

# MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF **ANTIGONISH**

## Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Monday, February 10, 2020

7:30 pm

### Councillors Present:

Warden Owen McCarron

Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Vaughn Chisholm

Councillor Remi Deveau

Councillor John Dunbar

Councillor Neil Corbett

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

### Regrets:

Councillor Gary Mattie

### Staff Present:

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Allison Duggan, Acting Clerk Treasurer

### Also Present:

Ian and Rhonda McCarron

Mike MacEachern

Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

Matt Draper, 98.9 XFM

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### **Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron**

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

#### **Min # 2020-011**

MOVED by Councillor Deveau

SECONDED by Deputy Warden Stewart

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**Motion Carried**

### **Approval of Municipal Council Minutes**

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald

SECONDED by Councillor Corbett

That the Municipal Council Minutes of January 13, 2020 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **Presentations**

#### Brook Ridge Farm Award Recognition

Warden McCarron presented Ian and Rhonda McCarron with a certificate recognizing their award as 2019 Producer of the Year by the Sheep Producers of Nova Scotia. Warden McCarron provided an overview of their farm and past achievements, and Councillor Chisholm provided his congratulations as well. Photographs were taken. The McCarrons spoke to their certification and what is involved, as well as the importance of speaking with the community about farming activities.

#### Antigonish Art Fair

Mr. MacEachern provided members of Council with an overview of the importance of art and cultural activities in the community. The Art Fair's planned activities for the upcoming year were reviewed, with planned dates being:

- June 26th
- July 10th
- July 24th
- August 7th
- August 21st

An update was also provided about the Art House, including new equipment and infrastructure that has been installed over the summer. A overview of community events, room rentals, and businesses running out of the space was also provided.

The Antigonish Street Fair is also being organized by the Antigonish Art Fair Association, with a planned date of Wednesday July 8th from 11am to 4pm. A new event, Plein Air Antigonish, is planned for September 17-20th as well. Other events, such as the Hallowe'en Harvest Bash and the partnership with the County for Canada Day, were also shared.

Discussion followed. The Art Fair Association and Mike were thanked for their work and dedication in bringing these events to the community.

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence included in the agenda package was reviewed for Council.

### **Committee Reports**

January 27, 2020 Asset Management Committee

#### **Min # 2020-012**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

That Municipal Council consider amendments to Schedule A of the By-law Respecting Charges for Local Improvements to add the West River Cross Paving and Beech Hill Road Waterline Extension for First Reading, and schedule a public hearing for the amendment.

**Motion Carried**

#### **Min # 2020-013**

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane

SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald

That Municipal Council authorize staff to move forward preparations for the proposed Fringe Water Utility improvements.

**Motion Carried**

January 28, 2020 Planning Advisory Committee

#### **Min # 2020-014**

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan

SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane

That Council, as a short-term immediate response, approve the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-law for the Fringe Plan Area by:

- Adding a special requirement for the R-1, R-2, RG-1, and RG-1 Zones to allow no more than 29% of the total floor area of a dwelling be used for bedrooms; and further,
- That staff be directed to research and bring back to the Committee a more long-term solution to the concerns raised.

**Motion Carried**

February 10, 2020 Committee of the Whole

**Min # 2020-015**

MOVED by Deputy Warden Stewart  
SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve adding AAN#03394522, for the St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre, to the list of properties provided with a tax exemption under the Exemption for Non-Profit Organization Policy.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2020-016**

MOVED by Councillor Corbett  
SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council authorize Tammy Feltmate to represent the Municipality on the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library Board Accessibility Advisory Committee

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2020-017**

MOVED by Councillor Deveau  
SECONDED by Deputy Warden Stewart

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the following re-appointments to the RK MacDonald Nursing Home Board:

- Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
- Councillor Mary MacLellan
- Councillor Gary Mattie
- Councillor Donnie MacDonald

For the remainder of the current Council term.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2020-018**

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald  
SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council issue a Request for Proposals for Cellular Service Expansion in District 1 and 2.

**Motion Carried**

**Min # 2020-019**

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council extend the leave for Councillor Mattie for one month.

**Motion Carried**

**Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Conferences, and Community Activities**

Councillor Deveau provided an update from the Crime Prevention Committee; they are still looking for a Chair and a Recording Secretary.

Councillor MacLellan reported on a volunteer thank-you dinner at the Arisaig Community Hall, and the Mural project meetings in District 1.

Councillor Corbett reported on the progress of the District 9 Community group beach project and parking area, and an upcoming meeting with MP Mike Kelloway to discuss the project.

Warden McCarron reported on:

- A MOU announcement at the University regarding Maritime Launch in the Canso are.
- Physician Recruitment visits: three in the past month, with one reporting back that the physician will be coming to the community.
- Arena Association meeting - things going well.
- African Heritage Month kick-off in January at the University.
- Visiting the Peace by Chocolate factory with the Deputy Warden earlier in the month.
- Several members of Council toured the Maples.

**Motions**

There were no motions.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Mrs. Duggan noted that this Thursday, February 13th is the last date for appeals of the PVSC assessments.

**Adjournment**

**Min # 2020-020**

MOVED by Councillor Corbett

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:23pm.

**Motion Carried**

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Warden Owen McCarron

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Allison Duggan, Acting Municipal  
Clerk/Treasurer