

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF **ANTIGONISH**

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, September 14, 2021
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
Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Shawn Brophy

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Darlene Thompson
Todd Thompson

Allison Duggan

Media Present:

Matt Draper
Drake Lowthers

Anastasia Payne (by Zoom)

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:39pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. One addition was requested:

- 2021 Provincial Election

Min # 2021-094

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Approval of July 13, 2021 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in the minutes of July 13, 2021.

Min # 2021-095

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of July 13, 2021 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Presentations

Employee Milestone Recognition

Warden McCarron presented a long-service award to Darlene Thompson, celebrating ten years of employment with the County. Photographs of Darlene receiving her certificate from Warden McCarron were taken.

Warden McCarron also acknowledged the following team milestones also being celebrated over the past several months:

- Jim MacLean, 10 years
- Meaghan MacNeil, 5 years
- Debbie Cormier, 40 years
- Hughie MacMillan, 10 years

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports

July 19, 2021 Accessibility Advisory Committee Report

Councillor Mattie provided a review of the business summarized in the July 19, 2021 meeting report. No motions were brought forward.

September 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2021-096

Moved and Seconded

That the Town of Antigonish and the Municipality of the County of Antigonish work with the Department of Municipal Affairs to explore consolidation of the two municipal units.

Motion Carried

September 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2021-097

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council appoint Ms. Marian MacLellan as a representative from the County of Antigonish to the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home Foundation.

Motion Carried

Min # 2021-098

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves renaming a private lane to Alderbrook Lane.

Motion Carried

Min # 2021-099

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council amend the Public Holidays Policy contained in the Human Resources Policy Manual for Employees to include the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Motion Carried

Min # 2021-100

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council authorize the purchase of a 2021 Ram 1500 Regular Cab 4x4 from MacDonald Chrysler for the purchase price of \$39,198.50 + HST.

Motion Carried

Min # 2021-101

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the community partnership grant of \$1000 for the Naomi Society based on the application being lost in the mail.

Motion Carried

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

Members of Council shared the following updates:

- Councillor Dunbar provided an update from the Antigonish Heritage Museum Board. Allan Armsworthy has stepped down as Chair and Town Councillor Andrew Murray is now Chair. Preparations for the 30th anniversary of the museum is underway, and Jocelyn is looking to retire in December.
- Councillor MacDonald noted that applications for Antigonish Affordable Housing are again open due to changes that were made to the financial criteria. A list of locations where applications are available was provided.
- Councillor MacLellan noted that an interim CEO has been appointed and an organization has been retained to assist with the recruitment of a full-time replacement CEO.
- Councillor MacLellan provided an update on a meeting of the library board held earlier in the week. The success of programs offered by the library during lockdowns and restrictions was highlighted.

- Warden McCarron provided an update on the weekly conversations that are taking place with representatives from the university.
- Councillor McNamara noted that the EDPC Board meeting has been rescheduled to September 21st.

Motions

Proclamation - Right to Know Week

Mr. Horne read out the proclamation drafted to proclaim September 27-October 3 2021 as Right to Know Week.

Min # 2021-102

Moved and Seconded

That the proclamation of September 27-October 3 as Right to Know Week be adopted by Council as read.

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous Business

2021 Provincial Election

Councillor MacFarlane acknowledged those who ran in the recent provincial election, as well as those who were successful with being elected as the MLAs in the community.

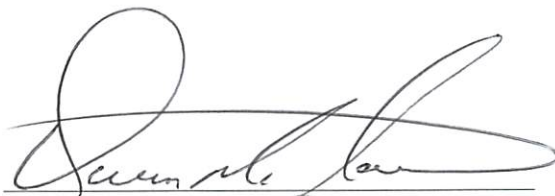
Adjournment

Min # 2021-103

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:00pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO