

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

**Present**

Acting Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis  
Councillor S. Cameron  
Councillor M. Farrell  
Councillor A Murray  
Councillor D. Roberts

CAO J. Lawrence  
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk  
M. Barkhouse, Corporate Service  
K. MacInnis, Acting CAO, Director of Community Development  
S. Long, Communications  
K. Proctor, P.Eng., Director of Public Works

**Absent with Regret**

Mayor L. Boucher  
Deputy Mayor W. Cormier

**Call to Order**

Acting Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and called for any additions to the agenda.

**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 and In Camera Town Council meetings of November 21, 2022, and Town Council meeting of December 6, 2022.” Motion carried.

**Proclamations/Presentations/Flag Raising**

- Presentation to D. Mattie (Town Hall Custodian)  
Acting Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis invited D. Mattie, Town Hall Custodian, to come forward to accept a certificate acknowledging his 36 years of service with the Town. Council applauded Mr. Mattie’s commitment to the Town and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement this December 31st.

A photo opportunity took place.

- GFL Environmental (J. Warwick)  
J. Dee took to the podium and sent regrets on behalf of J. Warwick. He provided Council with details on their acquisition of the Guysborough Landfill site. He noted GFL is a Canadian success story that formed in 2009 and provided further details on their success.

Council was advised that GFL is currently looking at blue bag options for municipalities being served in this area.

A question-and-answer session followed.

Acting Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis thanked J. Dee for his presentation, and he left the meeting at 6:18 PM.

- Request to Fly Pan African Flag (January 31, 2023)

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the request to fly the Pan African Flag from January 31, through February 28, 2023, as requested.” Motion carried.

- L. Roy, Strategic Initiatives Re: Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund

L. Roy took to the podium and provided Council with details on the Town’s pursuit to become Net Zero, and a funding application proposed to be submitted in support of the Town’s Electric Utility.

She noted the application request is for \$500,000, and if successful would provide \$350,000 or 70% of the cost approved.

Brief discussion took place.

“It was Moved and Seconded that Council support the submission of a funding application to the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund for a feasibility study on a Community Energy System.” Motion carried.

### **Business from Minutes**

There was no Business from the Minutes.

### **New Business**

- Town of Antigonish Electric Utility Proposed Operating Budget (M. Barkhouse)

M. Barkhouse took to the podium and provided details on the Town of Antigonish Electric Utility Proposed 2022-23 Operating Budget and responded to questions from Council.

She noted that the delay in this budget was due to escalating costs related to importing power and establishing rates.

Brief discussion took place.

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Town of Antigonish Electric Utility Operating Budget (2022-23) as presented.” Motion carried.

- Approval of Antigonish Regional Emergency Management Plan

“It was Moved and Seconded to accept the Antigonish Regional Emergency Management Plan as submitted.” Motion carried.

- Knights of Columbus Christmas Toy Drive Plus

“It was Moved and Seconded that Council provide \$1,000 to the Knights of Columbus Toy Drive Plus program.” Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

There was no Correspondence.

### **Staff Reports**

- **CAO Report**

In response to a comment from Councillor D. Roberts, K. MacInnis noted that the Waste Management Bylaw had to go back to legal for further clarification.

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

### **Committee Reports**

- **Fire Committee**

Councillor S. Cameron noted the Fire Committee did not meet and provided comment on the Antigonish Community Learning Association (ACALA).

- **Community Enhancement Committee**

Councillor A. Murray noted that the Community Enhancement Committee met and was provided with a presentation by the Recreation Department. Discussions are expected to be ongoing.

Councillor A. Murray declared this year’s Christmas Décor a success, in particular the candy cane wrapping on the bridges.

Pioneer Cemetery Project – Council was advised that the Cemetery project is moving along, that the wrought iron fencing is in the works, and they are hoping for a dedication to be held during the week of the 2023 Highland Games.

Councillor A. Murray noted that the Heritage Museum Board and Directors had gotten together and will continue to meet every 6 months for planning exploration.

- **Waste Management Committee**

Councillor D. Roberts noted that the Waste Management Committee met and will review possible goals for 2023, and that the Trading Treasures program may be coming back in conjunction with the University.

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

Councillor Mary Farrell noted that the EDPC met on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup> and will meet again approximately the end of January.

Council was advised that Mr. J. Bain received his 30-year service award.

- **Antigonish Arena Commission**

Acting Mayor D. MacInnis noted the Arena Committee had met, and that aging equipment is required to be replaced which will result in a fairly major deficit for the Town and County.

Council was advised that the Accessibility Committee is very close to having draft plan finalized and that they are hoping to have the Plan in place early in the new year.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.