

**Council Minutes  
August 15, 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 6:08 PM.

**Public Hearing**

- Mr. S. Day, Planner re DA1.11; 22 Church Street, Antigonish  
Mr. S. Day, Planner, welcomed the developer, Dr. D. Cudmore, to the Hearing. He then provided a PowerPoint presentation on a proposal which would see an interim private parking lot developed for a three (3) year period with an option to renew for an additional three (3) years. S. Day outlined the history of the land, land use designation and zoning, the proposal, policy review, and matters that Council must have regard to with respect to amendments to the Land Use By-law or Development Agreement applications. Site and elevations plans were also presented and reviewed.

No written or verbal submissions were received regarding the proposed development.

Following brief discussion it was generally agreed to amend the Agreement to have the four (4) foot lattice fence facing the Church Street portion of the lot to be elevated to five (5) feet in height, if necessary.

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That the Town enter into Development Agreement DA1.11 with Antigonish Medical Associates Inc. as amended.” Motion carried.

At 6:25 PM the Public Hearing concluded and Dr. D. Cudmore left the meeting.

**Presentation**

- Mr. M. Gabriel and Mr. K. VandeSande re Haley Road  
Mr. M. Gabriel and Mr. K. VandeSande, representing businesses and homeowners of Haley Road, spoke on increasing concerns they have as the area is further developed. Specifically,

vehicle and pedestrian safety, along with the lack of infrastructure to permit the installation of curb, gutter, and paving were sited. No delineation of the road was discussed as Council was advised that vehicles travel haphazardly through the area, and pedestrians walk to and from the area of the hospital, passing through private lands on Haley Road. The delegates noted the increase in business tradesmen, vehicular, and pedestrian traffic in the area.

Mr. S. Day, Planner, stated the difficulty in calculating infrastructure requirements when no firm development plans are in place.

Mayor C. Chisholm thanked the delegates for their presentation noting that Haley Road would be given consideration during upcoming budget deliberations and encouraged the delegates to work with Town staff in an effort to have matters move forward.

At 6:50 PM the delegates left the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

“That the Minutes of July 18, 2011, Council (Regular), July 18, 2011, Council (Closed), July 22, 2011 (Email Poll), and August 3, 2011, (Email Poll) 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

Following brief discussion Council noted that there was not an individual specified to receive the funding, that it was agreed not to purchase a seat for the upcoming Buddy MacMaster School of Fiddling as it did not follow the grants policy.

- Kristi Bejczak, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada re September 15, 2011, Proclamation – National Family Dinner Night

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

“That the Town Proclaim September 15, 2011, as National Family Dinner Night.” Motion Carried.

Mayor C. Chisholm noted that for each person that registers on-line for National Family Dinner Night, M&M Meats will donate \$1.00 to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada.

- Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) re Biosolids Panel Discussion at UNSM Fall Conference

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“That the Town of Antigonish supports the issue of Biosolids being added as a Panel Discussion at the UNSM Fall Conference.” Motion carried.

## **Staff Reports**

- Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

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

Interim CAO T. Wadden requested Council review the monthly Financial Statement and put forth any questions they may have.

### **Personnel**

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

“That Mr. John Pellerin be hired as the Town’s Animal Control Officer/Special Constable.”

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

“That Mr. Joe Landry be hired as a Water/Wastewater Operator for the Town of Antigonish, per the terms of the Union Contract, effective August 16, 2011.” Motion carried.

### **Resolution**

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

“That Resolution 2011-08-15: Signing Authority be approved as follows:

#### **“RESOLUTION 2011-08-15: SIGNING AUTHORITY**

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Be it resolved that the following individuals are authorized as a signing authority for the Town of Antigonish:

Elected:

Mayor Carl Chisholm

Deputy Mayor Diane Roberts

Appointed:

Dianne Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Tom Wadden, Comptroller

Further be it resolved that two signatures are required – one elected official and one appointed official.” Motion carried.

Interim CAO T. Wadden provided comment on the titles of some Departments/Department Heads noting that the titles can create difficulties in communicating with staff in other municipal units.

### **Award of Tender**

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

“That Council award the purchase of an Altec DM47-BC Digger Derrick Truck from Altec Industries Ltd. at a cost of \$244,411.00 + HST as it is in the best interest of the Town.

- Comptrollers Report

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. Macinnis

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

- Electric Utility Report

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

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

Brief discussion took place on the twinning of the TransCanada at the #7 Highway as it relates to electric utility services.

- Engineer’s Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

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

Brief discussion took place on outstanding deficiencies to the Canal Bridge and difficulties large trucks are experiencing as they turn from St. Andrew’s Street toward the bridge.

- Planning and Building Services Report

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

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

Brief discussion took place on the low cost of building permits.

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

“That the fees charged for building permits for the Town be investigated.” Motion carried.

It was noted that Mr. J. MacDougall’s monthly report was not included with the Planning and Building Services Report, and further, that the Fire/Safety and Building Inspection Reports should be incorporated into the monthly Planning Report.

- Recreation Report

The Recreation Report was unavailable.

### **Committee Reports**

- Fire Committee

Deputy Mayor D. Roberts stated she had nothing to report.

- Recreation Committee

Councillor D. MacInnis stated he had nothing to report.

- Waste Management Committee  
Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts  
“That the Antigonish Skateboard Association carry out a clean-up of the downtown area on August 25, 2011, beginning at 7:00 PM.” Motion carried.

- Police & License Committee  
Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson  
Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm  
“That Council approve three (3) Noise By-law exemptions for the St. F.X. University Student’s Union as follows:
  - September 4, 2011 – 9:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight – “Dancing in the Streets”
  - September 6, 2011 – 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM – “Rain”
  - September 10, 2011 – 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM – “Outdoor Concert.”” Motion carried.

- Public Properties and Streets Committee  
Councillor S. Cameron stated he had nothing to report.

- Beautification Committee  
Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm  
Seconded by councillor S. Cameron  
“That Council investigate the potential for declaring the Centre-block of Main Street (College Street to Church Street) smoke-free, with support and enforcement.” Motion carried.

Brief discussion took place on the reason for the motion and other communities which have adopted by-laws which have been successful in this regard.

- Planning Advisory Committee  
Moved by Councillor S. Cameron  
Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm  
“That Council amend a proposed motion to indicate the Town will ‘investigate’ amending the Noise Control By-law as soon as possible to clarify the responsibilities of property owners for noise violations on their property(ies).” Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier  
Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson  
“That Council investigate amending the Noise Control By-law as soon as possible to clarify the responsibilities of property owners for noise violations on their property(ies).” Motion carried.

### **Other Business**

- Tree at Chisholm Park  
Deputy Mayor D. Roberts noted that a plan is in the works for a different type of lighting for a tree at Chisholm Park following the disappointing defect in the previous attempt at lighting the tree.

- Communities in Bloom

Councillor L. Chisholm provided information from the Beautification Committee on a competition for local Town gardeners in four (4) categories through the 2011 Communities in Bloom Scotts Gardens contest noting the deadline is August 30, 2011.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.