

**Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers
September 19, 2016**

Present

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

CAO J. Lawrence
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

B. Nheilly, Planner
Delegates and Media

Call to Order

Mayor C. Chisholm called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved with an addition.

Approval of Minutes

- Closed and Regular Meetings August 15, 2016
 - Email Poll; August 23, 2016 Re: Noise Exemption By-law
- It was 'Moved and Seconded to approved the Closed and Regular Council Minutes of August 15, 2016 and the August 23, 2016 Email poll.' Motion carried.

Public Hearing

- Proposed Amendment #94-59; Transportation Structures

B. Nheilly, Planner, noted the proposed amendment came about in light of the number of transportation structures located within the Town. She noted staff gave considerations to Highway and James Street commercial zones, and the Light Industrial zone to permit the structures as-of-right. B. Nheilly advised that such structures must be placed on a base and require a building permit. She provided details as to where they can be placed, the maximum number of structures permitted, and buffering. It was noted that there is a requirement for photo of proposed structure(s) to be submitted. She further advised that consideration was given to mitigating factors such as flood zones, relaxed language for all other zones for converted structures where they could be used as housing, commercial, etc. B. Nheilly noted that any that are proposed for housing or commercial use require architectural approval, and additionally, Part II enables these structures to be used in the same manner as other structures.

The floor was opened for discussion, with B. Nheilly responding to a query on the location of light industrial and highway commercial zones.

Brief discussion took place on whether some structures would be 'grandfathered'.

At 6:12 the public hearing concluded.

Business from Minutes

- 2nd Reading: Re: Amendment #94-59 Transportation Structures
“It was Moved and Seconded to give 2nd and final reading to amendment #94-59 Transportation Structures.” Motion carried.
- 2nd Reading: Re: Amendment #94-60 Flag Lots
“It was Moved and Seconded to give 2nd and final reading to amendment #94-60 Flag Lots.” Motion carried.

The Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, Councillor W. Cormier, provided comment as to where flag lot development would be permitted, noting that it would not be permitted in the R1 (Residential First Density) zone.

Presentation

- S. Keay, .L. MacDonald, T. Trembinski; Re: Thompson Street
L. MacDonald & T. Tembinski took to the podium and noted they had on and off discussion with various staff, noting they had sent information Council.

The delegates stated that they want to ensure that the drinking water is safe, and to ensure the proposed work will resolve the issue. They noted their concern of a possible break in the line. They spoke to the issues they are experiencing and noted they had a local company attend their homes where it was determined all three had bad hot water tanks. The delegates indicated they are seeking compensation for their hot water tanks, and feel they are justified in seeking compensation for their losses and inconvenience.

Council was advised that the delegates would like the results of all water tests that have been done to date.

Mayor C. Chisholm noted that following a meeting with himself and the CAO, the delegates requested to appear before Council.

A brief question and answer session followed between the delegates and Council. The delegates were advised that the CAO would follow up with them after speaking with the Town Engineer regarding the status of the drinking water and test results.

At 6:31 PM the delegates left the meeting.

New Business

- Proclamation; Right to Know Week
“It was moved and seconded to approve the Right to Know proclamation as read aloud by Mayor C. Chisholm.” Motion carried.
- Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department ; Fire Vehicle Request for Proposal
Mayor C. Chisholm noted that work toward the Fire Vehicle Request for Proposal had been ongoing for approximately one year, with one vehicle to replace two (2) trucks, and noted the RFP proposes a vehicle that is year 2014 or newer.

Brief discussion took place.

“It was Moved and Seconded that administration move forward with the Fire Vehicle Request for Proposal.” Motion carried.

The Chair of the Fire Department Committee, Councillor W. Cormier, noted that the Finance Officer would look at the proposal to ensure it meets best practices. Mayor C. Chisholm noted the intent is for it to be included in next years’ budget.

CAO J. Lawrence responded to a query from R. Kell, noting the RFP has to come back to Council, or the new Council, for the RFP to be endorsed as it is beyond the scope of the budget, and further noted that although the process can begin, the vehicle cannot be received until after April 1, 2017.

At 6:37 the delegates left the meeting.

- Town of Antigonish 2016 Non-consolidated Financial Statements
S. Rector, Director of Corporate Services provided comment on the financial statements noting that the auditors would be in once the consolidated statements are ready.

- AREA
Brief discussion took place on the Town’s involvement with the wind farm and it was noted that the Town is the majority shareholder.

