

Council Minutes
May 16, 2011
Council Chambers

Present

Mayor C. Chisholm
Councillor S. Cameron
Councillor L. Chisholm
Councillor W. Cormier
Councillor D. MacInnis
Councillor J. MacPherson

D. Kampen, MPA, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Also Present

Delegates
Media
Observers

Absent with Regrets

Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

Call to Order

Mayor C. Chisholm called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

“That the Agenda be approved as circulated.” Motion carried with Councillor S. Cameron voting against.

Public Hearing

- Mr. Sean Day, Planner, re Celtic Community Homes

Mr. B. Chisholm, at the request of S. Day, Planner, expanded on the role of Celtic Community Homes and the benefits it provides to their clients through their Small Options Homes which help individuals, through activities and projects, to live to their full potential. He referred to the partnership with the Town on watering the flowers during Summer months. B. Chisholm stated that one (1) of their Homes on Fatima Street, which they currently rent, is being sold and, as a result, they have been asked to leave. He spoke on their desire to build a Small Option Home near Annie's Bluff which is located in the County of Antigonish; however, the property is owned by the Town. He further noted that the County has no issues with respect to permits, etc.

S. Day advised that whenever a municipal unit turns over land for less than market value, it is necessary to hold a Public Hearing according to the Municipal Government Act. He then displayed a site plan of the area and expanded on the Town's ownership and boundaries, noting that the Town would retain a good portion of the land, including 50 feet of road frontage in the event of future development. He then outlined conditions attached to the sale of the property which includes Celtic Community Homes' responsibility for surveying, servicing, permits, and legal costs. S. Day further stated that there would be no financial cost to the Town. He noted that neighbouring homeowners had been made aware of the proposal and that a hedge would

be planted for good separation and privacy for neighbouring residents. A brief question and answer session followed.

Mr. B. Chisholm thanked Council for their consideration and left the meeting at 6:11 PM.

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

“That Council approve the sale of Civic #2 Riverside Drive, Property Identification Number 1223668, containing approximately 5,000 square feet of land, to Celtic Community Homes, a non-profit organization, for the amount of \$1.00.” Motion carried.

Presentations

- Ms. J. Gillis, Curator, and Mr. B. Liengme, Board Chair, Antigonish Heritage Museum
Mr. J. Gillis, Curator of the Antigonish Heritage Museum thanked Council for the opportunity to make a presentation and noted that, unfortunately, Mr. B. Liengme was out of Town and unable to attend, and read a letter from Mr. B. Liengme. She then provided details on the history of the Antigonish Heritage Museum. She expanded on how funds received are spent, noting that funds received from the Town and County are considered core funding and that any other funds received, such as grants, are used for other projects. She further noted that if grant funding is decreased they have no other source of funds. Ms. J. Gillis stated that the Museum recognizes that money is tight everywhere, they would like to have a long-term plan, for at least five (5) years. A brief question and answer session followed and Mayor C. Chisholm acknowledged that the Town has not decreased their funding to the Museum and could not see why they would not continue to do so in the future.

Mayor C. Chisholm thanked Mr. J. Gillis for her presentation and she left the meeting at 6:31 PM.

- Mr. H. VandeWiel, Knights of Columbus, re ‘Men’s Respect for Women March’ on May 22, 2011

Mr. H. VandeWiel thanked Council for the opportunity to make his presentation and noted that Mr. B. MacNeil was unavailable to attend. He noted that the Men’s Respect for Women March had come about following the recent death of a female in the community, and is being sponsored by local Knights of Columbus. He noted they expect support by other groups as well and expressed his hope that the March would expand to other areas in the future. Mr. H. VandeWiel briefly provided statistics on domestic violence and sexual assault. He noted that the group would march, on the sidewalk, from Chisholm Park to Columbus Field and end with a barbeque sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. He noted that all funds raised would go to the children of the late O. Chareka. He invited the Mayor and Council to endorse and support the March. A brief question and answer session followed. The Mayor thanked Mr. H. VandeWiel for his presentation and he left at 6:43 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

“That the Minutes of the April 18, 2011 (Regular), April 21, 2011 (Email Poll), May 2, 2011 (Email Poll), and May 3, 2011 (Email Poll), be approved as circulated.” Motion carried with Councillor S. Cameron voting against.

