

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2015
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Mayor C. Chisholm
Deputy Mayor J. MacPherson
Councillor S. Cameron
Councillor L. Chisholm
Councillor L. Boucher
Councillor W. Cormier
Councillor D. MacInnis
Councillor

CAO S. Feist
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Delegates
Media

Call to Order

Mayor C. Chisholm called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 "that the Minutes of the June 15, 2015 (In Camera), June 15, 2015 Council (Regular), and June 23, 2015 Council (Email Poll), be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Presentations

- Mr. C. Worth; Certificate of Recognition (Deputy Mayor J. MacPherson)
Mayor C. Chisholm called on the Chair of the Waste Management. Deputy Mayor J. MacPherson along with N. Haverkort presented Mr. and Mrs. C. Worth with a certificate of recognition on behalf of Waste Regions 1 & 2A.

Councillor L. Boucher presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. C. Worth on behalf of the Town of Antigonish.

Business from Minutes

There was no Business from the Minutes.

New Business

- Proposed UNSM Resolution
Mayor C. Chisholm noted the resolution had previously been forwarded to the UNSM for consideration, however some changes were requested in order for all municipalities to be able to utilize a similar to what HRM has in their Charter.

The Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, Councillor W. Cormier, expanded on the details.

It was Moved and Seconded “that the proposed Resolution be forwarded to the UNSM for consideration.” Motion carried.

- Request

It was Moved and Seconded “that Council approve a grant to the HOW Club in the amount of \$800.00.” Motion carried.

Other Business

- Shaw Span

Councillor S. Cameron spoke to a possible option for the bridge on Braemore Avenue which replacement is planned.

It was Moved and Seconded “that Town Council direct our CAO to investigate the possibility of a ‘design build’ (RFP) structure to replace the Braemore Bridge, in consultation with the Town Engineer.” Motion carried.

CAO S. Feist provided comment on the matter, in particular, the soils beneath the existing bridge.

Councillor W. Cormier requested that if the use of a Shaw Span, or similar structure, is not feasible, that feedback be given to Council as to why.

- Proposed Land Use By-Law Amendments

- Noise By-law

Restrictions in the R1 (Residential First Density) zone

Councillor W. Cormier provided information from the Town’s Strategic Plan that speaks to quality of life.

He then referred to two (2) motions already approved by Council, the first which speaks to ‘informed landlords’, and the other with respect to limiting the number of bedrooms in some instances. He then spoke to a recent development that has spurned these motions.

CAO S. Feist noted that Ms. K. Leckovic had been able to work through a number of by-law amendments, however, since her departure she has not been replaced. However, Council has approved funds to hire a special projects/research position that would, in part, assist with moving matters such as this forward.

Correspondence

- R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home Foundation; Re: Appointment of Ms. B. MacDonald
 - It was Moved and Seconded “that Ms. B. MacDonald be appointed to the RK Foundation Board.” Motion carried.
- Ms. F. Wittgens Re: International Pot Luck
 - Mayor C. Chisholm noted that an email had been forwarded from Deputy Mayor J. MacPherson from Ms. F. Wittgens. Deputy Mayor J. MacPherson noted that the request is to have Council attend the September International Potluck.

Ms. F. Wittgens provided details on the International Potluck program and the assistance that having Council attend would provide, and expanded on details of the program. Ms. F. Wittgens spoke to a new initiative through the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre.

Mayor C. Chisholm noted that Council has made a decision not to tie future Councils to their decisions.

It was Moved and Seconded "that Council attend/sponsor the September 2015 International potluck." Motion carried.

- Lifesaving Society , Nova Scotia Branch; Re: Declaration of July 19-25, 2015 as National Drowning Prevention Week
It was Moved and Seconded to declare July 19-25, 2015 as National Drowning Prevention Week." Motion carried.

Councillor L. Boucher provided details on a swim survive skills session being offered tomorrow at no cost to children as part of a National Drowning Prevention initiative.

Staff Reports

- CAO Report
 - Memorandum of Understanding Re: Antigonish Arena
CAO S. Feist spoke to a requirement for an MOU that we will work towards an Inter-Municipal Agreement to replace the existing Commission which is no longer recognized by the province.

In response to a question from Councillor D. MacInnis, CAO S. Feist spoke to many 'shared services' that could be developed between many of the surrounding municipal units.

It was Moved and Seconded "that the Town enter into a MOU with the County of Antigonish, and further that the Town Council direct the CAO to use the Town's Operating Reserve to fund the Arena Floor Replacement Project." Motion carried.

- Oil Tank Decommissioning
CAO S. Feist provided details on having the old oil tank decommissioned, noting that EIT, K. Meisner was responsible for the overall project.
- REN Update
Council was advised that the Oversight Committee would meet this week to go through applicants in order to appoint the Board. He further noted the REN has been registered with the Joint Stock Societies Act.

CAO S. Feist provided details on how things would proceed once a Board is in place.
- Council was advised that a public meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday in Council Chambers to considered matters with respect to flood damage reduction, storm management and wetland reduction.
- CAO S. Feist advised that Friday was the closing date for the wall mural competition Ms. A. McFarlane, well known artist in area was selected as the winner. He noted she has had many exhibitions in the past.

In response to a query from Councillor L. Boucher, the CAO noted no specific place has been selected, as her final product may dictate where it should be placed.

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

- Director of Finance Report

It was Moved and Seconded “to receive the Director of Finance Report as presented.” Motion carried.

- Electric Utility Manager

It was Moved and Seconded “to receive the Electric Utility Manager Report as presented.” Motion carried.

- Engineering and Municipal Services Director Report

It was Moved and Seconded “to receive the Engineering and Municipal Services Director Report for information.” Motion carried.

It was noted that Phase I of the paving project has commenced.

- Planning, Fire, and Building Services Report

It was Moved and Seconded “to receive the Planning and Building Services Report for information.” Motion carried.

- Recreation Director Report

It was Moved and Seconded “to receive the Recreation Report for information.” Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Recreation

Councillor L. Boucher noted that it is a busy time for Recreation and reported on a ‘Get Fit in the Nish’ program for parents while their children are in other activities.

- Waste Management

Deputy Mayor J. MacPherson provided details on a recent downtown clean-up by the Fuel Fund and members of the public.

- Communities in Bloom

Councillor L. Chisholm provided details on the Communities in Bloom Circle of Champions judging that took place recently. She noted the judges seemed interested that the Town continues to make strides. Councillor L. Chisholm provided additional details on the judges’ comments and impressions of the Town.

Adjournment

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion at 7:10 PM