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the following Guarantee Resolution:

Town of Antigonish
Guarantee Resolution

\$9,135,000 Alternative Resource Energy Authority

WHEREAS that Alternative Resource Energy Authority was incorporated on 24th day of June, 2014, pursuant to Section 60 of the Municipal Government Act;

AND WHEREAS the Authority has determined to borrow the aggregate principle amount of Fourteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,500,000) for the purpose of wind power and has applied to the Town of Antigonish for its guarantee for Nine Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$9,135,000) of the principal and interest to which the borrowing relate;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation has requested the Town of Antigonish, a municipality that executed the instrument of incorporation of the Alternative Resource Energy Authority to guarantee the said borrowing;

AND WHEREAS Section 88 of the Municipal Government Act, provides that no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT the Town of Antigonish does hereby approve the borrowing by the Authority of Fourteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,500,000) for the purpose set out above;

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of the borrowing by the Authority and the approval of the Minister of Affairs of the guarantee, the Town unconditionally guarantee repayment of Nine Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$9,135,000) of the principal and interest of the borrowing of Fourteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,500,000) for the purpose set out above;

THAT upon the issue of the Temporary Borrowing Resolution, the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer of the Town do sign the guarantee attached to the Temporary Borrowing Resolution of the Alternative Resource Energy Authority and affix hereto the corporate seal of the Town.” Motion carried.

Councillor W. Cormier commented that completion of the 3rd phase would represent roughly 43% of the town’s energy coming from renewable energy.

CAO J. Lawrence noted that the Town will have the ability to purchase electricity from the windfarm cheaper than from Nova Scotia Power, noting the Town is already seeing monthly savings.

- Pest Control/Management

Councillor W. Cormier stated that provincially a number of stories are circulating in regard to an increase in the rat/rodent population, and provided comment he had received from residents while campaigning.

Mayor C. Chisholm commented on the need for residents to ensure garbage be in a covered container and not loose. He further encouraged citizens to call By-Law Enforcement if they observe loose garbage.

The Chair of Waste Management, Councillor J. MacPherson, stated that curbside collection is very good, and that it appears to be units of four (4) and over where there are problems. He noted there were some issues on Arbor Drive and Dolorosa Avenue, however, they were attributed to new residents, and the areas were cleaned up and dealt with.

- Eric Gillis, 3-Time Olympian

Councillor W. Cormier questioned whether the CAO could reach out to the family of Eric Gillis in an effort to have a brief celebration of his Olympic success, further noting he is expected to be in Town during St. FX Homecoming.

Brief discussion followed.

Correspondence

- Note to Town Residents

Reference was made to a note the Town received recently congratulating everyone on the success of the Hadhad Syrian family.

- Request for Use of Council Chambers, Antigonish International Film Festival (AIFF)

Correspondence was received from the AIFF requesting use of Council Chambers for their annual event. Following brief discussion Councillor W. Cormier agreed to be present for the AIFF’s event.

- Request for Funding; Antigonish International Film Festival (AIFF)

Correspondence was received from the AIFF noting a shortfall due to unforeseen circumstances. It was noted that that the request is for \$1,000., and was sent to both the Town and County, and that the County had committed to \$500.00

“It was Moved and Seconded to seek \$500.00 within the budget for sponsorship funds for advertising with the Antigonish International Film Festival.” Motion carried.

Staff Reports

- CAO Report

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

- Special Projects Coordinator Report

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Special Projects Coordinator Report as presented.” Motion carried.

- Engineering and Municipal Services Report

“It was Moved and Seconded to accept the Engineering and Municipal Services Report as presented.

CAO J. Lawrence noted that things are on course to have the new bridge on Braemore Avenue open by the end of September to mid-October. He further noted a meeting is being scheduled with the contractor to discuss unauthorized changes made to the retaining wall.

- Planning/Building Services & Inspection Report (Building Report Unavailable)

“It was Moved and Seconded to accept the Planning/Building Services & Inspection Report as presented.” Motion carried.

- Recreation Director Report

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

- Director of Corporate Services

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

Committee Reports

- Beautification

Councillor L. Chisholm requested that Council give consideration in the next budget year to have lamp posts purchased for the Whidden Bridge. The aesthetic appeal of the lamp posts on the East End Bridge was noted. It was further noted that conduit is already in place at the Whidden Bridge

- Police & License

Councillor S. Cameron noted he had no motions to bring forth. He provided comment on a new very proactive RCMP Sergeant and the number of fines reported.

- Recreation

Deputy Mayor L. Boucher reported that the summer camps were successful and that the reviews can be seen on line. Council was advised that the multi-sport program has started

again, and that numbers have doubled. Deputy Mayor L. Boucher noted that the Recreation Department did receive approval for funding for the water park, with some repairs and expansion planned.

- **Waste Management**

Councillor J. MacPherson noted that a Waste Management meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. Council was advised that Divert Nova Scotia has cut back on advertising funding, bulky curbside collection is ongoing this week, and that the Household Hazardous Waste drop off will be held at the Antigonish Market Square on September 23-24th, from 8 to 5 on Friday, and 9-2 on Saturday.

Councillor J. MacPherson provided details on a Town street clean-up scheduled for this Saturday, and encouraged Council and the public to assist

Adjournment

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