Business from Minutes

Councillor S. Cameron stated he had comments from the Minutes but as they were of a personnel nature, he did not express them.

Correspondence

- RK Nursing Home Foundation re Endorsement of Ms. Dorothy Boone as the Town's Representative on the Foundation Board

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

"That Council approve the appointment of Ms. Dorothy Boone as the Town's Representative on the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home Foundation Board." Motion carried.

- Proclamation of May 17, 2011, as the International Day Against Homophobia

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

"That Council Proclaim May 17, 2011, as the International Day Against Homophobia." Motion carried.

- Proclamation of May 28, 2011, as Jumpstart Day

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

"That Council Proclaim May 28, 2011, as Jumpstart Day." Motion carried.

- Proclamation of May 29, 2011, as the Day of the Honey Bee

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

"That Council Proclaim May 29, 2011, as the Day of the Honey Bee." Motion carried.

- Proclamation of June 2011, as Child Care Awareness Days

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

"That Council Proclaim June 2011, as Child Care Awareness Days." Motion carried.

Staff Reports

- Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

"That the CAO Report be received for information." Motion carried.

CAO D. Kampen responded to a concern raised by Councillor W. Cormier regarding a substantial write-off and noted that a majority of the write-offs accrued prior to her hiring, and stated that the current practice is to send a notice regarding outstanding accounts and if not paid, or payment arrangements not made, services are disconnected.

- 2011-12 Licensed Taxi Drivers and Cabs

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

"That Council accept the 2011-12 Licensed Taxi Drivers and Cabs list, as presented, subject to Criminal Record checks and Child Abuse Registry checks being carried out on Taxi Driver applicants, annually, beginning in 2012." Motion carried.

Brief discussion took place on whether those offering courier/delivery service should be subject to Criminal Record and Child Abuse checks.

- Summer Students

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

“That Council approve the following staffing:

- Mr. B. Doiron as the Senior Engineering Student for the period of April 22 to August 29, 2011.
- Mr. K. MacIntyre as the Junior Engineering Student for the period of May 11 to August 29, 2011.” Motion carried.

- Accounts to Write-off

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

“That Council approve the following accounts be written-off:

- Account #176650 in the amount of \$24,674.48.
- Account #066859 in the amount of \$19.85.
- Account #608967 in the amount of \$6.32.” Motion carried.

- Firefighters

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

“That Council accept the Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department’s recommendation to accept the resignation of Mr. J. Walsh and approve a one (1)-year probationary appointment of Mr. C.T. MacDonald.” Motion carried.

Following brief discussion as to what checks are carried out on potential Fire Department members, Councillor D. MacInnis stated he was aware of a driver’s abstract being required. He indicated he would bring up the matter of additional checks at the next meeting of the Fire Committee.

- Comptrollers Report

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

“That the Comptrollers Report be received for information.” Motion carried.

- Electric Utility Manager Report

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“That the Electric Utility Manager Report be received for information.” Motion carried.

Councillor W. Cormier questioned the status of the addition to the Electric Utility building. CAO D. Kampen advised that the quotes had come in higher than was anticipated and further, that the person overseeing the project was ill. She further noted that the Comptroller intended to look at the project again. Councillor W. Cormier suggested perhaps a different form of construction be looked at, while Councillor S. Cameron suggested perhaps a separate building could be constructed for the Electric Utility and that Public Works could take over the Electric Utility’s current space.

- Engineer's Report

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

"That the Engineer's Report be received for information." Motion carried.

- Planning and Building Services Department Report

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

"That the Planning and Building Services Department Report be received for information."

Motion carried.

