fun Day.

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:

- Heritage Gas meeting
- Chamber Dinner
- Town/County meeting
- Meeting with MLA for Antigonish, Hon. Randy Delorey
- Meeting with Federation of Agriculture regarding the Sale of the property and Lease

SALE OF EXHIBITION GROUNDS

Min #2014-048 (Sale of Exhibition Grounds)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the Municipality of the County of Antigonish proceed with the sale of the Exhibition Grounds to the Federation of Agriculture. Motion carried.

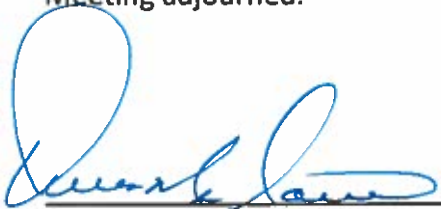
Min #2014-049 (Arena Lease)

MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that the Municipality of the County of Antigonish approve the signing of the Arena Lease for the Exhibition for the period as outlined in the Lease. Motion carried.

On motion by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, seconded by Councillor Rémi Deveau that meeting adjourned to Committee of the Whole.

There were no recommendations brought forward from Committee of the Whole.

Meeting adjourned.


For **Warden Russell Boucher**


Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer