

Council Minutes
July 18, 2011
Council Chambers

Present

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

T. Wadden, CA, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Also Present

Delegates
Media
Observers

Call to Order

Mayor C. Chisholm called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Presentations

- Mr. J. Teasdale, Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL)
Councillor S. Cameron declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the meeting.

Mr. J. Teasdale provided a history on how the Town's annual grant to Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL) has been used to pay their clients for work performed such as watering the flowers for the Town, and noted that the amount paid to the clients is limited so as not to reduce their regular monthly benefits. He further noted that the CACL has been working toward having Community Services pay the per diem rate to their clients, and in this respect, requested that the Town no longer provide the CACL with an annual grant. Mr. J. Teasdale further expanded on the details and noted that 90% of the Workshops clients across the province are paid the per diem rate by the Provincial Department of Community Services.

Mr. J. Teasdale advised that he also had a letter drafted to the Province that he would like to have Mayor C. Chisholm and Warden H. Delorey sign to support their effort in this regard.

Following a brief question and answer session Mr. J. Teasdale thanked Council for the opportunity to make his presentation.

At 6:12 PM Councillor S. Cameron rejoined the meeting.

- Mr. B. MacInnis, Manager, Antigonish Arena, and Mr. M. Stewart, President, Antigonish Minor Hockey Association re Antigonish Arena Upgrades
Mr. B. MacInnis circulated an excerpt from a document prepared in 2009 by C.J. MacLellan and Associates which detailed upgrades and repairs required to the Antigonish Arena. He noted that, in total, the work would cost approximately 1.3-1.4 million dollars, and provided some details on initial work that had been carried out through the Ice Rink Energy program. Mr. B.

MacInnis noted that presently the priority is to upgrade the ice surface, expected (in 2009) to cost \$500,000.00. He spoke on the need for the work to be carried out sooner than later, and, in response to a query from Mayor C. Chisholm, stated that he expected the costs to be split three (3) ways, between the Town, County, and Arena Commission. He further noted that if successful, a grant through Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection could garner 1/3 of the costs, to a maximum of \$150,000.00., but noted that applications for funding are typically due in February and, therefore, if an application were to be made in the upcoming year, fundraising would have to begin in the very near future.

Mr. M. Stewart spoke on Antigonish Minor Hockey's association with the Antigonish Arena, partnerships, and a successful pilot fundraiser last summer which saw the Minor Hockey participants sell 50-50 tickets weekly for a cash prize. He stated that he is looking at how the recent turf-field fundraiser was done and may look toward less demand on corporate sponsorship.

Mr. B. MacInnis provided brief details on some of the costs associated with maintaining the current ice surface.

Following a brief question and answer session the presenters left the meeting at 6:29 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

"That the Minutes of the June 20, 2011 (Closed), June 20, 2011 (Regular), July 4, 2011 (Special; Closed), July 5, 2011 (Special; In Camera), and July 5, 2011 (Special; Closed) be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

There was no Business from the Minutes to discuss.

Correspondence

- Mr. Kinnon Beaton re The Buddy MacMaster School of Fiddling; request to Sponsor Student Correspondence from Mr. Kinnon Beaton request to sponsor a student for The Buddy MacMaster School of Fiddling was Tabled.

Staff Reports

- Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

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

Interim CAO T. Wadden noted that Financial Report to June 30, 2011, was attached to his Report and encouraged Council to put forth any questions they may have.

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

"That Council write-off Account #724197 in the amount of \$36.01." Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

“That Council write-off Account #724195 in the amount of \$385.56 to settle a disputed account.”

Motion carried.

- Comptrollers Report

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

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

- Electric Utility Manager Report

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

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

- Engineer’s Report

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

“That the Engineer’s Report be received for information.” Motion carried.

- Planning and Building Services Department Report

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

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

Motion carried.

- Recreation Report

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

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

Committee Reports

- Public Properties and Streets Committee

Councillor S. Cameron noted that the Public Properties and Streets meeting scheduled for June was cancelled due to a staff members conflict with another meeting and therefore he had nothing to report.

- Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee

Councillor L. Chisholm noted that the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee meeting scheduled for July had been cancelled as most of the work associated with the Summer months had been taken care of.

- Planning Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

“That Council give First Reading and set a date for a Public Hearing to consider Development Agreement DA1.11 concerning commercial uses at 22 Church Street.”

- Waste Management and Police & License Committees
Councillor J. MacPherson noted that the Waste Management and Police & License Committee meetings scheduled for July had been cancelled and therefore he had nothing to report.

- Recreation Committee
Councillor D. MacInnis noted that the Recreation meeting scheduled for July had been cancelled and that the meeting scheduled for August would also be cancelled and therefore he had nothing to report.

- Fire Committee
Deputy Mayor D. Roberts noted that she had nothing to report.

Other Business

Deputy Mayor D. Roberts assumed the Chair.

- Management Letter for the Audit Year Ended March 31, 2011
Moved by Mayor C. Chisholm
Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm
“That Council accept the Management Letter for the Audit for the Year Ended March 31, 2011.”

- Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year ended March 31, 2011
Moved by Mayor C. Chisholm
Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier
“That Council approve the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2011.”

Deputy Mayor D. Roberts vacated the Chair and Mayor C. Chisholm resumed the meeting.

- Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Moved by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts
Seconded by Councillor S. Chisholm
“That Council appoint T. Wadden, CA, as Interim Chief Administrative Officer until such time as a new Chief Administrative Officer is hired, and that Interim CAO T. Wadden and Deputy Clerk D. Wilson’s salaries be adjusted as agreed.” Motion carried.

- Good Neighbours – Strong Neighbourhoods
Council briefly reviewed a pamphlet from the City of Fredericton, New Brunswick, entitled ‘Good Neighbours Strong Neighbourhoods’, which is distributed to university students and provides information on contacts, rights as a tenant, tenant and landlord responsibilities, community living, programs provided, laws and regulations, and websites. Council generally agreed that a similar pamphlet would be good for the Town to have available. Mayor C. Chisholm requested Council bring the document to their various Committees for information and to provide input in the creation of such a pamphlet for the Town.

- 5th Annual Antigonish International Film Festival
Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm
Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier
“That Council provide sponsorship to the Antigonish International Film Festival in the amount of \$500.00, and be featured in the upcoming Talk of the Town for promotional purposes.” Motion carried.

- Naming of T-100 Road

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“That the Town approve the name ‘Henry Lane’ to the T-100 Road in the area to the rear of Arbor Drive in memory of the Town’s first female Councillor, Ms. E. Henry.” Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

“That Council authorize Interim CAO T. Wadden and Mayor C. Chisholm to sign, on behalf of the Town of Antigonish, the contract documents for Diamond Software (Software provider) and ABM Solutions (hosting vendor) relevant to the Information Technology (IT) Project.” Motion carried.

Policy

- Arts and Culture Policy (Final Approval)

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

“That Council approve the Town of Antigonish Arts and Culture Policy.” Motion carried.

- Bursary Policy

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

“That Council approve the Town of Antigonish Bursary Policy.” Motion defeated with all of Council voting nay.

Brief discussion took place with Council in general agreement that the Policy should provide clearer direction on a students’ need for a bursary and the manner of payment of the bursaries.

Resolution

- Resolution 11/12-1; Temporary Borrowing Resolution re People's Place Library
Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm
Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Town of Antigonish, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS clause 65 (w) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Town of Antigonish to expend funds for the purpose of public libraries;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000) in total for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Town borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve Months (12) from the date of the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.”
Motion carried.

Interim CAO T. Wadden, CA, responded to questions from Council on various aspects of the Resolution.

- **Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department**

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

“That Interim CAO, T. Wadden, CA, be directed to write a letter of congratulations to the Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance in ensuring no damage was done to the artificial turf field during the Canada Day Fireworks display.” Motion carried.

Adjournment

Prior to adjournment Deputy Mayor D. Roberts welcomed Interim CAO, T. Wadden, CA, to his new role. Councillor D. MacInnis reminded Council of the need to review signing authority for the Town.

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.