

**Town Council Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2009
Town Council Chambers**

Present

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

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

Media

M. MacDonald, Observer
G. Grant, Antigonish Regional Development Authority

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm
Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron
"That the Agenda be approved with additions." Motion carried.

Presentation

- Mr. Gerry Grant, Executive Director, Antigonish Regional Development Authority (ARDA) Council welcomed Mr. G. Grant who indicated he was present to update Council on the activities of the Antigonish Regional Development Authority over the past six (6) months.

Mr. G. Grant acknowledged the Antigonish Regional Development Authority Directors, provided information on how the amount of funding received is performance based, efforts being made to improve their partnerships with stakeholders, and increasing capacity in the Region. He then reviewed the Antigonish Regional Development Authority's four strategic directions which include: business and community development, marketing Antigonish, and population attraction and retention.

Mr. G. Grant then reviewed mid-year highlights, some of which include: strategic planning; economic impacts, Board/staff development and partnerships. He noted some of the partnerships that the Antigonish Regional Development Authority is working with increased communications, re-branding of their website, and economic impact projects.

With respect to Communities Capacity, he reviewed the groups/endeavours that were assisted over the past six month, some of which include: local food guide; Antigonish Town and County Recreation Project; Olympic Torch Relay; and the Antigonish Highland Society. He noted that they had assisted with strategic planning with the Town of Antigonish, Beautification and Rehabilitation Committee, and the Antigonish Highland Society. G. Grant noted that the Board

participates in development workshops, regular Board meetings. and numerous ad hoc committee meetings.

Council thanked G. Grant for his presentation and he left the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

“That the Minutes of the meetings held on October 19, 2009, (regular), October 23, 2009, (e-mail poll), October 29, 2009, (e-mail poll), and November 9, 2009, (e-mail poll) be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

Business from the Minutes

- LED Streetlight Pilot Project

In response to a query from Mayor C. Chisholm, CAO D. Kampen responded that she was unsure whether information regarding the LED Streetlight Pilot Project was included in the upcoming Talk of the Town, but would check with T. Wadden, Comptroller. Mayor C. Chisholm noted that the lights have now been installed on West Street, to be followed by Highland Drive to Braemore Avenue.

Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That Council appoint Councillor L. Chisholm to the position of Deputy Mayor for the term of November 2009, to November 2010.” Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

“To receive the Comptroller’s Report for information.” Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

“To receive the Electric Utility Manager’s Report for information.” Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

“To receive the Engineer’s Report for information.” Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“To receive the Planning and Building Services Department Report for information.” Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“To receive the Recreation Report for information.” Motion carried.

Mayor C. Chisholm reported that there will be a profit of \$4,377.90 as a result of the recent Torch Relay, although he was unsure where the profit would go.

Committee Reports

- **Antigonish Town and County Crime Prevention Committee**

Councillor D. Roberts reported on a very successful Safe Halloween Program which was organized by the Town and County Crime Prevention Committee, and saw St. FX Athletic students assist children in crossing the street at various crosswalks within the Town. Four students also assisted at a 'haunted house' on Fatima Street. She further noted that this was the tenth year for this program.

- **Waste Management Committee**

Councillor J. MacPherson reported that the first Bulky Waste Collection Program was very successful. He also reported on a successful Household Hazardous Waste Program and noted that word needs to get out to the general public that unused/unwanted paint can be taken to Enviro Depots® throughout the year.

- **Planning Advisory Committee**

Councillor W. Cormier reported that at the last meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee much discussion took place on the issue of licensing rental properties. He noted that the fabric of the community is changing which is also causing issues in the rental market. He noted that the Planning Advisory Committee is seeking to look at treating rental units similar to businesses and require them to be licensed (by permit), and properties to be maintained to a certain degree.

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

"That Council approve the Planning Advisory Committee exploring the possibility of licensing rental properties." Motion carried.

- **Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee**

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

"That Council consider removing costs associated with Pleasant Valley Nurseries, Celtic Community Homes, and employment costs for a gardener from the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee's budget into the Town's general budget during the 2010-11 budget deliberations." Motion carried.

Councillor L. Chisholm noted that the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee is in general agreement that the items identified to be removed from the budget should be considered by the Town to be regular maintenance costs. In response to a comment by Councillor S. Cameron, Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm advised that the Gardener does not fall under her direction but rather under the direction of the CAO.

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

"That CAO D. Kampen write letters of appreciation for improvements undertaken by the following: Antigonish Insurance (D. Bradshaw - exterior mural); Gabrieau's Bistro (M. Gabrieau

- wheelbarrow planter); MacLeod Group (B. MacLeod – exterior mural); and Antigonish Mall (P. MacLean – installation of planters during paving).” Motion carried.

Councillor D. Roberts has concern that by providing recognition to some community members , others might be missed and feel slighted.

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

“That CAO D. Kampen investigate having Christmas trees and wreaths placed along Main Street, lighting of a large tree at Chisholm Park and a Christmas tree outside the Town Hall.”

Motion carried.

- Representative on the Eastern Mainland Housing Authority Board

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“That Council approve the appointment of Mr. B. Barkhouse as the Town’s Representative on the Eastern Mainland Housing Authority Board.” Motion carried.

- Representative on the Antigonish Heritage Museum Board

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That Council approve the appointment of Mr. A. Armsworthy as the Town’s Representative on the Antigonish Heritage Museum Board.” Motion carried.

- Whidden Street Walkway

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“That Council approve \$5,715.00 + HST be expended to have Gray’s Greenhouse carry out improvements to the Whidden Street Walkway.” Motion carried.

- New Year’s Day Levee

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

“That Council host a New Year’s Day Levee from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM on January 1, 2010 in Town Council Chambers.” Motion carried.

- Christmas Bonus – Council and Staff

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“That Council approve Christmas Bonuses as per the CAO Report, as amended.” Motion carried.

- Travel Allowance

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

“To recommend to Council to approve amendments to the Travel Allowance for CAO D. Kampen such that the allowance would not be taxable.” Motion carried.

- **Write-offs**

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That the following accounts be written-off:

Account # 138852 in the amount of \$209.05;

Account # 505871 in the amount of \$1,769.09; and

Account # 103453 in the amount of \$3,260.40.” Motion carried.

By-law

- **Animal Control By-law (Second Reading)**

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

“That the Town of Antigonish Animal Control By-law and Schedule ‘B’ (new fines) pass Second Reading.” Motion carried.

- **Trade and Licensing By-law**

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“That the Town of Antigonish Trade and Licensing By-law pass First Reading.” Motion carried.

Resolution

- **Resolution 2009-11-16: Application for Approval of an Optional Domestic Time-of-Use Rate**

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Antigonish Electric Utility make an Application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for approval of an Optional Time-of-Use Rate, as set out in the Report prepared by Mr. Al Dominie dated November 2009.” Motion carried.

Other Business

There was no Other Business to be discussed.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.