

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

A Committee of the Whole Meeting was held Tuesday, February 20th, 2018 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administrative Centre, 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish NS.

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron, Chair
 Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart
 Councillor Mary MacLellan
 Councillor Donnie MacDonald
 Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
 Councillor John Dunbar
 Councillor Gary Mattie
 Councillor Neil Corbett
 Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Municipal Clerk
John Bain, Director of Planning, Eastern District Planning Commission

Regrets: Councillor Rémi Deveau

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron, at 5:32pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- In-Camera – Personnel Matters
- East Antigonish Bursary Criteria
- Roger Porter Request for Letter

Moved by Deputy Warden Stewart and seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden McCarron called three times for any errors or omissions in the February 13th Committee of the Whole minutes.

Moved by Deputy Warden Stewart and seconded by Councillor MacDonald that the Committee of the Whole minutes of February 13th be approved as presented. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr. Horne conducted a draw to select the two districts for participation in the mural program this year. Districts 3 and 10 were selected. Mr. Horne noted that a third district would be selected if a mural project for the Special Olympics did not end up happening. Staff will set up a meeting with the Councillors of the selected district, and the preferred timeline is to have the mural up by June.

IN-CAMERA: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS; PERSONNEL MATTERS

These subject matters fall within Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act as matters that a committee may discuss in a closed session. It is recommended a motion be made to initiate an in-camera session.

Moved by Councillor MacLellan and seconded by Councillor Chisholm that the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss the Contract Negotiations and Personnel Matters at 5:36pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Mattie that the In-Camera session be adjourned at 5:59pm. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE EDC ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Bain, Director of Planning at the Eastern District Planning Commission, provided the Committee with a general overview of the proposed annual operating budget for the Commission. Mr. Bain noted a small increase in the amount that the County would be asked to contribute. Further review of the how expenditures are distributed was provided. Mr. Bain was thanked for his presentation.

Moved by Councillor Chisholm, Seconded by Councillor Corbett, that the Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves the 2018/2019 Annual Operating Budget for the Eastern District Planning Commission. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE HAVRE BOUCHER VILLAGE COMMISSION

Mr. Horne provided an overview of the information included in the meeting memo, outlining the circumstances leading up to this consideration, as well as the relevant sections of the MGA that speak to this process. Mr. Horne noted that, if Council wanted to give formal consideration to dissolution of the Havre Boucher Village Commission, there would still be several processes that had to take place over a number of months. Councillor Corbett requested that a community meeting be coordinated around the same time as any notice regarding the consideration of dissolution is distributed. Staff will coordinate this with Councillor Corbett. Staff was directed to start the required steps as required by the MGA.

DISCUSSION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA ON-SHORE PETROLEUM ATLAS

Mr. Horne introduced the letter from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, requesting a letter of support be sent to the Province. Discussion followed. Staff was directed to contact the Municipality of Guysborough for further information, as well as reaching out to the municipalities in the basin areas identified in the Guysborough letter for their feedback. Staff was also directed to reach out to the Departments of Energy and Environment, asking for experts on the subject to come and speak to Council at a future date.

ERSWM REQUEST TO SUPPORT A PROVINCE-WIDE BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS

Councillor MacDonald reviewed the correspondence that was included in the agenda package from Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management, requesting support for a province-wide ban on plastic bags. Consensus was provided by the Committee to provide support for this request.

Councillor MacLellan noted a request from a constituent regarding recycling in the community. Councillor MacDonald will speak to representatives from ERSWM about options for sessions in the community. Mr. Horne also made note of the app that ERSWM has available for residents.

FESTIVAL ANTIGONISH 2018 SEASON LAUNCH INVITATION

The invitation that was included in the agenda package was reviewed by the Committee.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, Seconded by Councillor MacDonald, that the Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the purchase of six (6) tickets at a cost of \$300 for the Festival Antigonish 2nd Annual Season Launch Dinner. Motion carried.

EAST ANTIGONISH BURSARY

Staff handed around a list of criteria that was developed by the family of Warden Russell Boucher for a memorial bursary in his name at the East Antigonish Education Academy. Staff will provide these criteria to the staff at the school, along with confirmation of the amount of the bursary, and a request to have it formally renamed to be the "Warden Russell Boucher Memorial Bursary".

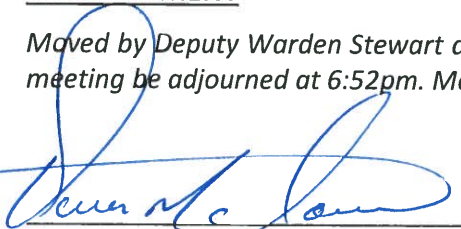
Moved by Councillor Mattie, Seconded by Councillor Chisholm, that Municipal Council approves the criteria and renaming of the bursary traditionally given to the East Antigonish Education Academy as the "Warden Russell Boucher Memorial Bursary", with an award amount of \$500. Motion carried.

ROGER PORTER REQUEST FOR LETTER

Warden McCarron provided the Committee with a summary of a request that he had received from Mr. Roger Porter for a letter to the Department of Environment asking for consideration of terms to permit limited Off-Road Vehicle use in the Odgen Round Lake Wilderness Area. Staff was directed to review correspondence sent regarding the matter in 2014, and to contact the Municipality of the District of Guysborough to see what their position on the matter is, prior to drafting a letter. Consensus was to provide the letter as requested.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Deputy Warden Stewart and seconded by Councillor Mattie that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 6:52pm. Motion carried.



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer