

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 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

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Councillor Harris McNamara

Councillor Shawn Brophy

Staff Present:

Glenn Horne, CAO

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Others Present:

Gallery

Jennifer DeCoste

Matt Draper, XFM

Drake Lowthers, The Reporter

Call to Order- Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

Warden McCarron called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Warden McCarron called for a moment of silence to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Westray Mining Disaster.

Min # 2022-060

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Approval of April 19, 2022 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in the Municipal Council minutes of April 19, 2022.

Min # 2022-061

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of April 19, 2022 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Presentations

LifeSchoolHouse - Jennifer DeCoste

The Warden welcomed Jennifer DeCoste to the meeting. Ms. DeCoste is the founder of the LifeSchoolHouse program, which is a barter-based program to share skills in small group workshops that began in Dartmouth and has expanded. The project is inspired by the Antigonish movement and looks to address social poverty. Nearly 1000 workshops have been held in the last four years, with hosts in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Mexico. The Ashoka Fellowship has been granted to the program, and funding is primarily from donations, not government. The next phase of LifeSchoolHouse is being developed now, to create spaces for retreats while community programming is taking place.

The floor was then opened for questions from Council. Enquiries about target ages, funding, participant attraction, and class types being held in the program in Antigonish were made. The role of the program to help residents meet neighbours and get to know those in the community when they are newcomers was discussed. The funding for the program has been through materials donations and private donations. Additional funding details were discussed. Councillors asked where information about the program could be found, and the web address and Facebook pages were noted.

Correspondence

DMAH 12 Month Notice Letter

Mr. Horne reviewed the 12-month letter provided from DMAH, highlighting the renegotiation of the municipal service agreement, upcoming consultations for code of conduct for elected officials, implementation of the coastal protection act regulations, and RCMP collective bargaining, and the expansion of Workers Compensation Act

coverage for Fire Departments. The floor was opened for questions from Council. Councillor McNamara requested some clarification on the expectations for enforcement of the regulations for the Coastal Protection Act. Mrs. Schumacher noted that no further information has come forward since the summary of the public consultation on those regulations was shared earlier in the year.

Committee Reports

May 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole

Min # 2022-062

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve a bid from GFL for the 2022 Bulky Waste Pickup for Spring 2022 for the bid price of \$74,438.24 (HST incl).

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-063

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the R.K. MacDonald Board by-law amendments as presented

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-064

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the renaming of a private road in Arisaig to Whales Pass

Motion Carried

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

Councillor Dunbar shared that he and Councillor Mattie attended the CACL Ham and Bean dinner and auction last week. Both Councillors spoke highly of the event and enjoyed the dinner.

Motions

Proclamation of May 2022 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month

Mr. Horne read out the proclamation prepared to recognize May 2022 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Antigonish County.

Min # 2022-065

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council proclaims May 2022 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Antigonish County.

Motion Carried

Proclamation of May 2022 as Gaelic Nova Scotia Month

Mr. Horne read out the proclamation prepared to recognize May 2022 as Gaelic Nova Scotia Month in Antigonish County.

Min # 2022-066

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council proclaims May 2022 as Gaelic Nova Scotia Month in Antigonish County.

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

Min # 2022-067

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:03pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO