

**Regular Council Meeting
April 19, 2022
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Deputy Mayor W. Cormier
Councillor S. Cameron (via phone)
Councillor M. Farrell
Councillor A. Murray
Councillor D. MacInnis
Councillor D. Roberts

CAO J. Lawrence
M. Barkhouse, Corporate Services
K. Proctor, Public Works Supervisor
K. Gorman, Communications
L. Roy, Strategic Initiatives

Delegates

Media

Absent with Regret

Mayor L. Boucher
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
S. Scannell, Community Services

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor W. Cormier called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Agenda

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the agenda as amended.” Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing/Regular and In Camera Council Meeting Minutes of March 21st, Special In Camera and Council meetings and EPoll Minutes of March 23rd, 2022, as presented.” Motion carried.

Presentations/Proclamations

• **St. Martha’s Regional Hospital ‘Green Team’**

Deputy Mayor W. Cormier called on the St. Martha’s Hospital Green Team and Councillor D. Roberts provided comments on the team’s role in reducing waste from the OR Dept. Deputy Mayor W. Cormier presented the representatives with a certificate and photos were taken.

Representatives then gave a brief presentation on the recycling of medical materials waste from the operating rooms.

• **Antigonish Community Transit (ACT) – R. MacFarlane and A. Stewart**

R. MacFarlane and A. Stewart took to the podium to provide Council with a presentation on the service Antigonish Community Transit (ACT) provides to the people in the community. Part of

ACT's objectives is to be environmentally conscious and they are in the process of pursuing funding for both Hybrid and Fully Electric buses. They are also reviewing the possibility of Green Bus Shelters.

- **RCMP Sgt. Warren McBeath presented an update:**

Sgt Warren McBeath provided a report for the month of March 2022. Enhanced enforcement will resume in the spring to address loud mufflers and other MVA infractions, and that it has been a relatively quiet winter, however, mental health and wellness checks have been rising. Sgt. McBeath also informed Council that there will be three new members joining the local force this summer.

Business from Minutes

- **Extension of the Green Bin Collection (Councillor D. Roberts)**

In concert with K. Proctor, Director of Public Works, CAO J. Lawrence noted that the cost for extending the green bin collection from mid-May to mid-September would be approximately \$10, and the increased tipping fee charges would increase the cost by an additional approximately \$10 which will be incorporated into the new budget.

Brief discussion took place.

New Business

- **TOA HR SOP Update Service Award (M. Barkhouse)**

M. Barkhouse proposed an addition to Section 20 of the HR manual to include a Long Term Service award for 45 years of continuous service. The award would be \$450.00 representing \$50.00 for every 5 years of service. The current cutoff is 40 years of service.

It was Moved and Seconded to approve the addition of a long-term service award for 45 years as presented. Motion Carried

- **2022/23 Budget Meeting**

Deputy Mayor W. Cormier proposed a change in the 1st Budget meeting date from April 21st to April 29th. Administration confirmed that the meeting will be advertised and open to the public.

Correspondence

- **Antigonish Highland Society**

The Antigonish Highland Society requested the Gaelic flag be raised for the month of May 2022.

It was Moved and Seconded to approve to raise the Gaelic flag for the Antigonish Highland Society as requested. Motion Carried

Staff Reports

- CAO Report

CAO J. Lawrence responded to a query related to land easements on Bay Street

K. Proctor responded to queries on acronyms related to the Public Works report, the dog park fencing repairs, new lights on the regional sport field and signage for EV Charging Stations.

Brief discussion took place.

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

Committee Reports

- Fire/Library/RCMP Advisory Committees

~~Councillor S. Cameron reported that the P.A.R.L budget has been approved. ACALA administrator Shayla MacDonald is leaving her position on April 29th.~~

In relation to policing, Councillor Cameron noted that the RCMP 2022/23 budget has been finalized and that the speed sign has been purchased

- Community Enhancement Committee

Councillor A. Murray reported that Dr. Barry MacKenzie has started his position as curator of the Antigonish heritage museum replacing Jocelyn Gillis who is now retired.

- Solid Waste Management Committee

Councillor D. Roberts noted that the new waste by-law has had a legal review which resulted in a couple of small changes and will be brought before council for approval soon and that there was a very successful student garbage clean up on Easter weekend with 27 bags of garbage collected.

- Accessibility Committee

Councillor D. MacInnis noted that the draft copy of the new accessibility report has been finalized and is with the consultant for changes.

- Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC)

Councillor M. Farrell noted that an EDPC meeting will be held next week.

Police and Licensing Committee

- Councillor W. Cormier noted that traffic calming measures are being investigated.

The next Regular Council meeting will be held on May 16th, 2022

“It was Moved and Seconded to adjourn.”

Motion Carried