

**Regular Council Meeting  
Council Chambers  
January 16, 2017**

**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 6:00 PM.

**Approval of Agenda**

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda as distributed." Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Regular and In Camera and Regular Council Minutes of December 20, 2016 and the Special and In Camera meeting of January 9, 2017." Motion carried.

**Presentations**

- African Heritage Month Proclamation

Mayor L. Boucher called on members from African Heritage Zone 7 in attendance to join her as the African Heritage Month Proclamation was signed. She further acknowledged Mr. B. Hale who was in attendance and requested he join them in a photo opportunity.

It was noted that the kick off for African Heritage Month, co-hosted with St. FX University, will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM, at the MacKay Room, Bloomfield Center.

- Ms. K. Armstrong; Antigonish Senior's Safety Coordinator

Ms. K. Armstrong provided Council with a hand-out regarding an Antigonish Town and County Senior's Registry. Council was advised that her proposal would see members of the community ('ambassadors') reach out to the elderly and vulnerable sectors in our area following a severe weather event, etc., to ensure their safety/security.

She spoke further as to who would have access to the names list.

Council was advised that it has been determined that there are seniors in the area that might not have anyone to reach out to, or to reach out to them.

In response to a query from Councillor D. Roberts, Ms. K. Armstrong advised that more information will be provided as things move forward.

Mayor L. Boucher thanked Ms. Armstrong for her presentation.

### **Business from the Minutes**

There was no Business Arising from the Minutes

### **New Business**

- Accessibility

Mayor L. Boucher noted she had asked for this to be put on Agenda, noting how accessibility can assist not only those in wheelchairs but also other vulnerable sectors of society. She further noted that this matter will be coming down from the province

“It was Moved and Seconded to have the CAO direct staff to come up with a Terms of Reference to form an accessibility committee, with the Terms of Reference to come back to the February meeting of Council.” Motion carried.

Further comment on the matter was provided by Councillor W. Cormier

- Fire Committee Report

A number of members of the Antigonish Town Volunteer Fire Department were in attendance.

“It was Moved and Seconded to accept the proposal from Mic Mac Fire & Safety for a new pumper-tanker vehicle at the submitted price of \$575,983., excluding taxes.” Motion carried.

“It was Moved and Seconded to accept Patrick March subject to conditions as set out by the Fire Chief.” Motion carried.

Fire Chief B. Chisholm thanked S. Rector and CAO J. Lawrence for the work they had done, and helping them working through the process, in order for them to be able to secure a new fire vehicle.

- “It was Moved and Seconded to accept the recommendation as proposed by the CAO with respect to the Interim Planner.” Motion carried.

- “It was Moved and Seconded to hire Ms. K. Smith for a six to eight week term as recommended by Ms. N. Martin.” Motion carried.

- “It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Power Purchase Agreement between the Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA) and the utilities that purchase power from AREA.” Motion carried.

- Date for February Council Meeting

Mayor L. Boucher noted that February 20<sup>th</sup> falls on Heritage Day and proposed that the next Council meeting be moved to the following Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Council was in general agreement.

### **Correspondence**

- Antigonish International Film Festival; Requesting Use of Council Chambers

Council was in general agreement to permit the Antigonish Film Festival use of Council Chamber as requested. Deputy Mayor W. Cormier agreed to attend the Antigonish International Film Festival.

- Housing Nova Scotia

Mayor L. Boucher noted Housing Nova Scotia is seeking ways to reach out to residents that may be eligible for assistance, including the use of a tag line on utility bills. Council was generally in agreement.

- Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA)

“It was Moved and Seconded **Insert Motion regarding AREA here**”

Deputy Mayor W. Cormier suggested making a presentation on AREA, and invite various organizations to attend for an opportunity to make connections.

- Waste Management

Councillor J. MacPherson reported on the Christmas tree mulching which took place on January 7<sup>th</sup>, and recognized Kell’s Enterprise, Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department, Antigonish Kinsmen Club, and Antigonish Market Square Mall for their assistance.

- Land Beautification and Rehabilitation Committee

Councillor A. Murray advised he had nothing to report other than a Beautification Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

- Police & License Committee

Councillor D. Roberts noted she would be developing an agenda for a Police & License meeting in February.

- Councillor D. MacInnis

Councillor D. MacInnis advised that as he is not the chair of any committees he had nothing to report.

- Recreation

Councillor M. Farrell reported she had met with Recreation staff, and are advertising for members of the public to sit on the Recreation Committee.

- Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)

Deputy Mayor W. Cormier advised PAC meetings will now be held on a regular basis on the second Monday of the month.

### **Staff Report**

- CAO Report

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

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.