

# MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF **ANTIGONISH**

## **Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**

**7:30 pm**

**Councillors Present:**

Warden Owen McCarron

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Vaughn Chisholm

Councillor Remi Deveau

Councillor John Dunbar

Councillor Neil Corbett

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

**Regrets:**

Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart

Councillor Gary Mattie

**Staff Present:**

Glenn Horne, Clerk-Treasurer

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

John Bain, Director - Eastern District Planning

Commission

**Also Present:**

Matt Draper, XFM

Corey LeBlanc, The Casket

Greg Morrow, The Hawk

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**1. Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron**

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**Min # 2018-126**

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane

That the agenda be approved.

Motion : Carried

3. **Approval of Municipal Council Minutes**

Warden asked whether there were any errors or omissions in the minutes of the Municipal Council meetings of June 19, 2018, July 17, 2018, and August 9, 2018.

- a. Approval of June 19, 2018 Council Minutes

**Min # 2018-127**

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That the Minutes of the June 19, 2018 Council meeting be approved as presented.

Motion : Carried

- b. Approval of July 17, 2018 Council Minutes

**Min # 2018-128**

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That the Minutes of the July 17, 2018 Council meeting be approved as presented.

Motion : Carried

- c. Approval of August 9, 2018 Council Minutes

**Min # 2018-129**

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That the Minutes of the August 9, 2018 Council meeting be approved as presented.

Motion : Carried

4. **Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. **Public Hearing**

- a. Proposed Re-Zoning - Rural General (RG-1) to General Commercial (C2)

Mr. Bain provided a presentation that gave an overview of the proposed rezoning application that has been submitted by the MacDonalds. Details of the review by Planning Staff are outlined in the staff report.

Notice of this Statutory Public Hearing was mailed to abutting property owners on September 11, 2018. An advertisement was placed in a local paper on August 29th and September 5th, 2018.

Planning Staff feel that the proposed rezoning complies with the criteria in the Planning Strategy; they are recommending approval of the rezoning application.

A question was asked about the cul-de-sac that was previously approved by DA, and whether that was part of the roadway depicted in the proposed development plan for this proposal. Mr. Bain confirmed that it was. Mr. Bain cautioned that the approval provided by DTIR is preliminary, and would be subject to more detailed traffic impact studies. Further questions included clarification on the standard of road to be constructed, and whether any feedback from neighbours was received.

Warden McCarron asked whether there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the application. No one was present in the gallery.

**Min # 2018-130**

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

That Municipal Council approve the rezoning of four properties located East of Beech Hill Road and immediately South of the Old Highway No. 104 (PIDs 10017853, 10109098, 01249002 and 10109106) in Beech Hill, Antigonish County to allow for potential commercial development on a proposed public road connector

Motion : Carried

**6. Correspondence**

Mr. Horne reviewed the items of correspondence that were included in the agenda package.

**7. Committee Reports**

a. August 13th E-Poll

**Min # 2018-131**

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

That Municipal Council award the tender for a 2019 Ram 1500 Tradesman Regular Cab 4x4 to MacDonald Chrysler Limited at a Tender price of \$27,173.87 + Licensing+ HST.

Motion : Carried

b. September 6th Police Advisory Committee

Councillor Chisholm reviewed the report for Council.

c. September 11th Asset Management Committee

**Min # 2018-132**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That Municipal Council approve the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan as presented

Motion : Carried

**Min # 2018-133**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That Municipal Council support the request made by Mr. Ian MacNeil, for the Municipality to pay 80% of the cost of bringing sewer services across the roadway to facilitate a connection to those services

Motion : Carried

d. September 11th Committee of the Whole

**Min # 2018-134**

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

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

**Min # 2018-135**

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

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

**Min # 2018-136**

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan  
SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm

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

**Min # 2018-137**

MOVED by Councillor Deveau  
SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

That Municipal Council write a letter to Minister Hines noting concerns with brush cutting in the County

Motion : Carried

e. September 18th Committee of the Whole

**Min # 2018-138**

MOVED by Councillor Dunbar  
SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council approves the 2017/2018 Audited Statements

Motion : Carried

**Min # 2018-139**

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm  
SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That Municipal Council approves the 2018/2019 Water Utility Budget

Motion : Carried

**Min # 2018-140**

MOVED by Councillor Corbett  
SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That Municipal Council approves the 2018/2019 Statement of Estimates

