

**Regular Council Minutes
July 18, 2016
Town Council Chambers**

Present

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

Also Present

CAO J. Lawrence
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
S. Scannell, Special Projects Co-ordinator

Media
Delegates

Call to Order

Mayor C. Chisholm called the meeting to order at 6:07 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 that the minutes of the June 20, 2016 (In Camera), and June 20, 2016 (Regular Council) meetings be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Presentations

- S/Sgt. H. Glassford; Antigonish RCMP
Prior to the beginning of the meeting

S/Sgt. H. Glassford acknowledged that she has been in Antigonish for approximately one and a half years. She spoke to the detachment's four (4) focuses, namely - Enhanced Road Safety, increasing investigators knowledge of cybercrime, contributing to community safety, and contributing to safer and healthier aboriginal communities.

Council was provided a PowerPoint presentation with S/Sgt. H. Glassford noting that, in particular, a message was sent out to university students that public intoxication would not be tolerated. She further indicated that members are working close with campus security.

S/Sgt. H. Glassford provided details on how and where checkpoints are determined, and statistics on collisions. She noted that Cybercrime awareness is being done as it is expected to increase.

Council was informed on crime reduction initiatives, patrols, AVT patrols, and conditional sentence orders. S/Sgt. H. Glassford noted that connections are being made with the Aboriginal community.

Additional details were provided on RCMP resources, budget, and the fine options program.

Discussion took place on vehicles being slowed due to a three-way stop in close proximity to an area where a bridge is being replaced. It was noted that a meeting is in the works discuss alleviating traffic congestion.

At 6:25 PM Mayor C. Chisholm thanked the S/Sgt., and she concluded her presentation.

Public Hearing

- B. Nheiley; Planning; Pubic Hearing Re: Amendments 94-57 to the Land Use By-law; Building and Development Permits

B. Nheiley noted that this was a public hearing, and with the intent to receive 2nd reading for amendment 94-57 to the Land Use By-law. She noted it is proposed to relax requirements for some matters and attach a lapse time to a development permit, which would be tied to the timing of development. Council was apprised of other stipulations in the proposed amendment.

“It was moved and to give second and final reading to amendment 94-57 of the Land Use By-law.” Motion carried

Presentation

- B. Nheiley; Planning; 2nd and Final Reading – Amendments to the Land Use By-law; Re: Structures Designed and Intended for Transport

B. Nheiley provided Council with background information and updated on the issue of structures designed and intended for transport via a PowerPoint presentation, noting that in 2012 they were prohibited. Council was advised that initially staff came across three shipping containers, however, further investigation found there were 36 in 22 areas of Town, and she noted that shipping containers, in an unmanaged way, would not work.

Council was advised the proposed amendment would see the containers permitted only in specific commercial areas, with no more than three on one lot, they would not be permitted to be stacked, and must comply with other requirements in the commercial zone. If a proposed use is for a building, material drawings must be prepared by an architect.

Councillor W. Cormier, Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, provided further details on the background of the matter.

B. Nheiley reviewed major points from the Town’s Vision Statement.

“It was Moved and Seconded to give second reading to amend the Land Use By-law with respect to structures designed and intended for transport.” Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor L. Boucher questioned whether this could apply to Recreational zones, and spoke to the reasoning behind it.

It was generally agreed to refer the matter back to the Planning Advisory Committee. Brief discussion took place.

- Flag and Land-Locked Lots

B. Nheiley noted that the matter of flag and land-locked lots was discussed at the May Council meeting, however, it was determined to have a public participation meeting specific to flag and land-locked lots, with first reading expected for the August Council meeting.

At 6:50 PM the Mayor thanked B. Nheiley and she concluded her presentations.

Business from the Minutes

- Recycle My Cell

Deputy Clerk D. Wilson advised that follow up had been carried out and the Town is now awaiting promotional material and will become a cell phone drop off site.

- Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue
Councillor S. Cameron

“It was Moved and Seconded to support the financial request in the amount of \$10,500.00.” Discussion ensued. Motion carried by a vote of four in favor, and three against.

Deputy Mayor L. Boucher stated her concerns with the motion that had just been passed. Brief discussion ensued.

Mayor C. Chisholm provided his comments on the matter.

- Antigonish Affordable Housing

“It was Moved and Seconded that the Town direct staff to have its solicitor prepare the documents to have 2 Riverside Drive turned over to Antigonish Affordable Housing Society.” Motion carried.

New Business

Correspondence

- Nova Scotia Lifesaving Society; Proclamation; July 17-23, 2016 as National Drowning Prevention Week

“It was Moved and Seconded that July 17-23, 2016 be proclaimed as National Drowning Prevention Week.” Motion carried.

Staff Reports

- CAO Reports

CAO J. Lawrence provided Council with a verbal report, and noted local people that he has met to date, meetings he has attended, a meeting with fire department, and that he had met with former CAO S. Feist to discuss priorities and challenges.

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

- Special Projects Coordinator Report(s) – Nothing to Report
- Engineering and Municipal Services Director Report – Unavailable
- Planning/Building Services & Inspection/Fire and Safety Officers’ Reports – Attached

“It was Moved and Seconded to accept the Planning/Building Services & Inspection/Fire and Safety Officers’ Reports as presented.

- Director of Corporate Services Report – Attached

“It was Moved and Seconded to accept the Director of Corporate Services Report as presented.” Motion carried.

In response to a query from Councillor D. MacInnis, S. Rector noted unaudited statements would be available in August, with the delay due to the Alternative Regional Energy Authority (AREA).

- Recreation Director Report – Unavailable

- Active Living Coordinator Report

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

Committee Reports

Councillor W. Cormier had nothing to report.

Councillor S. Cameron had nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor L. Boucher reported on summer activities and the 55+ Seniors Games.

Councillor J. MacPherson reported on a clean up of a portion of the Brierly Brook near The Wheel.

Councillor D. MacInnis noted he was happy to report that the line painting company was back in town.

Councillor L. Chisholm had nothing to report.

- **Adjournment**

“It was Moved to and Seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM.