

**Regular Council
December 19, 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

S. Feist, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier
Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts
“That the Agenda be approved with additions.” Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson
Seconded by Councillor L. MacPherson
“That the Minutes of the November 21, 2011, Council (Regular) and November 21, 2011, Council (Closed) be approved.” Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

- Correspondence to Antigonish Town and County Library
Councillor D. MacInnis questioned whether his request to have the Library consider Sunday openings had been sent. Further to a response from the Deputy Clerk, CAO S. Feist agreed to look into the matter. It was noted that correspondence to the Head Librarian and the Dr. J. H. Gillis High School and Straight Regional School Board may also need to be done.

Correspondence

- Ms. N. Landry; Canadian Cancer Society Re; Anti-Smoking Policies (Deputy Mayor D. Roberts)
Brief discussion took place on Mr. N. Landry's correspondence and request to appear before Council. It was generally agreed that this is not necessary as Policies are already in place with respect to no smoking at Recreational spaces. CAO S. Feist agreed to write Mr. N. Landry in this regard.
- M. Charlton, Alzheimer Society Nova Scotia Re: Proclamation
Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson
Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis
“That the Town of Antigonish Proclaim January 2012, as Alzheimer Awareness Month.” Motion carried.

- Heritage Association of Antigonish Re: Heritage Advisory Committee
Brief discussion took place on the correspondence from the Antigonish Heritage Committee's request that a Town or Town and County Heritage Advisory Committee be formed. CAO S. Feist agreed to write the Antigonish Heritage Association to advise that Town Council would discuss the matter with County officials.

Reports

- CAO Report
CAO S. Feist advised on a new Engineering student being hired by the Town's Engineering Department and upcoming retirement of a Town staff member.

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

"To receive the verbal CAO Report for information." Motion carried.

- Comptrollers Report

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

"To receive the Comptrollers Report for information." Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Antigonish regarding an Application by the Town of Antigonish on behalf of its Electric Utility, for an amendment to its Schedule of Rates for Electricity to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

"Resolution 2011-12-19A: Electric Rates

Be it Resolved that the Town of Antigonish apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for the Municipal Electric flow through of the FAM (Full Adjustment Mechanism) and DSM (Demand Side Management) Rider as well as the General Rate Application increase." Motion carried.

- Electric Utility Manager Report

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

"To receive the Electric Utility Manager Report for information." Motion carried.

"Resolution 2011-12-19: Signing Authority

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

Elected:

Mayor Carl Chisholm

Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

Appointed:

Stephen Feist, Chief Administrative Officer

Tom Wadden, Comptroller

Further be it resolved that two (2) signatures are required – one (1) elected official and one (1) appointed official." Motion carried.

- **Engineer's Report**

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

"To receive the Engineer's Report for information." Motion carried.

- **Planning and Building Services Report**

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

"To receive the Planning and Building Services Report for information." Motion carried.

Brief discussion took place on three (3) complaints referred to the Department of Health, and the fees charged for building permits. CAO S. Feist agreed to look into these matters.

- **Recreation Report**

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

"To receive the Recreation Report for information." Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- **Fire Committee**

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

- **Recreation Committee**

Councillor D. MacInnis advised he had nothing to report.

- **Police and License Committee**

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

"That discussion take place with the County of Antigonish regarding Animal Control prior to a decision being made on amending the Town's Animal Control By-law." Motion carried.

Brief discussion took place on the number of cats roaming within the Town and the groups/organizations that are trying to help with the situation. It was noted that the Motion was put forth in an effort to get dialogue going with respect to animal facilities and to make an effort for all to co-operate. Further discussion on the matter to be undertaken with CAO S. Feist.

- **Waste Management Committee**

Councillor J. MacPherson reminded Council of the upcoming Christmas Tree Mulching event to take place at the Antigonish Mall on Saturday, January 7, 2012, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. He noted the event is sponsored by the Antigonish Kinsmen Club.

- **Planning Advisory Committee**

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

"That Council give consideration in the upcoming budget deliberations to allot sufficient funds for a study on parking in the downtown." Motion carried.

Councillor W. Cormier provided details behind the Motion.

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That the Town’s Fire Inspector be tasked with obtaining yearly maintenance reports confirming privately owned fire hydrants are operable and in working condition.” Motion carried.

Councillor W. Cormier provided details noting the importance in ensuring all fire hydrants are in working order.

- Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That a maximum of \$6,500.00 previously earmarked for signage projects be available to the Antigonish Regional Development Authority (ARDA) for future projects for the Town including signage and branding.” Motion carried.

Councillor L. Chisholm advised Council that the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee now has a Facebook™ account, and acknowledged the Public Works Staff for all of their efforts in assisting the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee.

- Public Properties and Streets Committee re: Salt Haul Tender

Councillor S. Cameron noted that four (4) submissions were received with the Tender closing on December 8, 2011.

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That the 2011-12 Salt Hauling Tender be awarded to Bernard Landry Trucking at the tendered price of \$13,882.80, plus HST.” Motion carried.

Other Business

- Policy re Memorial Donations (Deputy Mayor D. Roberts)

A sample Guideline for Congratulatory & Sympathy Gifts was circulated to Council. Following brief discussion it was generally agreed to have CAO S. Feist look further into such a Policy.

- Parking On West Street (Councillor S. Cameron)

Discussion took place on parking being banned on both sides of West Street. Councillor J. MacPherson responded to Councillor S. Cameron’s concerns regarding the motion that was originally put forth and how it evolved to parking being banned on both sides of the street, and enforcement. Brief discussion also took place on parking on St. Ninian Street.

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

“That parking be eliminated on both sides of West Street and that illegal parking be enforced.” Motion carried, with one (1) Nay vote.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That the meeting be adjourned to allow for a Public Hearing.” Motion carried.

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Call to Order

Mayor C. Chisholm called the meeting to order at 8:50 PM.

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts
Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson
"That Regular Council re-convene." Motion carried.

New Year's Levee

Mayor C. Chisholm reminded those in the gallery that Council would be holding its annual New Year Levee on Sunday, January 1, 2012, from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM.

Brief discussion took place on having a non-alcoholic Levee.

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm
Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron
"That the 2012 Levee be alcohol-free." Motion carried.

Policy re Firefighters

Brief discussion took place on a Policy regarding firefighters, with CAO S. Feist agreeing to look into the matter.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis
Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron
"That the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.

