

**Special Council Meeting
March 7, 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

J. Lawrence, CAO
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda

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

Antigonish Arena – Application for Funding

CAO J. Lawrence noted that D. Archibald carried out a review of improvements for the Antigonish Arena with accessibility being a key aspect of the application.

Council was provided with an overview of the various improvements.

The following motion was put forth:

“That Council write a letter in support of a funding application by the Antigonish Arena to the Recreation Facilities Development.” Motion carried.

Discussion took place on funding and various improvements. It was noted that those involved with accessibility were involved with discussions on required improvements.

Community Navigator – Position Extension

CAO J. Lawrence noted the position remains vacant and that \$100,000 in funding was recently approved by the province in support of attracting and retaining health care professionals.

It was noted that the Navigator position is currently over half-way through its current three-year mandate.

CAO J. Lawrence provided a brief review of the items outlined in the request for funding and he noted that while the grant is not tied specifically to the position, however, it must be expended on items based on a budget submitted with the application.

Mayor L. Boucher provided comment from a discussion she recently had with the Provincial Health Minister regarding the success of the position as it related to securing physicians for the area.

It was noted the Board is requesting support of Town Council to extend the position for a three (3) year period, and it was noted that the Town, County and the Hospital Foundation are the co-partners of the Community Navigator position.

Discussion took place.

“It was Moved and Seconded that Council support an extension of the Community Navigator position for a three (3) year period..” Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.