

**Regular Council  
October 28, 2018  
Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

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

CAO J. Lawrence  
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk  
S. Scannell, Community Development  
K. Gorman, Communications  
L. Basinger, Strategic Initiatives

Media

**Call to Order**

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Approval of Agenda**

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda with additions." Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of the September 16, 2019 Regular and In Camera Minutes, Special Council Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2019, and Audit and In Camera Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2019." Motion carried.

- **MADD Canada – Proclamation**

Mayor L. Boucher invited the MADD Antigonish delegates to the podium.

The delegates spoke to their awareness campaign and what they would be doing during the Red Ribbon Campaign.

Mayor L. Boucher read aloud and signed the Proclamation, proclaiming November 9, 2019 as the beginning of MADD Canada's Red Ribbon Project.

Council applauded the delegates and a photo opportunity took place.

- **G. Kell – International Arm-wrestling Championship**

Mayor L. Boucher noted that G. Kell would be travelling to Rumia, Poland for 2019 World Championships.

G. Kell stated this will be his first time travelling abroad, although he has attended the World Championships twice in the past. He noted he will be representing Antigonish, Nova Scotia and Canada at the Championships.

G. Kell expanded on his dedication to the sport and his accomplishments.

“It was Moved and Seconded to sponsor G. Kell in the amount of \$200. in sponsorship funding in support of him attending the 2019 World Arm Wrestling Championships in Poland.” Motion carried.

### **Updates**

- Lodging Residence By-law

L. Basinger took to the podium and provided Council with an update on the Lodging Residence By-Law which is currently being updated. She noted it will require residents who offer lodging residences to register with the Town, and that the forms are ready for review with various staff for final approval, prior to being sent for legal review. It is hoped any final changes will be made in time for next months' council meeting.

- Police Advisory Committee Term of Reference

L. Basinger noted that this matter had previously been approved by the Police Advisory Committee and has been approved by the Council of the County of Antigonish.

L. Basinger noted the most changes would have been made to the appendices. Brief discussion took place.

“It was Moved and Seconded to accept and approve the changes to the Joint Police Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.” Motion carried.

### **Business from Minutes**

There was no Business from the Minutes

### **New Business**

- Holiday Parking

“It was Moved and Seconded that parking meters in Town-owned parking lots be covered from November 23, 2019 to January 2, 2020.” Motion carried.

- Town Flag

Councillor D. Roberts took the opportunity to display the new version of the Town flag.

- Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA)

“It was Moved and Seconded that Town Council through the Town of Antigonish Electric Utility approve the budget and scope for the Thinkwell Shift marketing engagement, including AREA's management of such, so that AREA can dispatch Thinkwell Shift by October 30, 2019, to a maximum of \$44,000., as presented by A. Long of AREA.” Motion carried.

For the benefit of the galley Mayor L. Boucher provided an overview of how AREA is moving forward to reducing the Town's carbon footprint through pursuing solar gardens, hiring Thinkwell to raise the profile and improve the community awareness of AREA.

Councillors provided their comments on the matter. Further discussion took place.

## **Correspondence**

- Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Application

CAO J. Lawrence noted that the Town's application for the Bay Street Gateway project did not receive approval in this round of grants.

## **Staff Reports**

- CAO Report

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

Mayor L. Boucher noted the Town did complete several capital projects and commended Public Works staff for their efforts.

## **Committee Reports**

- Fire Committee

Councillor W. Cormier stated he had nothing to report.

- Solid Waste Management

Councillor J. MacPherson put forth the following:

It was recommended by the Waste Management Committee to Council that four (4) additional litter cans be added, one in each of the following locations near Braemore Bridge, Cairn Park, St Ninian Street, and West St.

Mayor L. Boucher suggested that staff prepare a report on budget implications, the location and possibility of moving some containers, and the reasoning behind the locations.

Councillor J. MacPherson suggested that perhaps some containers be moved around.

"It was Moved and Seconded to Table the matter of additional litter cans until staff can provide a report." Motion carried.

"It was Moved and Seconded to bring an amended policy to include a member of the public at the November meeting." Motion carried.

Councillor J. MacPherson was advised that to appoint a member of the public to the Waste Management Committee the Waste Management Committee Advisory Policy would have to be amended first.

Council was advised that the Sisters of St. Martha will be recognized by receiving a Mobius Award for the deconstruction of Bethany and stewardship of the environment.

"It was Moved and Seconded to send a letter of congratulations to the Sisters of St. Martha." Motion carried.

- Beautification

Councillor A. Murray noted that a meeting was not held this month, but that he had emailed Mr. LeBlanc regarding the Christmas décor order and was advised that due to production problems the order is now expected in approximately two (2) weeks.

- 55+ Games

Councillor D. Roberts provided comment on the curling portion of the 55+ Games which took place in St. Andrews. She then shared the positive remarks she received from T. Cameron, Recreation Director.

Councillor D. Roberts noted that at the Chamber event she spoke with a gentleman from the CIBC about the 55+ Games, and subsequently received a cheque in her mailbox today for \$1,000.

- Police & License Committee

Councillor D. Roberts reported that due to lack of items for the Agenda a Police & License Committee meeting was not held in October.

- Accessibility Committee

Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis noted S/Cst. S. Smith, Traffic Authority, had attended the recent Accessibility Committee to discuss accessible parking. Brief discussion took place.

“It was recommended to Town Council to have staff give consideration to public consultation on accessibility with the ultimate goal of creating a parking policy and accessibility plan.” Motion carried.

Brief discussion took place.

- Recreation

Councillor M. Farrell provided an overview from a Recreation meeting during which discussions took place on the Christmas Parade and how to make it safer. They agreed to measures such as extra traffic control, increased lighting and additional barricades on streets. She noted the cost associated with this would be approximately \$5000.

“It was Moved and Seconded that \$5000 be added to the 2019 Christmas Parade project to increase security and awareness during the parade. Motion carried

Discussion took place.

Councillor D. Roberts stated that she did not agree with candy not being handed out to children during the parade.,

The Mayor agreed to speak with the Recreation Director further on the matter of candy.

Discussion took place and it was noted that the parade is scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup> with a 6:00 PM start, rain date would be the following day.

It was noted the Recreation Department is hosting a Santa Shuffle on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Planning Advisory Committee

Mayor L. Boucher noted that the Planning Advisory Committee held one meeting to review the final elements of the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) and Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) with two (2) more meetings scheduled. She noted they are tying up loose ends and making sure everyone is aware of what is being finalized, the documents will then go to Council for approval, and eventually to the province to be adopted.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM.