

**Town Council Minutes
February 15, 2010
Council Chambers**

Present

Mayor C. Chisholm
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
G. Grant, Executive Director /G. Lerikos/S. Long/S. MacIntyre - Antigonish Regional
Development Authority
R. Hadley, Antigonish Highland Society
R. Tate/K. Smith, Antigonish Areas Seniors' Association
K. Malhotra re Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)

Call to Order

Mayor C. Chisholm called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis
Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier
"That the Agenda be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier
Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson
"That the Minutes of January 18, 2010, be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Presentations

- K. Malhotra re Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)
Mr. K. Mulholtra was in attendance to update Council on the status of their Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP). He noted Council had approved the draft form of the Plan last year and it was submitted to the Province. As a result of feedback received from the Province, some changes were made including having the Plan more structured, more tie-in with the Provincial Statements of Interest and changing the Vision Statement refer to Antigonish rather than the Town of Antigonish (same as County of Antigonish). A one-page excerpt from the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan showing some of the visual changes was distributed. He noted that the final Plan is required to be submitted by March 31, 2010. Upon request, K. Mulholtra agreed for forward a final copy of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan to CAO D. Kampen.

Mayor C. Chisholm thanked K. Mulholtra for his presentation and he left the meeting at 7:07 PM.

- G. Grant, Executive Director, Antigonish Regional Development Authority
Mr. G. Grant, accompanied by Ms. S. Long, Mr. G. Lerikos, and Ms. S. MacIntyre, were in attendance to update Council on their recent activities and role within the area. A slide presentation was made to Council outlining the activities of the Antigonish Regional Development Authority over the past year.

Highlights of the presentation by G. Grant included information on: funding partners, performance-based funding, basic requirements for funding, mid-year feedback, business planning process, review of 2009-10 business plan, meetings with the Clerk, and Chief Administrative Officer, 2009-10 strategic directions, core initiatives, potential strategic initiatives, and a request for Council for continued, and possible additional funding.

Mr. G. Lerikos, Chair of the Antigonish Regional Development Authority's Board of Directors, spoke on the importance of leverage and explained how funds beyond core funding from the Town to their Strategic Initiative Fund could lead to additional funding from the Federal and Provincial governments.

Mayor C. Chisholm thanked the delegates for the presentation which concluded at 7:30 PM.

- R. Hadley, Antigonish Highland Society
Mr. R. Hadley of the Antigonish Highland Society, accompanied by Mr. R. Cochrane, and Ms. S. MacIntyre, were in attendance to present Council with a recap of their activities over the past year. Copies of an Economic Impact Assessment prepared on behalf of the Antigonish Highland Society were distributed.

R. Hadley spoke on the success of the 2009 Highland Games which included their efforts to reach further out into County communities, revival of the Bike Ride, a new Highland Hike, St. Andrew's Family Square Dance, and support for the Heatherton Lobster Supper. He noted that work is ongoing in an effort to have the Highland Games and associated activities run for two (2) full weekends. Further, he noted that they are also working on having a kick-off ceilidh in the community of St. Joseph's next year and reviving the Highland Society Track Club.

Ms. S. MacIntyre provided details on how information for the Economic Impact Assessment was gathered by face-to-face surveys, the use of Lived Palm PDA Technology and daily goals and targets. She noted the infusion of \$1,600,000.00 to the benefit of the Town and County during the Highland Games with the amounts being determined by Direct, Indirect and Induced measurements.

R. Hadley advised that they have been able to change the date of the Highland Games which had conflicted with other events in the past. He noted the Antigonish Highland Society would be celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2011.

R. Cochrane advised that they are hoping to have the Great Book of Gaelic Art which features one hundred original pieces of artwork, featured in store windows, to be accompanied by a walking tour.

Council was thanked for their past generous financial support, and R. Cochrane acknowledged much in-kind support received from the Recreation and Public Works Departments. He requested Council consider a three-(3) year commitment of \$10,000.00 per year to 2012.

Mayor C. Chisholm thanked the delegates and they left the meeting at 7:55 PM, along with representatives of the Antigonish Regional Development Authority.

- R.Tate/K. Smith, Antigonish Area Seniors' Association
Correspondence and a financial statement from the Antigonish Area Seniors' Association were previously distributed.

Ms. K. Smith was in attendance on behalf of the Antigonish Area Seniors' Association to seek financial support from the Town to host the first Seniors Games in this area on June 26, 2010. She noted that the Association is made up of members from the six (6) Seniors' Clubs in Antigonish town and County.

Ms. R. Tate spoke on the social and physical benefits of the Seniors Games and noted that as this is the first time the Games are being held, it will be necessary to purchase the major start-up items necessary such as games, balls, shuffleboard, etc. She noted that an application has been made to the Positive Aging Fund and that the Seniors Clubs will also fundraise.

A brief question and answer session and discussion of the costs associated with the host site in St. Andrew's took place.

The Mayor thanked the delegates for their presentation and they left the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Business from Minutes

- There was no Business from the Minutes.

Correspondence

- Canadian Red Cross re Proclamation of March as Red Cross Month

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

"That Council declare March 2010, as Red Cross Month." Motion carried.

Staff Reports

- Comptrollers Report

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

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

- Electric Utility Manager Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

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

- Engineer's Report

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

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

Councillor D. Roberts noted the length of the Engineer’s Report and questioned whether it could be shortened.

Councillor W. Cormier made reference to the recent purchase of a salt truck. Mayor C. Chisholm noted that the truck is ready to go and that a photo opportunity with Public Works staff and K. Proctor, P.Eng., Town Engineer, had been held earlier in the day.

- Planning and Building Inspector’s Report

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

“That the Planning and Building Inspector’s Report be received for information.” Motion carried.

- Recreation Report

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

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

In response to a question from Councillor J. MacPherson, Mayor C. Chisholm updated Council on information recently distributed regarding a Pace Car Program.

Committee Reports

- CAO Report

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“That Council provide Ms. T. Cameron, Recreation Director, with signing authority for the Canada Day application.” Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That Council accept the Draft EcoNova Scotia Energy Audit for information.” Motion carried.

- Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“That Council accept the resignation of Mr. M. Gabrieau and be advised that the Chair of the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee will write a letter of thanks to M. Gabrieau for his past involvement and support.” Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“To recommend that Council support, in principle, an application to be submitted to the Department of Canadian Heritage – Cultural Capitals of Canada.” Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm explained that application came about as a result of a cultural round-table and is expected to be put together by the Antigonish Highland Society but technically must be submitted by a municipal unit (the Town). She noted that no municipal unit in Nova Scotia has yet been awarded Cultural Capital of Canada, and that, if successful, funding is available from \$75,000.00 to \$500,000.00, depending on your population.

- Waste Management Committee
Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson
Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts
“To recommend Council approve a Bulky Waste Collection program to be held in mid-April 2010, and mid-September 2010.” Motion carried.

In response to a query from Councillor W. Cormier, Councillor J. MacPherson note the success of the initial collection and noted that the upcoming April and September collections will garner how much material is actually out there for collection

- Recreation
Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis
Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
“That Council recommend Ms. L. Boucher be named Volunteer of the Year for the Town of Antigonish.” Motion carried.

By-law

- Solid Waste-Resource Management By-law
Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson
Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts
“To recommend Council give First Reading to the revised Solid Waste Management By-law.”
Motion carried.

Other Business

- Recovery House
Moved by Councillor D. Roberts
Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
“That Council approve financial assistance to Recovery House in the amount of \$2,000.00.”
Motion carried.

Adjournment

- Moved by Councillor W. Cormier
Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis
“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.