

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

**Council Chambers
Municipal Building**

**Thursday
May 28, 2013**

A Special Meeting of Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish was held on Thursday, May 28, 2013 at 7:00 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 Donnie MacDonald

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Vaughan Chisholm

Councillor Pierre Boucher

Councillor Rémi Deveau

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

Joyce Levangie, Recording Secretary

Adam Rogers, Municipal Solicitor

Corey LeBlanc, The Casket

Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Warden Boucher called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none, he called for approval of the Agenda.

2013-068 App. Agenda	<i>MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.</i>
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APPROVAL OF 2013/14 OPERATING BUDGET & RATES

The Resolution adopting the Budget and Striking the Tax Rate for the Twelve months ending March 31, 2014 was then reviewed. Alan Bond, Municipal Clerk reviewed the 2013/14 rates and recommends approval.

2013-069 Approval of Budget	<i>MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the Resolution Adopting the Budget and Striking the Tax Rate for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2014 be approved as presented. Motion carried. (Resolution attached)</i>
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The interest will be calculated at 6% per annum, with payment due by June 28, 2013.

Alan noted that the reason for a reduction in the Commercial rates is to encourage new development. The County was approached by the local Chamber of Commerce in terms of trying to narrow the gap between the Residential and Commercial rates, this is a step in that direction. The reduction will also stabilize commercial rates and an incentive for new businesses to come to the County.

BORROWING RESOLUTION

Our Bank, CIBC, requires that Municipal Council approve a Borrowing Resolution each year which gives the Municipality to borrow \$4,432,384.00 in the event that taxes are not being paid.

2013-070 Borrowing Resolution	<i>Moved by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that Municipal Council approve the Borrowing Resolution for CIBC giving the County to borrow up to \$4,432,384.00, if necessary. Motion carried. (Resolution attached)</i>
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DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

A) Malcolm Fraser and David O'Brien, property in Purlbrook

A complaint was received in respect to property in Purlbrook belonging to Malcolm Fraser & David O'Brien. An investigation was done by the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises Administrator and is recommending that an order be issued for this property to be cleaned up, therefore, a tender is to be advertised for the cleanup.

Mr. Fraser and Mr. O'Brien reside in the United States. They were issued a notice and did sign it for the cleanup order, but it has not been done yet.

2013-071 Clean Up Purlbrook	<i>Moved by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that the County proceed with a Tender package for the cleanup of property located on Purlbrook belonging to Malcolm Fraser and David O'Brien. Motion carried.</i>
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B) James Brow, Cape Jack Road

A letter was received from the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises Administrator with pictures of the Cape Jack property. Mr. Brow had complied with the demolition order by demolishing ½ of the building. After visiting the property on May 21, the Administrator is of the opinion that the building is still dangerous and unsightly and the owner was informed of his conclusion by registered mail. A recommendation is to continue to proceed with the proposed demolition.

The property had been tendered with a closing date of May 29th, therefore revised bids are to be received. This will be brought back to Council.

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ANNOUNCEMENT RE: New Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

Warden Boucher made an official announcement that Glenn Horne is appointed to be the new Municipal Clerk/Treasurer for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish. Mr. Horne will begin his duties on July 2, 2013.

On motion by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that the meeting adjourn

Warden Russell Boucher

Alan J. Bond, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer