

**Regular Council Meeting  
March 29, 2016  
Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

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

**Absent**

Councillor W. Cormier

**Also Present**

CAO S. Feist  
D. Halfpenny, Recording Secretary  
S. Scannell, