

**Council Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2009  
Council Chambers**

**Present**

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

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

**Media**

M. MacDonald, observer

**Call to Order**

Mayor C. Chisholm called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“That the Agenda be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

**Presentations**

- Ms. Danielle Boucher, Event Co-ordinator, Olympic Torch Relay  
Ms. S. Long, Communications Officer for the Antigonish Regional Development Authority was in attendance to speak on behalf of Ms. D. Boucher. She reported that a Task Force for the local Torch Relay was put together and included representation from the Town, County, St. FX University, RCMP, Nova Scotia Office Health Promotion and Protection, and RBC (Royal Bank). Mrs. I. MacLeod was appointed Chair and the group met and organized all aspects of the Relay. \$15,000.00 was received from Heritage Canada and used to hire D. Boucher as the Event Co-ordinator.

S. Long reported on various aspects of the Relay including: a stop in Tracadie; E.Gillis as the local torch bearer; a song written specifically for Antigonish; painting donated to the new Library by RBC; and the torch used in Antigonish donated to the Town. She noted that if not for partnerships the event would not have been possible and, even in the pouring rain, the Relay saw approximately 2,500 people turn out. She thanked the Town for their support of the Relay.

Mayor C. Chisholm thanked S. Long for her presentation.

- Antigonish Town and County Crime Prevention Association, Presentation of Award of Recognition

Cst. J. Arnold and S. Long were in attendance to present an Award of Recognition to the Town for their support of the Seniors Program. Councillor D. Roberts accepted the award on behalf of the Town.

Mayor C. Chisholm thanked the S. Long and Cst. J. Arnold for the Award and they left the meeting at 7:11 PM.

- **Mr. D. Berry, Whidden Street Committee**

Mr. D. Berry introduced other members of the Whidden Street Committee in attendance including: C. Munro, J. Murray, A. MacGillivray, and A. Farrell. He stated that the residents in the area have serious concerns as more than sixty (60) homes in the area have flooded since 1999. He then distributed a list of timelines and actions for the period of July 4, 2009, to date.

D. Berry provided statistics the Committee had gathered including letters from 42 affected residents and approximately \$1.5 million in damage.

Mr. J. Murray distributed spreadsheets summarizing the extent and number of homes affected. A map identifying the flooded areas was presented and it was noted that key areas received multiple floods and noted the floods were at different times in various locations.

Pictures of flooded areas were presented, and reference was made to two (2) documents commissioned by the Town, one by Dr. D. Waller and the other by C.J. MacLellan and Associates. Council was referred to various comments provided in the Dr. D. Waller Report.

D. Berry relayed his frustration with the inaction of the Town in not responding to e-mails and the status of the report being carried out by Horner/ADI. He stated the group is not interested in seeking legal advice or action, that they simply want the problem(s) resolved. Copies of the Committee's Goals were circulated to Council.

Mayor C. Chisholm acknowledged the Committee's frustration and noted that until such time as the Horner/ADI report is received, there is nothing that Council can do but assured the Committee that Council will do whatever is necessary as soon as they can. D. Berry suggested the Town review the existing Reports and questioned whether they would have to provide a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) request to receive a copy of the Horner/ADI Report. Mayor C. Chisholm assured the Committee that once the Report is received, it would be reviewed by Council and the Committee would then be contacted.

In response to Councillor D. Roberts question as to whether all of Council could receive e-mails in the future, D. Berry indicated they could.

Mayor C. Chisholm thanked the Committee for their attendance and they left the meeting at 7:45 PM.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

"That the Minutes of the November 2, 2009 (special), November 16, 2009 (regular), November 26, 2009 (e-mail poll), November 30, 2009 (e-mail poll), and November 30, 2009 (e-mail poll #2) be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

### **Business from Minutes**

There was no Business from the Minutes.

### **Correspondence**

- Alzheimer Society, Nova Scotia, re Proclamation of January as Alzheimer Awareness Month.

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

“That Council proclaim January as Alzheimer Awareness Month.” Motion carried.

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities re Proclamation of February 7 to 12, 2010, as International Development Week

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“That Council proclaim February 7 to 12, 2010, as International Development Week.” Motion carried.

### **Staff Reports**

- Comptroller’s Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

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

Councillor J. MacPherson commended the Comptroller on his correspondence with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

- Electric Utility Manager Report

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

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

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That Council 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).” Motion carried.

