

**Regular Council Meeting  
January 16, 2023  
Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

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

CAO J. Lawrence  
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk  
M. Barkhouse, Director of Corporate Service  
K. MacInnis, Director of Community Development  
K. Proctor, P.Eng., Director of Public Works  
L. Roy, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator

**Call to Order**

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 Special Town Council meeting of December 6, 2022, and Regular and In Camera Town Council meetings of December 19, 2022." Motion carried.

**Proclamations/Presentations/Flag Raising**

- Presentation; Re: Delightful December

Mayor L. Boucher provided comment on how free parking evolved into 'Delightful December' noting that twice as much money was collected this holiday season resulting in cheques in the amount of \$3,080. for both organizations.

Mayor L. Boucher called on M. MacDonald of the Antigonish Emergency Fuel Fund and P. Norman of the Antigonish Food Bank for a cheque presentation, and a photo opportunity took place.

- Proclamation; African Heritage Month

Mayor L. Boucher read aloud and signed the proclamation declaring February as African Heritage Month.

- L. Roy; Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Feasibility Study Re: District Energy System

L. Roy provided an overview of a Feasibility Study regarding a proposed district energy system to be submitted for approval and funding through a program administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

She noted this was a continuation from a presentation made to Council in December 2022 and stated the opportunity for funding is \$350,000 @ 50% = \$175,000.

“It was Moved and Seconded that the Town of Antigonish submit an application form to the FCM Green Municipal Fund, Energy, Transportation, Water, Waste and Land Use for a feasibility study on a community district Energy System.” Motion carried.

Brief discussion took place.

Mayor L. Boucher thanked L. Roy on behalf of Council for her work on the project.

### **Business from Minutes**

- WSP Report Re: Lighting on Lower Hawthorne Street  
CAO J. Lawrence noted the matter of lighting on Lower Hawthorne Street has been ongoing for quite some time. He noted that although the report shows lighting is adequate, floodlighting may be influencing ‘over-lighting’ in this area and other areas of Town.

Brief discussion took place.

Following brief discussion, it was generally agreed to permit Mayor L. Boucher to add an item to the agenda.

### **New Business**

- Town of Antigonish Tax Sale  
M. Barkhouse provided details on three (3) properties eligible for tax sale.

“It was Moved and Seconded that property PID# 12287171 be put up for tax sale, and properties Assessment Numbers 10120236 and 10405361 not be put up in the tax sale as these two (2) properties are under the \$750.00 Collection limit as per the Town of Antigonish’s Tax Collection Policy.” Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

- Minister J. Lohr Re: Consolidation of Town and County of Antigonish  
Mayor L. Boucher acknowledged correspondence was received from Minister Lohr from the Town and County regarding Consolidation.

- J. MacPherson

Mayor L. Boucher noted she had just received the correspondence from Mr. J. MacPherson, noting the request for a copy of correspondence from the Federal government as it relates to consolidation and that the Town would need to determine if the information is still confidential and/or can be released.

### **Staff Reports**

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

CAO J. Lawrence responded to questions on the CAO Report from Council.

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- Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC)

Councillor M. Farrell advised that a meeting of the EDPC was held last Thursday, and that next week she would be attending a meeting of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities.

- Accessibility Committee

Councillor D. MacInnis stated he had nothing to report, however, the Accessibility Plan should be available soon.

- Solid Waste Management Committee

Councillor D. Roberts noted she had nothing to report.

- Community Enhancement Committee

Councillor A. Murray stated he had nothing to report.

- Fire Committee

Councillor S. Cameron indicated he had nothing to report.

- Police & License Committee

Deputy Mayor W. Cormier stated he had nothing to report.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.