

**Regular Town Council Minutes
December 17, 2018
Town Council Chambers**

Present

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

Also Present

CAO J. Lawrence
M. Barkhouse, Director of Corporate Services
S. Scannell, Special Projects Coordinator
K. Gorman, Marketing and Communications Coordinator
Media

Call to Order

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 6pm

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 Minutes of the Regular, In Camera Minutes of November 18, 2018, and Email Poll Minutes of November 27, 28 and 29, 2018.” Motion carried.

Business from the Minutes

- Appointment of Town Council Members to Community Committees (S. Scannell)
A discussion took place regarding the ability of Council to appoint Council members to community committees. S. Scannell indicated that Council could appoint its members to community committees as long as there was not a conflict of interest.

“It was Moved and Seconded to appoint Councillor W. Cormier to the Antigonish Affordable Housing Committee.” Motion Carried

- Ban on Plastic Bags

Council directed staff to work with the Municipality of the County of Antigonish staff to prepare a report detailing options and a recommendation for dealing with plastic bags including the option to ban the use of these bags at retail stores.

New Business

- 2018-19 Financial Forecast (M. Barkhouse)
M. Barkhouse presented a comparison of the budget to actual expenditures to Council for the period ending September 30th, 2018. Generally, the funds were in good shape as compared to budget.

- Motion to Transfer Church Street (\$24,000), James Street Sidewalk (\$40,000), and Main/Hawthorne Street Intersection (\$30,000) Budget Allocations to Capital Reserve
“It was Moved and Seconded to transfer budgeted capital funds for the Church Street sidewalk - (\$24,000), and James Street Sidewalk - (\$40,000) , and Main/Hawthorne Street Intersection (\$30,000) to Capital Reserves.” Motion Carried
- Approval of a Date and Time for a Public Hearing and Consideration of the Following:
 - Rezoning of 74/76 (PID #0127859 and 01227842) Church Street from Residential First Density (R1) to Residential Multiple Density (R3)
“It was Moved and Seconded to grant first reading to the Rezoning of 74/76 (PID #0127859 and 01227842) Church Street from Residential First Density (R1) to Residential Multiple Density (R3) and establish the time for a public hearing as 6pm on January 14, 2019.”
Motion carried.
 - Amendment of Development Agreement DA-98-4 at 110 St. Ninian Street (increasing the number of residential units)
“It was Moved and Seconded to grant first reading to an Amendment of Development Agreement DA-98-4 at 110 St. Ninian Street (increasing the number of residential units) and establish the time for a public hearing as 6pm on January 14, 2019.” Motion carried.
- Amendment to the Town of Antigonish Wellness Policy
Following brief discussion, it was “Moved and Seconded to amend the Town of Antigonish Wellness Policy to include a clause respecting pro-rating the amount of funding available.”
Motion carried.

Correspondence

- Zone 7 African Heritage Awareness Committee
The Mayor read a letter of request from the Zone 7 African Cultural Heritage Awareness Committee to have the African flag flown from the Town flag pole located in front of the Town Hall for the entire month of February.
“It was Moved and Seconded to authorize that the PanAfrican flag be flown from the Town flag pole located in front of the Town Hall for the entire month of February.” Motion carried
- Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Board Initiatives Report
The Mayor indicated that a copy of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Board Initiatives Report was included in the Council agenda for information.

Staff Reports

- CAO Report
Following brief discussion, it was “Moved and Seconded to accept the CAO Report as presented.” Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Recreation – Councillor Farrell reported that Stephanie Spencer is the Municipal Community Sports Representative.

Police and Licensing – Councillor Roberts Reported that

- It is anticipated that there will be changes to provincial regulations regarding parades.
- The RCMP will be more engaged regarding parades.

- The RCMP now have roadside machines that can test for cannabis and cocaine.
- The planning for the Provincial 55 Plus Games is proceeding well and the logo is prepared.
- The games will be held from the 31st of July to the 2nd of August.

Beautification – Councillor Murray updated Council reporting that:

- The status of the Town with regard to Beautification in Bloom will remain unchanged - (The Town will remain for one more year in the circle of excellence non-evaluated class)
- The Committee continues to evaluate Christmas lighting options.

Waste Management – Councillor MacPherson reported that:

- A number of regions around the province are looking at banning plastic bags from use in the retail sector
- The Waste Management Committee is recommending that William Charles (Bud) MacLean be provided a certificate from Council recognizing his efforts in the area of waste collection and reduction.

“It was Moved and Seconded that William Charles (Bud) MacLean be provided a certificate from Council recognizing his efforts in the area of waste collection and reduction.” Motion carried.

Planning Advisory Committee – Mayor Boucher reported that Council had already dealt with the rezoning application for Church Street and Development Agreement Amendment for St Ninian’s Street earlier in the agenda.

Meeting Adjourned.