

**Regular Town Council  
July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

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

**Absent with Regrets**

Mayor L. Boucher

**Also in Attendance**

M. MacDonald, Interim CAO  
R. Delorey, New CAO

M. Barkhouse, Director of Corporate Services  
S. Long, Communications  
K. MacInnis, Director of Community Development  
K. Proctor, P.Eng., Director of Public Works  
L. Roy, Strategic Initiatives

**Media**

Members of the Galley

**Call to Order**

Deputy Mayor W. Cormier called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

**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 Public Hearing, Regular and In Camera Council Meeting Minutes of June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Epoll Minutes of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Emergency In Camera and Emergency Council Meeting minutes of June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and Special Emergency In Camera and Special Emergency Council Meeting Minutes of July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Motion carried.

**Motion from In Camera**

Deputy Mayor Cormier brought forth the following motion:

"That Town council approves of AREA's executing a 25-year power purchase agreement with Potentia Renewables, subject to AREA Board of Director's approval."

It was Moved and Seconded to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried

### **New Chief Administrative Officer – Randy Delorey**

Deputy Mayor Cormier gave an introduction and welcomed the new CAO, Randy Delorey. R. Delorey thanked council and said he looked forward to working with staff.

Deputy Mayor Cormier also thanked Marvin MacDonald for his service for the last four months.

### **Proclamations/Presentations/Flag Raising**

#### Housing Accelerator Fund

- Denise Dunn took to the podium to present on the CMHC Accelerator Fund, a \$4B dollar Federal program, which will help unlock new housing approvals and allow for the targeted construction of 93 homes in the Town and County of Antigonish.

Five key initiatives for the Town are:

- Revise the Municipal Planning Strategy to allow for higher density.
- Modernize the permitting process.
- Protection of source water.
- Develop a Town service grant program.
- Enhance existing community transit

Discussion ensued.

#### Municipal Acknowledgement Policy

- K. MacInnis provided highlights from her presentation including the policy statement, purpose and scope. The procedure for recognition will follow a nomination, recommendation and motion from council to select a volunteer or business that has demonstrated outstanding dedication or service to the Town. Recipients will be formally recognized at council meetings. Discussion took place.

It was moved and seconded to accept the policy as amended. Motion carried

#### Banner Request Summerfest

- It was moved and seconded to approve the banner request for Antigonish Summerfest. Motion carried

#### Proclamation for Emancipation Day

- Deputy Mayor Cormier read the proclamation for Emancipation day which is celebrated annually on August 1<sup>st</sup> and commemorates the abolition of slavery throughout the British Empire, including Nova Scotia, marking the day in 1834 when the Slavery Abolition Act came into effect.

#### Emancipation Day Flag Raising Request

- It was moved and seconded to approve the flag raising request for Emancipation Day. Motion carried

### **Business from Minutes**

#### Antigonish Heritage Museum – Letter of Request

- Councillor Roberts brought forth the following motion:

That the Town of Antigonish award \$3,075.00 to the Antigonish Heritage Museum for the relocation of Peace by Chocolate's building to the museum's property

It was moved and seconded to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried

#### CACL Antigonish – Letter of Request

- Deputy Mayor Cormier deferred the letter of request to clarify what the request is asking for and to the intention of the letter. It was agreed that the CAO would send out an E-poll at a later date.

#### Election Update – M. MacDonald

- M. MacDonald provided an update on the methods of voting that will be available for the October election and confirmed that Allen Armsworthy is the returning officer. He has engaged Intelivote to provide electronic and telephone voting for 14 days prior to election day with two advanced polls. M. MacDonald provided additional information on important dates which will be shared online and through social media. Discussion ensued.

#### Mini Pitch Update

- K. MacInnis provided an update on changes to the scope of work due to increased costs from the original estimates. A revised scope was priced and presented to council with a 60/40 split with the county for the site work to a maximum of \$381,900.00. The revised scope also includes only one mini-pitch with the preparation work being completed for a second pitch at a later date. Discussion took place.

It was moved and seconded for the Town to enter into an agreement with the County of Antigonish, SRCE, and Scotiabank based on the presentation provided not to exceed \$381,900.00.

Motion carried

#### **New Business**

##### Pad Mount Transformers

- L. Roy provided an update on the need for additional pad mount transformers for new construction and as spares during the Grid Mod project. These transformers were not part of the original Capital Expenditure Application with the UARB.

Councillor D. Roberts put forth the first motion:

To approve a Capital Expenditure Application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for the purchase of 7 pad mount transformers for future development and spares during the construction phase of the Grid Modernization Project totaling \$497,839.00

It was moved and seconded to accept the motion as presented. Motion carried

Councillor Roberts put forth the second motion:

To approve the purchase of 7 pad mount transformers for future development and spares during the construction phase of the Grid Modernization Project as per the above motion.

It was moved and seconded to accept the motion as presented.

Motion carried

Waste Management Committee Appointment – Councillor D. Roberts

- Councillor D. Roberts put for the following motion:

That Council appoint Rosie MacGillivray from the Landlord Association to replace Lance Crowley as a member of the Waste Management Committee.

Motion carried

### **Correspondence**

No correspondence to report

### **Staff Reports**

- CAO Report

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

Councillor Murray had a question for K. Proctor on the status of the College St. bridge. K. Proctor reported that the Consultant was on site and is working on some concept drawings to provide a temporary fix to allow the bridge to be operational. Staff provided suggestions that will be incorporated in the concept sketches. Discussion ensued.

It was agreed to change the signage to allow for Pedestrian Traffic Only. The anticipated goal is to have the bridge open by the time the students return in September.

Councillor M. Farrell personally thanked Marvin MacDonald for his service for the last six months.

### **Committee Reports**

Fire Committee

- Councillor S. Cameron had nothing to report

Community Enhancement Committee

- Councillor A. Murray had nothing to report but mentioned that the bridge baskets were the most beautiful he had ever seen.

Waste Management Committee etc.

- Councillor D. Roberts reported that the committee won't be meeting again until September.

She attended two AGMs, one for the Antigonish Affordable Housing and one for the Friendship Corner. She also reported that there will be interviews conducted next week for the General Manager position for Antigonish Community Transit.

Accessibility/Emergency Management

- Councillor D. MacInnis noted he had nothing to report.

Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC)

- Councillor M. Farrell reported that the committee did not meet this past month. She added thanks to council and staff for the Canada Day celebrations including the pancake breakfast held at St. Ninian's Place. She also mentioned the 150-year anniversary of St. Ninian's Cathedral.

She will be Master of Ceremonies at the Art Fair this coming Friday and commented on the support this event provides to local artists.

#### Police & License (P&L) Committee

- Deputy Mayor W. Cormier had nothing to report.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.