

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Monday, December 14, 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 (by Zoom)
Councillor Bill MacFarlane (by Zoom)
Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Shawn Brophy

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk (by Zoom)

Also Present:

Corey LeBlanc (by Zoom)
Matt Draper, 98.9 XFM

Drake Lowthers, The Reporter
Greg Morrow, 101.5 The Hawk

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Min # 2020-156

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of November 9, 2020 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes of November 9, 2020.

Min # 2020-157

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of November 9, 2020 be approved.

Motion Carried

Approval of November 23, 2020 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes of November 23, 2020.

Min # 2020-158

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of November 23, 2020 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of November 9, 2020. A question was asked to follow-up to the minutes of November 23, 2020, regarding the status of the dangerous and unsightly premises in Aulds Cove. No formal updates have been reported on that file.

Correspondence

Mr. Horne reviewed the correspondence received from Dr. Strang. Council noted their thanks for how quickly Dr. Strang responded to the Municipality's letter.

Warden McCarron also shared that he had received a thank-you card from May Bouchard, who had turned 100 in July.

Committee Reports

November 23, 2020 Asset Management Committee

Min # 2020-159

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council apply to the Province for 50-50 cost share for the following J-Class Roads:

- Tamara Drive
- Cunningham
- Church Street Extension
- Landing

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-160

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the Fiscal Years 2020/21 to 2024/25 Capital Investment Plan.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-161

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council add sidewalks in the Thorne Ridge Subdivision to the list of future capital projects.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-162

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council accept the bid of \$116,415.74 + HST from Ron Chisholm Hydroseeding Ltd for the West River Bridge Waterline.

Motion Carried

November 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole

Min # 2020-164

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the Standing Committee Appointments as proposed.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-165

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Statement of Estimates A & B and the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Financial Information Return.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-166

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the road name change petition to give the name Bluff Lane to a previously unnamed private lane off of B-4 Road in East Tracadie.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-167

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the road name change petition to give the name Landing View Lane to a previously unnamed private lane off of Grandview Drive in Greenwold.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-168

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the installation of a streetlight at the intersection of Brierly Brook Road and Old School Road.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-169

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the installation of a streetlight at the intersection of St. Joseph's Road and Addington Forks Road.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-170

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council continue the Wellness Program and approve the revised Wellness Policy.

Motion Carried

November 26, 2020 e-Poll

Min # 2020-171

Moved and Seconded

That the paving of Pottery Lane be added to the list being submitted to the Province for consideration of J-Class Road capital priorities for 2021/22.

Motion Carried

December 3, 2020 Police Advisory Committee

Min # 2020-172

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council endorse the Strait Regional Centre for Education in removing the gazebo at the Antigonish Education Centre and replacing it with a memorial garden.

Motion Carried

December 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole

Min # 2020-173

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Policy on Municipal Council and Municipal Clerk Treasurer Expense Reimbursement

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-174

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council adopt the proposed amendment to the Hospitality Policy

Nine votes in favour; one vote against

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-175

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve a one-time operating grant of \$10,000 be provided to:

- Arisaig Parish Community Centre
- Havre Boucher Community Centre
- Heatherton Community Centre
- Lochaber Centre
- Mini-Trail Community Centre
- Pomquet Fr. PJ Baccardax Hall
- St. Andrews Community Centre
- St. Josephs Lakeside Community Centre
- Tracadie Monsignor Donnelly Hall

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-176

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves renaming an unnamed private lane in West Side Lochaber to Seven Pines Lane.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-177

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council send a letter to the Department of Transportation requesting a crosswalk at Bay Street Extension and Mount Cameron Circle.

Motion Carried

Min # 2020-178

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the installation of a streetlight at 1648 Summerside Road.

Motion Carried

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

- Councillor Dunbar shared an update from the Antigonish Heritage Museum Board. The museum reopened to the public in November.
- Councillor McNamara shared an update from the Eastern District Planning Commission, including the names of the new chair and vice-chair of the commission, construction value increases in the county year-over-year, and the status of the agreement.
- Councillor MacLellan shared an update from the Library Committee, including an update on LBANS.
- Councillor Deveau provided an update following the AGM of the Crime Prevention Association, and the Occupational Health and Safety meeting, which were both held last week.
- Warden McCarron gave a summary of the Santa tours that were held throughout the Town and County at the beginning of the month.
- An update was provided on the Arena Board Committee meeting held during the past week, including the reopening plans that are underway for the facility. Councillor Dunbar provided further updates about accessibility suggestions made and incorporated at the arena.

Motions

There were no motions.

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

Mr. Horne noted that there would not be a regular Committee of the Whole later in the month because of the holiday office closure. Warden McCarron thanked the media for their coverage of municipal events and news over the past year and wished everyone a happy holidays and New Year.

Min # 2020-179

Moved and Seconded

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:20 pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO