

**Regular Council Meeting  
January 17, 2022 – 6:00 PM  
Various Locations – Via Zoom**

**Present**

Mayor L. Boucher  
Deputy W. Cormier  
Councillor S. Cameron  
Councillor M. Farrell  
Councillor A. Murray  
Councillor D. MacInnis  
Councillor D. Roberts

**Also Present**

D. J. Lawrence, CAO  
Wilson, Deputy Clerk  
M. Barkhouse, Human Resources  
K. Proctor, Director of Public Works  
L. Roy, Strategic Initiatives  
S. Scannell, Community Development

Media  
Delegates

**Call to Order**

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 Regular Council meeting of December 13, 2021.” Motion carried.

**Presentations/Proclamations**

- D. Paterson, Northern Pulp Re: Environmental Assessment Registration document (EARD)  
Mayor L. Boucher welcomed D. Paterson to the meeting. D. Paterson provided details on his employment history.

D. Paterson provided a PowerPoint presentation on the transformation project at the Mill stating it would be a 350–360-million-dollar project over a two-year project. He provided details on the sustainable future of the Mill, noting it will be one of the world’s cleanest, most environmentally focused, and community-based mills and provided details on the system process.

D. Paterson spoke to the environmental process and the EARD that was submitted and provided details from Nova Scotia Environment and the process and timelines involved moving forward.

D. Paterson advised they are seeking more clarity on key aspects of the draft Terms of Reference on air emission and wastewater quality. He noted they would be held to very strict standards and provided further comment on trying to move forward with little guidance to go on.

Council was advised that the transformed Northern Pulp will result in no odor in surrounding communities and that air emissions will be significantly improved.

He encouraged Council to look at the draft Terms of Reference and provided details to access the information noting other locations where the information is also available.

D. Paterson responded to questions from Council, provided his closing comments and thanked Council for the opportunity to make his presentation

- Proclamation Re: African Heritage Month & Request to Fly Flag  
Mayor L. Boucher acknowledged those in attendance and read aloud and signed the Proclamation proclaiming February as African Heritage Month.

Mayor L. Boucher noted a request had been made to fly the Pan-African Flag at Chisholm Park for the month of February with a flag-raising tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM.

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the raising of the Pan-African flag for the month of February at Chisholm Park on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM.” Motion carried.

### **Business from Minutes**

Meeting with Merchants Re: Cigarette Butts (Update; Mayor)

Mayor L. Boucher acknowledged she had still not had an opportunity to reach out to businesses. It was generally agreed that Mayor L. Boucher and Councillor D. Roberts would arrange the details.

### **New Business**

- Donation to Chedabucto Lifestyle Center  
Councillor D. Roberts provided comment on the Town making a financial donation to the Chedabucto Lifestyle Centre.

CAO J. Lawrence provided comment and noted a motion from Council would be required.

“It was Moved and Seconded that Council make a donation in the amount of \$10,000 to the Chedabucto Lifestyle Centre from the Town’s Operating Reserves.” Motion carried.

Brief discussion took place.

- Antigonish Regional Emergency Measures Organization (AREMO) Staffing Position (S. Scannell)  
S. Scannell provided details on initiating the staffing process for a new Coordinator for the Antigonish Regional Emergency Measures Organization noting the departure of the previous coordinator.

“That Council initiate a staffing process to fill the vacant full-time position of Antigonish Regional

Emergency Management Coordinator for a two-year term.” Motion carried

- Parking Meter Revenue (Holiday Season); (S. Scannell)

S. Scannell provided Council with details on the ‘Delightful December’ meter revenue collected which Council previously approved to be distributed to the Antigonish Food Bank and Emergency Fuel Fund. He noted that the total revenue collected was \$3,300. Given tax requirements the total amount to be divided between the two charities is \$2,869.57, or \$1,434.78 each.

Council commended staff for this initiative.

- Parking Agreement – Federation of Agriculture (S. Scannell)

S. Scannell referred to the Report previously distributed and provided background details and the authority under which the Agreement could be made. He provided further details on the Agreement.

Brief discussion took place.

“It was Moved and Seconded that Council approve staffs’ recommendation for Option 2 – to approve the agreement, as presented, between the Town of Antigonish and the Federation of Agriculture.” Motion carried.

- Banking Resolutions (M. Barkhouse)

M. Barkhouse referred to her report and noted that she was seeking Council approval for three (3) banking resolutions further to a recent RFP for the Bank of Nova Scotia (Scotiabank) to provide the Town’s banking services including the Town of Antigonish Credit Card, Line of Credit, and Solar Garden Line of Credit.

“It Moved and Seconded to approve the Banking Resolutions as recommended by staff.” Motion carried.

CAO J. Lawrence provided comment on various Requests for Proposals undertaken by Corporate Services.

### **Correspondence**

- Knights of Columbus

Mayor L. Boucher acknowledged the correspondence from the Knights of Columbus thanking Council for their support of the recent 2021 Toy Drive.

### **Staff Reports**

- CAO Report

Brief discussion took place on various aspects of the CAO Report with various Councillors putting forth their questions.

CAO J. Lawrence noted that the new Superintendent of Public Works would be introduced to Council once an in-person meeting can be held.

Brief discussion took place on street snow removal.

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the CAO Report as presented.” Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Community Enhancement Committee**

Councillor A. Murray stated he had nothing to report, noting the Committee will be meeting closer to Spring.

- **Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC)**

Councillor M. Farrell noted the Planning Commission had met January 13<sup>th</sup> via Zoom and provided details from the meeting.

Councillor M. Farrell advised she will attend her first NS Federation of Municipalities Caucus meeting this coming Wednesday noting she is looking forward to learning about other Towns and bringing Antigonish's voice forward.

- **Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Councillor D. MacInnis stated he had nothing to report on Accessibility.

- **Pictou/Antigonish Regional Library/Fire Committee**

Councillor S. Cameron stated he had nothing to report.

- **Waste Management Committee**

Councillor D. Roberts noted that at the last Waste Committee meeting a meeting was scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup> to review the Waste Bylaw, however, in the meantime a staff member advised the Bylaw has been sent to legal for vetting.

Council was advised that N. Haverkort will be leaving her position with Eastern Region Solid Waste and has accepted a position with ESL. She questioned if a thank you to N. Haverkort could be added to the next Agenda, along with a few mementos.

It was noted the thank you would take place when an in-person meeting can be held.

Councillor D. Roberts advised that Antigonish Community Transit would soon have some news and requested Council stay tuned.

- **Police & License Committee**

Deputy Mayor W. Cormier noted two Police & License meetings were rescheduled due to Covid. The matter of traffic calming at Arbor/Xavier Drives is being discussed. He noted S. Scannell had prepared report and that they are waiting until an in-person meeting can be held.

- **Mayor L. Boucher**

Mayor L. Boucher noted St. FX is returning to classes – online today, and will continue like this for 2 weeks. In person classes are scheduled to begin January 31<sup>st</sup>, and she noted students are being encouraged to stay at home until required to return.

Council was advised that St. FX requires all students to check in and know the rules, and bracelet are required to be worn. Also, the university is continuing to permit NS Health to use their facilities for pop up vaccinations.

Mayor L. Boucher noted that St. FX Student Services are working with the hospital and RCMP on the pandemic. So far, most cases are somewhat mild but this virus spreads much easier.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.