

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF **ANTIGONISH**

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Monday, November 2, 2020
7:30 pm

Councillors Present:

Warden Owen McCarron
Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Remi Deveau

Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Bill MacFarlane
Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Shawn Brophy

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Also Present:

Matt Draper, 98.9XFM
Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

Drake Lowthers, The Reporter

Call to Order- Glenn Horne, CAO

Mr. Horne called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Horne called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Min # 2020-133

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Review of the 2020 Municipal Election Results

Mrs. Schumacher read out the official results of the 2020 Municipal Election.

Swearing in of Municipal Council Members - Regional Chief PJ Prosper

Mr. Horne directed the Councillors-elect to the oath of office provided at each of their desks, and introduced Regional Chief PJ Prosper, who administered the oath of office to the members of Municipal Council. The new members of Council were congratulated and welcomed.

Election of Warden

Mr. Horne reviewed the process for selected the Warden and called for nominations for the appointment of Warden. Owen McCarron was nominated for the position of Warden. No other nominations were received.

Following his appointment, Warden McCarron thanked Regional Chief Prosper for his involvement in the administration of the oath of office. Warden McCarron then welcomed the new members of Council and congratulated them on the election, and thanked staff for their work to prepare for the new Council term.

Min # 2020-134

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council appoint Owen McCarron to the position of Warden for a four-year term.

Motion Carried

Election of Deputy Warden

Warden McCarron reviewed the process for nominating a candidate for Deputy Warden. Hugh Stewart was nominated for the position of Deputy Warden. No other nominations were received.

Following the appointment, Deputy Warden Stewart thanked the members of Council as well as Regional Chief Prosper. Warden McCarron then presented Regional Chief Prosper with a gift of thanks.

Min # 2020-135

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council appoint Hugh Stewart to the position of Deputy Warden for a four-year term.

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous Business

At the Door - Municipal Councillor Goals for This Term

Warden McCarron invited members of Council with the opportunity to share any comments or experiences from the campaign trail. Councillor MacDonald shared his method of campaigning uses telephones, and his use of a mail-out flyer instead of going door to door. One of the issues raised during was Internet connectivity, and the timing of the Develop Nova Scotia webinar on October 14th was helpful. The loss of The Casket, roads, a petition for water services and sidewalks on Highway 337 were

other topics that came up in District 2 during the campaign. Speeding issues in the District were raised as well.

Councillor McNamara shared his experience with calling residents before visiting during the campaign, and many of the young families in his district raised access to local childcare as a concern in the community. Cell towers, Internet access and remote work, seniors, and access to medical clinics in the community were also brought to his attention while campaigning.

Deputy Warden Stewart and Councillor MacLellan also shared feedback on concerns raised by their constituents. Although they did not campaign, they hear regularly about broadband in their communities.

Adjournment

Min # 2020-136

Moved and Seconded

That the Council meeting adjourns at 7:54 pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO