

**Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers
December 20, 2016**

Present

Mayor L. Boucher
Councillor W. Cormier
Councillor M. Farrell
Councillor A. Murray
Councillor D. MacInnis
Councillor J. MacPherson
Councillor D. Roberts

Also Present

CAO J. Lawrence
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
S. Rector, Director of Corporate Services

Delegates and Media

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 distributed.

Approval of Minutes

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the In Camera and Regular Council Minutes of November 20, 2016, and the Water Utility meeting December 5, 2016." Motion carried.

Presentations

- S/Sgt. H. Glassford/Sgt. W. McBeath Re: Antigonish RCMP Detachment Unavailable

- M. MacDonald Re: Antigonish Emergency Fuel Fund
Mr. M. MacDonald advised he didn't have a formal presentation and referred to correspondence he had sent to Council. He provided background details and requested Council re-consider their initial request. Councillor D. Roberts advised she was not on Council when this decision was made, and further this was a decision made by a previous Council.

Much discussion took place.

"It was Moved and Seconded that the Town reinstate the \$3,000 that was not included in the last budget, to bring the grant up to \$5,000." Motion carried with one nay.

- Department Heads: Overview of Department/Services Provided
 - K. Proctor, P. Eng. Provided a background on his history professionally, he noted the mandate of the department and went through the town's organizational chart. K. Proctor

then provided a brief overview of the services delivered by the various departments, and the locations of department bases of operations.

Council was advised on projects completed this year, and new projects under the capital implementation plan (CIP). He then provided some statistics regarding the town and staff, and details from the various departments.

The CAO provided a brief overview of how the presentations this evening had come to be.

Mayor L. Boucher invited questions from Council.

- S. Day, Town Planner

S. Day, Town Planner spoke to a resilient community and what it means, and to how policies that may work today, may not work tomorrow.

Council was advised on issues related to resilience – safe, welcoming, sustainability and economic, (with effective government) and further expanded on these topics, and how they relate to the viability of the town.

- T. Cameron, Director of Recreation & Special Events

T. Cameron provided a PowerPoint with an overview of Town Recreation. She introduced E. Stephenson who is currently the Town's Active Living Coordinator, and provided comment on maintenance staff, as well as an overview on summer staff and their roles.

T. Cameron referred to their Vision and Mission and how they achieve their Mission.

Council was then provided with a list of what the department is responsible for, including maintenance, active living, special events, community collaborations as well as equality of access, policy development and grants for recreation and the Town.

E. Stephenson provided a brief overview of her role and how it was developed. Noted she has been here for two (2) years. She circulated a copy of the Physical Activity Strategy to Council, noting every 5 years a complete revamp of document is done if necessary. E. Stephenson spoke to the now nationally recognized multisport program, ski loan program, active transportation, walkways (new one), free swims, etc.

T. Cameron advised that her position is recreation and special events, and that the idea was that she would manage events such as Canada day, Christmas parade, collaborate with highland society, etc. She spoke to accessibility, sitski, policy development, healthy eating program, and Town and recreational grants.

Council was advised that ongoing projects include multisport, water park, active transportation, active living, and 2018 National Special Olympics.

- Presentation

Sgt. W. McBeath introduced himself and provided a brief overview of his work history. He provided statistics on current RCMP membership which includes 13 constables (town/county), community policing constable, 3 person street crime unit, and houses a traffic unit. Sgt. W. McBeath advised they are doing well with human resources, with one vacancy, two members transferring out, and another transferring to HRM. He noted the university changes the cycle as well for them. They don't just

'police' the community but area partners within community. Work close with Town's By-law staff, work with motor vehicle inspection department, and mental health with St. Martha's.

Council was advised on calls for service, events that impact on their jobs, and that they are looking at bringing new staff to future meeting of Council.

A question and answer session followed.

At 7:35 Sgt. McBeath left the meeting.

- S. Rector, Director of Corporate Services
S. Rector provided a listing of categories of services provided through Corporate Services. She provided an overview of current staff in her department and cross overs with other staff. Council was provided with details on finance and budget responsibilities.

Deputy Mayor W. Cormier provided comment on the amount of time AREA is taking of the Corporate Director. S. Rector spoke to records management, the Electric and Water Utilities, AREA, and procurement, IT (current & future), and samples of initiatives.

Business from the Minutes

- Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department; Request for Proposals Re: Truck
CAO J. Lawrence noted the Fire Committee met, that proposals are being evaluated by a sub-group, and that they will meet in January to form a recommendation to Council

New Business

"It was Moved and Seconded to Increase Operating Line of Credit from \$1 Million to \$3.3 Million Dollars." Motion carried.

CAO J. Lawrence noted that we have a line of credit and can now borrow from ourselves.

"It was Moved and Seconded to accept the Draft Consolidated and Draft Non-Consolidated Financial Statements to March 31, 2016." Motion carried.

- New Year's Levee
Mayor L. Boucher reminded everyone of New Year's Day levee to be held at the local Legion.

Councillor A. Murray provided comments.

- Bell Lease Renewal – East Main Street
S. Scannell provided a PowerPoint regarding the Bell Lease Agreement, and provided background details and renewal provisions. He then reviewed options available to Council, and a recommendation, including having the CAO sign off on the agreement.

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the lease renewal with Bell." Motion carried.

Staff Report

- CAO Report
The Mayor called for questions from the CAO. CAO J. Lawrence responded to Councillor J. MacPherson's questions on the status of Heritage Gas, and the WorkSmart program,

"It was Moved and Seconded to accept the CAO report as presented." Motion carried.

- Committee Reports

- Fire Committee

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

- Waste Management

Councillor J. MacPherson brought forth the following motions from a recent Regional Waste Management Meeting:

“It was Moved and Seconded that the Town of Antigonish support the Antigonish Kinsmen Christmas Tree Mulching event by providing one-third funding for event costs, if necessary, to a maximum of \$500.00.” Motion carried.

It was noted this event is being cost-shared between the Eastern Region Waste Management and the Town and County of Antigonish.

“It was Moved and Seconded to recognize Peter MacDonald at a council meeting for this commitment to the community through his leadership at St. F.X. University.” Motion carried.

- Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee

Councillor A. Murray indicated he hopes to have a Beautification meeting on January 17.

- Police & License Committee

Councillor D. Roberts noted the Committee had met and that she had no motions to bring forward. She noted they will likely meet again in February.

- Councillor D. MacInnis noted he does not Chair any committees.

- Recreation Committee

Councillor M. Farrell advised the Recreation Committee hadn't met, however, she had met with T. Cameron and E. Stephenson. She advised they are bringing Recreation back from Committee of the Whole and that they are looking at the process.

- Planning Advisory Committee

Mayor L. Boucher noted the Planning Advisory Committee did not meet in December

With there being no further business at 8:16PM it was Moved to adjourn.