

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

7:30 pm

Council Chambers

Municipal Administration Building

285 Beech Hill Road

Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

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 Harris McNamara

Councillor Shawn Brophy

Regrets:

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Dr. John Chaisson

Eric Smith

Andrew Bradshaw

Bill Dinn

Media Present:

Matt Draper

Corey LeBlanc (by Zoom)

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Min # 2022-017

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of February 8, 2022 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

Min # 2022-018

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of February 8, 2022 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Presentations

Dr. Chaisson introduced the team attending on behalf of the Keppoch Board. The economic benefits of outdoor tourism were highlighted, and the measures taken by the Keppoch to attract tourists to the site, as well as to the community, were reviewed. An overview of the built facility and a number of major events held at the site were shared. Upcoming events being planned for 2022 were summarized. Members of Council were showed a 30 second video highlighting the community to encourage tourism.

For next steps, the team at the Keppoch is looking at piloting new programs and events, and is looking to provide the bets cross country skiing and fat bike facilities between Halifax and Cape North, increasing membership, and better coordinating with community partners for tourism and marketing. The facility is also looking at consolidating their capital build, and details of what this entails and the expected budget was reviewed. The request for support to the community partnership grant, along with plans to submit applications to other funding partners, was covered.

Questions were asked about where visitors were coming from throughout the year, details about the plans for the stairway to Cameron Lake, and whether accessibility upgrades are expected to the bathrooms at the facility. Several councillors highlighted how great the facility is for the community, both in terms of tourism and the healthy lifestyle that is supported by the facility. The team from the Keppoch was thanked for their presentation.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports

February 8, 2022 Committee Report

Min # 2022-019

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council write-off the taxes for AAN 09373217, which was destroyed by fire, in the amount of \$963.84.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-020

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council provide a letter of commitment to the Antigonish Arena Association for funding in 2022-23 up to \$68,400 + HST for required capital upgrades, pending a successful application to the Recreation Facility Development Program.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-021

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council direct staff to follow-up with local Department of Nova Scotia Public Works staff to address active transportation and pedestrian safety concerns on the temporary bridge crossing the West River.

February 17, 2022 Special Planning Advisory Committee Meeting Report

Councillor MacLellan reviewed the report; no recommends were made.

February 22, 2022 Asset Management Committee Report

Min # 2022-022

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council take the following position with respect to curb, gutter and sidewalk projects: Status Quo – Do Not Apply Local Improvement Charges for new Sidewalks, Curb & Gutter

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-023

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council authorizes staff to issue tenders for the St Andrews Waterline Extension and the Dunmore Road Sewer Extension.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-024

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves a bid from B. D. Clifton Contracting Ltd. for the bid price of \$ \$729,666.50 +HST for the replacement of a waterline at Trunk 7.

Motion Carried

February 22, 2022 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2022-025

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the re-appointment of Robert Mattie to the Municipal Audit Committee, for a one-year term ending February 2023.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-026

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the annual appointments of Eastern District Planning Commission staff to Municipal positions, as proposed.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-027

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves carrying over the grant allocation of \$50,000 for the St. Joseph's Community Centre in to the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-028

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the installation of a streetlight on the Gorman Road at the driveway entrance to the ballfield.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-029

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves a streetlight being installed at the intersection of Summerside Road and the Bayfield Cross Road.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-030

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves a \$2500 media sponsorship to Summerfest the Songs and Stories series.

Motion Carried

February 28, 2022 Planning Advisory Committee Report

Min # 2022-031

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give First Reading and schedule a Public Hearing for the following amendments to the Central Antigonish Land Use By-law:

- to rezone the two properties located at PIDs 10126571 and 01244565 from Rural Development (RD-1) to HR-1 and HR-2 as per the Rezoning Map.
- amend the HR-1 zone lot standards in Part 13.2 a.) by reducing the Minimum lot area to 557.4 m² (6,000 ft²) and the Minimum lot frontage to 15.2 m (50 ft).

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-032

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give First Reading and schedule a Public Hearing for the following amendment to the County of Antigonish Wind Turbine By-law:

- to reduce the setback distance of utility scale wind turbines from watercourses to 30 metres plus the blade length.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-033

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give First Reading and schedule a Public Hearing for a housekeeping amendment to the Antigonish Fringe Land Use By-law to allow for more than one main building on a lot in the Business Commercial (BC-1) zone.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-034

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give First Reading and schedule a Public Hearing for a concurrent text amendment to the Antigonish Fringe Municipal Planning Strategy

and Land Use By-law to allow small-scale solar collector systems to be permitted as accessory uses.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-035

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give First Reading and schedule a Public Hearing for concurrent text amendments to the Antigonish Fringe Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to change to name of the planning documents to the West River Antigonish Harbour Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to better reflect the geographic location and subsequently revise the documents to reflect the changes.

Motion Carried

March 8, 2022 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2022-036

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves renaming an unnamed private road to Homestead Lane.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-037

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves providing sponsorship as a Tournament Friend (\$1800) to the 2022 Bonvie-MacDonald Rinks to Links golf tournament.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-038

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves a write-off in the amount of \$25.01 for AAN 07142145, Walsh Point Road, Fairmont.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-039

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the *Processing of Recyclable Materials Agreement* with the Municipality of the County of Colchester as presented.

Motion Carried

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

- Councillor Dunbar shared that the Antigonish Heritage Museum Board met earlier in the week, updates were provided regarding the upgrades to signage and the requirements of CN Rail, and new Curator Barry Mackenzie has started and is doing well.
- Councillor Deveau shared information about the OHS meeting held at the office earlier in the month. The Pomquet Carnival was held in a virtual platform, with hopes to be able to hold the event in-person next year.
- Councillor McNamara shared that the Havre Boucher Community Centre is holding a vaccine clinic later in the week and is holding a dart tournament on April 9th. Pickleball has started up in the area, and the Havre Boucher Park is going to receive close to \$50k of equipment for installation in the park.
- Councillor MacLellan shared that a new floor with pickleball lines have been installed at the Arisaig Hall, and the accessible washroom installation is underway.
- Warden McCarron attended a breakfast with the Antigonish Chamber of Commerce at the end of February. A flag raising to show support for the residents of Ukraine happened earlier in the week as well.

Motions

There were no additional motions.

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

Min # 2022-040

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:18pm.



Warden Owen McCarron

Motion Carried



Glenn Horne, CAO