- Engineer’s Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by councillor D. Roberts

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

Councillor D. Roberts commended the Town Engineer for the details provided in his Report.

- Planning and Building Services Report

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

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

- Recreation Report

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

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

### **Committee Reports**

- CAO Report

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

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

- Request for Proposals: Seniors Snowplowing

CAO D. Kampen advised that a letter was received from Carsen Enterprises Ltd. indicating that they are unable to meet their contractual obligation.

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

“To award the 2009/10 Seniors Snowplowing to Lawrence MacDonald Trucking at a cost of \$35.00 per driveway.” Motion carried.

- Appointment of Building Official

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

“To appoint R. Fraser as a Building Official for the Town of Antigonish for the purpose of reviewing building plans for St. F.X. University.” Motion carried.

- Fire Inspector/Safety Officer

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

“To approve the job description for the Fire Inspector/Safety Officer as presented by CAO D. Kampen.” Motion carried.

- Building Inspector/By-law Enforcement Officer

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

“To approve the job description for the Building Inspector/By-law Enforcement Officer as presented by CAO D. Kampen.” Motion carried.

- Committee Schedule

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“To approve the Council and Committee Schedule 2010, as presented.” Motion carried.

- Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee

Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm noted that no meeting was held during the month of December. She gratefully acknowledged the assistance of CAO D. Kampen and Engineering/Public Works staff in having wreaths placed on lamp posts for the Holiday Season.

- Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor W. Cormier reported Council that the Planning Advisory Committee continues to look at the issue of licensing rental properties and may ask a lawyer from Oshawa who was involved in a lawsuit concerning rental units to come to Antigonish to discuss the matter of licensing rental properties.

- Waste Management Committee

Councillor J. MacPherson reported that the Resource Recovery Fund Board recently awarded the Tire Derived Aggregate Program to Halifax C&D. The Municipality of the District of Guysborough, which was also in the running for the contract, is seeking letters of support from the municipal units in Region 2A to have the award reviewed. A letter of support is also being requested for additional municipal representation on the Resource Recovery Fund Board.

At 7:55 PM, Councillor S. Cameron declared a Conflict of Interest and left the meeting.

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“That CAO D. Kampen writes letters of support for a review of the award of the Tire Derived Aggregate Program to Halifax C&D and to the Resource Recovery Fund Board for additional municipal representation.” Motion carried.

At 7:57 PM, Councillor S. Cameron returned to the meeting.

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“That CAO D. Kampen writes the Municipality of the County of Antigonish and Eastern Sanitation Limited to advise them that the Town will not be amending their By-law at this time with respect to where construction and demolition materials are to be deposited.” Motion carried.

- Police & Licensing Committee

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“That the Town of Antigonish Winter Parking Regulations be in effect from December 1, 2009, to April 15, 2010, from 12:01 AM to 7:00 AM on all Town streets, parking lots, and including all streets and marked parking lots on St FX University Campus.” Motion carried.

- Fire Committee

Councillor D. Roberts reported that the Fire Department reported no change in its officers but that three (3) firemen leaving the Department are to be replaced.

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

“That J. Walsh, A. O’ Connor, and R. VanOirschot be appointed to the Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department.” Motion carried.

### **By-law**

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

“That Council give Second and Final Reading to the Town of Antigonish Trade & Licensing By-law.” Motion carried.

## **Policy**

- Designated Holiday Policy

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

“That Council give Final Approval to the Town of Antigonish Designated Holiday Policy.” Motion carried.

- Vacation Policy

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That Council give Final Approval to the Town of Antigonish Vacation Policy.” Motion carried.

## **Resolution**

- Resolution 2009-12-21: Signing Authority

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

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

Elected:

Mayor Carl Chisholm

Deputy Mayor Liz Chisholm

Appointed:

Debbie Kampen, Chief Administrative Officer

Tom Wadden, Comptroller

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

- Resolution 2009-12-21A:

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm:

“Be it resolved that the Town Chief Administrative Office/Clerk and/or the Town Comptroller be authorized to borrow an amount not exceeding One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) at any one time on behalf of the Town of Antigonish from the Bank of Nova Scotia to meet, until the taxes are collected, current expenditures for the 2009-10 year.” Motion carried.

## **Other Business**

- Friends of the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

Councillor S. Cameron advised Council that the Friends of the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library would be holding a Dinner Theatre on Thursday, January 22, 2010.

## **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.