In response to a comment from Councillor W. Cormier regarding fire and building inspections, CAO D. Kampen advised that the staff person was initially dealing with more safety matters when first hired.

- Recreation Report

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

"That the Recreation Report be received for information." Motion carried.

Councillor S. Cameron suggested that if funds were available perhaps shirts could be made available to be worn at the upcoming Senior's Games.

Committee Reports

- Recreation Committee

Councillor D. MacInnis indicated he had no Motions to put forth.

- Waste Management Committee

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

"To recommend that Council write to the Antigonish Mall (Mr. P. MacLean), Ms. L. Armstrong, Ms. J. Corsten, and Mr. Daniel Halfpenny to thank them for their assistance with the recent Trading Treasures Event." Motion carried.

Councillor J. MacPherson noted that less material was received from students for the Trading Treasures Event as was hoped, and provided comment on the recent Bulky Waste Collection and Curbside Giveaway events.

- Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor W. Cormier indicated he had no Motions to put forth.

- Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee

Councillor L. Chisholm indicated she had no Motions to put forth.

- Public Properties and Streets Committee

Councillor S. Cameron indicated he had no Motions to put forth.

By-law

- Town of Antigonish Outdoor Fire By-law (Second Reading)

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That Council give Second Reading to the Town of Antigonish Outdoor Fire By-law.” Motion carried.

- Town of Antigonish Anti-Noise By-law – Repeal (First Reading)

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

“That Council give First Reading to repeal the Town of Antigonish Anti-Noise By-law.” Motion carried.

CAO D. Kampen noted that in the past the Town’s By-laws were not necessarily updated on a regular basis and that, as time permits, she will be reviewing and amending or repealing some of the By-laws. She further noted that the most current By-laws are on the Town’s website.

Resolutions

- Resolution 2011-05-16: Automobile Liability

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Antigonish accept the agreement of the Subscription Policy to insure the liability assumed by this Resolution as follows:

The Town of Antigonish Hereby

1. Assumes the liability for bodily injury to or death of any person or damage to or destruction of property of others, imposed by law upon:
 - (a) Members of Council, Commissioners, Trustees, Board Members, Statutory Officers, Officers, Employees or Volunteer Workers of the Town of Antigonish for liability which arises out of the use or operation by such person of a licensed motor vehicle; OR
 - (b) The owner of any licensed motor vehicle, for liability which arises out of the use or operation of such licensed motor vehicle by Members of Council, Commissioners, Trustees, Board Members, Statutory Officers, Officers, Employees or Volunteer Workers of the Town of Antigonish.
2. Declares that such assumption of liability be subject to the following limitations, exclusions, and conditions:
 - (a) This assumption of liability applies only to the use or operation of a licensed motor vehicle in Canada or the United States of America by Members of Council, Commissioners, Trustees, Board Members, Statutory Officers, Officers, Employees or Volunteer Workers on behalf of the Town of Antigonish including travel to and from work and attendance at meetings.
 - (b) This assumption of liability applies only in excess of existing insurance carried by the owner of the licensed motor vehicle which was being used or operated by Members of Council, Commissioners, Trustees, Board Members, Statutory Officers, Officers, Employees or Volunteer Workers at the time of the accident and does not apply unless the licensed motor vehicle which was being used or operated by such person at the time of the accident is insured for not less than the minimum Third Party Liability Limit required by The Insurance Act for the Province of Nova Scotia.

- (c) This assumption of liability is subject to the agreements, conditions, terms, and limit of liability insured in the Non-Owned Automobile Policy issued by the Subscription Policy and shall terminate whenever such Non-Owned Automobile Policy is terminated.”
Motion carried.

Other Business

- Grand Opening – Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

Councillor S. Cameron reminded those in attendance of the Grand Opening of the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. He further expanded on the details and invited everyone to attend. Mayor C. Chisholm noted that the ‘official’ Grand Opening would be held during the last week of June, and that the library would close its current location on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, to move materials to the new library.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.