

**Regular Town Council Minutes
February 19, 2019, 6:00 PM
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Mayor L. Boucher
Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis
Councillor A. Murray
Councillor W. Cormier
Councillor M. Farrell
Councillor J. MacPherson
Councillor D. Roberts

Also Present

CAO J. Lawrence
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
S. Scannell, Community Development Director
K. Gorman, Marketing & Communication
K. Proctor, P.Eng.

Media

Call to Order

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda as presented." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

- "It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of the Epoll Minutes of January 20, 2019, Regular and In Camera Council Minutes of January 22, 2019, and Special In Camera Minutes of February 4, 2019." Motion carried.

Presentations

- William Charles (Bud) MacLean

Mr. William "Bud" MacLean was requested to come forward. He was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Town for his efforts in reducing waste from being landfilled. A photo opportunity including all of Council took place.

- Recreation and Public Space Maintenance Service Review

S. Scannell noted Council had previously received a report outlining options to improve recreation and public space maintenance. He noted he had been working with the Recreation Director on the matter. S. Scannell then presented an overview of current and proposed changes/options for improvements. An analysis on the supervisor position was compared with other municipal units and he expanded on the details. Council was presented an overview of current mowing services and possible options/changes. A service responsibilities analysis was presented as well as a comparative analysis.

S. Scannell presented Council with a labor value analysis. A total of four recommendations were presented. Discussion ensued.

S. Scannell responded to queries from Council.

In response to a query, CAO J. Lawrence noted that Administration's recommendation is option #2.

Mayor L. Boucher spoke briefly to the matter and invited further comments from Council.

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve recommendation 3(b) as presented." Motion carried.

- Community Development

S. Scannell provided Council with an overview of the newly created Community Development department, its composition, and next steps. He then provided Council with background details and the Community Development Organizational Chart. Council was provided details on the the Community Development Department's mandate, service delivery mandate, collaboration & partnership, and the approach to date.

Council was advised that as a next step he would be interested in having discussions with Council as they move forward. S. Scannell responded to questions from Council.

- Traffic Authority and Deputy Traffic Authority (S. Scannell)

S. Scannell provided a PowerPoint presentation and noted the need for cross-training, noting that S/Cst. S. Smith is the Town's current and only Traffic Authority and spoke to the need for a Deputy Authority in the event S/Cst. is unavailable and provided various scenarios.

S. Scannell noted that Section 311 of the MGA provides direction in this regard, and that there are no budget implications, staff is already following standard training, and to move forward Council would need to appointment J. Pellerin.

CAO J. Lawrence provided response to a query from Council.

"It was Moved, and Seconded that Council approve the proposed Policy and appoint S/Cst. J. Pellerin as Deputy Traffic Authority for the Town of Antigonish." Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

- Divestiture of Land

CAO J. Lawrence noted that at the last meeting of Council he had been directed to determine if a bench might be suitable for the area the Town is considering selling. He noted that after speaking with the Town's Planner, although the Town would have the ability to place a bench, it might likely have an impact to the value of the land.

"It was Moved and Seconded to declare the land at 112 Church Street, Antigonish, surplus and have the CAO move forward with divestiture of the land." Motion carried.

In response to a query, CAO J. Lawrence acknowledged that staff would be making adjacent property owners aware of Council's decision to divest of the property.

- Interest in Project to Remove CAP

CAO J. Lawrence spoke briefly to the matter and questioned whether Council would be interested in participating. Discussion took place with CAO J. Lawrence providing additional details.

It was generally agreed to have the CAO move forward with obtaining additional information related to the proposed CAP removal project.

Correspondence

- S. Kirby; Mineral Play Fairway Project

The Mineral Play Fairway Project was discussed briefly.

"It was Moved and Seconded that staff provide a letter of support to Energy and Mines Minister Mombourquette and Finance Minister Casey to encourage them to fund the surveys detailed in the Minerals Play Fairway report." Motion carried.

- Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Re: Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN)

CAO J. Lawrence noted that the District of St. Mary's is giving notice of one year to exit the ESREN but is also willing to work to overcome obstacles. CAO J. Lawrence responded to a query from a Councillor and noted that ESREN would be submitting a monthly report to Council, but not making a formal presentation each month.

- Eastern Strait Regional Network; Monthly Report
Previously discussed.

Staff Reports

- CAO Report

Various Councillors provided positive comment on the information contained in the CAO report.

Committee Reports

- Planning Advisory Committee

"It was Moved and Seconded to give first reading to a development agreement for 74-76 Church Street." Motion carried.

It was generally agreed that the public hearing be held at 5:30 PM on March 18, 2019.

"It was Moved and Seconded to endorse the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee to build an accessory ramp while maintaining the character of Town Hall." Motion carried.

- Solid Waste Management Committee

Councillor J. MacPherson noted that N. Haverkort would be in attendance at the Joint Council meeting tomorrow evening to provide information regarding household hazardous waste and options for disposal.

- Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee

Councillor A. Murray advised that the Committee is still working on Christmas décor and will be meeting soon to pick flowers for the upcoming season.

- Police & License Committee

Councillor D. Roberts reported on changes to parades, crosswalk flags being removed, and a trial project for crosswalk flags at Main/Acadia Streets.

She further noted that a parking kiosk at the Sydney Street parking lot will be implemented once the lines have been painted in the spring.

Councillor D. Roberts advised that the 'no right on a red' at West/Highland is due to driveways in the vicinity and had been assessed by the provincial traffic authority.

Following a query from a Councillor it was noted that there has been an issue with the Dept. of Justice which in turn is causing issues with some ticket payments. Staff is working on the matter and still trying to move forward.

Brief discussion took place on line painting and the inability of paint to stay down. Brief discussion ensued.

Councillor A. Murray noted he received a letter regarding a proposed ice cream vending proposal. S. Scannell noted this would fall under the Mobile Vending By-law, with the rate being set at \$500.00. He noted that there are some rates higher and lower in other municipal units, and provided additional informat

Councillor D. Roberts provided an update on the 55+ Provincial Games, noting most budget numbers are in, they are waiting for a response on a grant application, and that community fundraising has begun.

- Accessibility Committee

Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis noting that a drawing for the accessibility ramp for Town Hall had recently been distributed to the Committee.

- Recreation Committee

Councillor M. Farrell noted that the Committee didn't meet this month but will meet in March, and that they are still looking for two (2) Volunteers of the Year. She reported staff is working on grant applications and work is ongoing for the 55+ Games.

Councillor M. Farrell noted she had received information on the economic impact of the Special Olympics and that the Town saw \$8.69 million dollars in economic spinoff from the event, and that the event has been nominated for an award.

- Planning Advisory Committee

Mayor L. Boucher spoke matters recently discussed by the Committee including the ramp at Town Hall, proposed development for Church Street, and WSP beginning to draft up planning documents. S. Scannell provided additional details.

Councillor W. Cormier spoke on the Eastern District Planning Commission and their attention to detail and the importance of details in the Town's planning documents.

At 7:40 PM the meeting was adjourned.