Motion : Carried

**Min # 2018-141**

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan  
SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council approve the 2018/2019 Financial Information Return

Motion : Carried

**Min # 2018-142**

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane

That Municipal Council approve the installation of a streetlight at the sharp bend on Delorey's Road in Monastery

Motion : Carried

**Min # 2018-143**

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That Municipal Council approve a contribution of \$2,000 towards the creation of the Vital Signs Report

Motion : Carried

**8. Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Commissions**

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- An announcement in New Glasow by ACOA earlier in September, when MP Sean Fraser presented a contribution to DEANS

Councillor MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- The AIMS conference in Moncton on September 5 and 6th

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- A police conference with Deputy Warden Stewart in Bridgewater

Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- Aug 27th Town & Gown Discussion regarding Homecoming
- August 24th Skateboard Park announcement
- Opening of ENSE on Aug 29th
- Aug 21st Hosted Coady students in Heatherton
- Mass in Pomquet for Acadian Fun day kickoff
- Under 16 Eastern Canadian Softball Tournament
- Trip with Glenn to Halifax to speak to provincial staff about infrastructure funding programs.
- Terry Fox Walk in Upper South River
- Respect for Women Walk put on by the Knights of Columbus

Warden McCarron also noted a fish hatchery open house taking place this weekend, to celebrate the 90th anniversary of that operation. Warden McCarron also reviewed a thank-you note received from Festival Antigonish.

Councillor MacLellan provided a thank-you to staff members who took part in organizing a family fun day for County staff and Council.

9. **Motions**

a. **Tabled Motions**

Mr. Horne reviewed the motion before Council, with concerns raised at the Public Hearing in August addressed in an addendum report. Mr. Bain provided clarification regarding ownership of services on Osprey Lane and Eagle Court, and who would pay for any work done to those services. As those particular roadways and services are privately owned, there would not be a need for a servicing easement as noted in the original recommendation. No other changes are proposed to the amendments that were brought forward at the Public Hearing. Discussion followed.

Councillor MacFarlane did not participate in the votes for this item, as he was absent from the Statutory Public Hearing that was held in August.

**Min # 2018-144**

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That Municipal Council approve amending the Municipal Planning Strategy for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish, Antigonish Fringe Planning Area as follows:

1) By inserting the following text in bold into the fourth paragraph of Section "4.2 Transportation" in Chapter 4 of the Strategy:

**Private roads are prevalent throughout the Antigonish Fringe Plan Area. Private roads are not owned or maintained by the Municipality of the County of Antigonish and do not fall under the Municipality's responsibility for services. The responsibility for services, such as snow removal, is that of the property owners who have dwellings on lots with frontage along a private road. Private roads should be avoided in areas where municipal sewer services are available, as private road design and maintenance could interfere with the orderly operation of municipal services. Only if special controls such as development agreements are in place, to ensure a high quality of a constructed private road, may such roads be exceptionally considered in serviced areas.**

2) By adding the following policy text in Section "4.2 Transportation" in Chapter 4 of the Strategy, immediately following Policy CS-1.4:

Policy CS-1.5 It is the intention of Council to prohibit the creation of private roads in serviced areas and to define exceptions to this rule in the municipal Subdivision By-law.

3) And by renumbering the remainder of policies in Chapter 4 accordingly.

Motion : Carried

**Min # 2018-145**

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor Deveau

That Municipal Council approve an amendment to the Subdivision By-law for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish, by replacing Section 30 in Part 5 by the following:

**30. NOT PERMITTED IN SERVICED AREAS**

- (1) No private roads or private lanes shall be permitted in areas of the Municipality that are depicted as serviced in Schedule "G" of this By-law, or that have access to the Municipal sewer system.
- (2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), private roads may be approved where the plan of subdivision is situated in the area of the "Fringe Plan Area Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy" and the creation of such private road, including construction standards is regulated by Council through a development agreement.

Motion : Carried

**b. Road Name Change Petition**

Mr. Horne reviewed the road name change petition, which has been reviewed and approved by the Municipality's Civic Addressing Coordinator, and before Council for consideration.

**Min # 2018-146**

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council approve renaming the roadway known as C-32 Road to Orchard Lane

Motion : Carried



11. Adjournment

**Min # 2018-147**

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:17 pm.

Motion : Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer