

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, October 11, 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

Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives

Coordinator

Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable

Communities

Also Present:

Mikayla Tait, Municipal Planner, EDPC

Dawn Sutherland, Senior Planner, EDPC

Matt Draper, XFM

Drake Lowthers, The Reporter

Blake Priddle, 101.5 The Hawk

Gallery (in person and by Zoom)

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.

Min # 2022-102

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved.

Motion Carried

Approval of September 13, 2022 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in minutes.

Min # 2022-103

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council Minutes of September 13, 2022 be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Presentations

Mr. Horne spoke to the services of Jason Burns for his years of service to the municipality in IT, and thanked Jason for everything that he did to support the municipality in the past ten years. The Warden also provided his thanks to Jason for his support in providing IT services to the team. Photographs were taken.

Statutory Public Hearings

Mr. Horne reviewed the guidelines for Statutory Public Hearings in advance of the staff presentations.

Riavan Investments, Development Agreement

Ms. Tait, Planner with Eastern District Planning Commission, provided an overview of the application for a Development Agreement for a storage facility as proposed by Riavan Investments. Councillor McNamara asked to see the site plan to see the access to Highway 4. Warden McCarron asked for any parties wishing to speak against the proposal in the gallery. Warden McCarron then asked if there were any parties wishing to speak in favour of the development in the gallery.

Min # 2022-104

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give Second Reading and approval of a development agreement to allow for a maximum of 4 commercial storage buildings on Lot 1A2, PID 01297456, 2784 Highway 4, Briery Brook, Antigonish County, which is substantively the same (save for minor differences in form) as the draft set out in the planning report dated 12 September 2022.

Motion Carried

West River Antigonish Harbour Land Use By-law - Accessory Buildings

Ms. Tait provided an overview of the application to amend the West River Antigonish Harbour Land Use By-law to consider an amendment to the provisions regarding accessory buildings where there are municipal services. Staff noted that the proposed amendment would be in keeping with the provisions found in the Central Antigonish Land Use By-law.

Min # 2022-105

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give second reading and approved the proposed text amendment to the West River Antigonish Harbour Land Use By-law to increase the existing area restriction of 83.6 m² (900 ft²) to 130 m² (1,400 ft²) on accessory buildings and to include a percentage limiting the size of accessory buildings based on the total lot area of a property, which is substantively the same (save for minor differences in form) as the draft set out in the staff report dated 12 September 2022.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

There is no correspondence.

Committee Reports

October 4, 2022 Asset Management Committee Report

Min # 2022-106

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves putting forward D. MacIsaac Road, Tamara Drive, and Macken Road as candidates for projects in 2023/2024 under the J-Class Road Cost-Sharing Program with the Province.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-107

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council purchase the sidewalk plow from Saunders Equipment Ltd at a price of \$208,170 + HST.

Motion Carried

October 4, 2022 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2022-108

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council sign a joint letter with municipal neighbours to the Honourable Susan Corkum-Greek, Minister Economic Development, outlining concerns with cellular connectivity in the province.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-109

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council provides a letter of support to Town Point Oysters.

Motion Defeated

Min # 2022-110

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council pass the 2022/2023 Water Utility Budget, as proposed.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-111

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Statement of Estimates A & B.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-112

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council contact the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works requesting consideration of crosswalks at the intersection of Brierly Brook Road and Highway 245.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-113

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves providing a sponsorship in the amount of \$6,000 to the Antigonish Jazz Festival, with a requirement that they provide the same post-event financial reporting as a party receiving a community partnership grant.

Motion Carried

October 6, 2022 Police Advisory Board Report

Min # 2022-114

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal and Town Councils write a letter to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice with its concerns with the intention to move the provincial traffic unit and North East Nova District Office from Antigonish to Stellarton.

Motion Carried

October 11, 2022 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2022-115

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council amends the Municipal Council Strategic Priorities, 2020 – 2024 as presented.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-116

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council support the retention of Strait Engineering Ltd., as Project Manager for the ICIP Net Zero Community Building Project for the proposed cost of \$134,100.00 + HST.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-117

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council allow the community partnership grant for the Pomquet Development Association to be carried over to the next fiscal year.

Motion Carried

Min # 2022-118

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves a streetlight at the intersection of the Heatherton Village Road and the MacLellan Farm Road.

Motion Carried

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

Councillor MacFarlane thanked staff and EMO for the work that they did during Tropical Storm Fiona.

Warden McCarron highlighted the work done by Town and County Councils and staff during the storm. He also thanked the power commission for the work that they've done and shared that he toured with MP Mike Kelloway earlier in the day to show off the damage that had happened in Antigonish County.

Motions

There were no motions.

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

Min # 2022-119

Moved

That the Council meeting adjourns at 8:01pm.

Motion Carried



Warden Owen McCarron



Glenn Horne, CAO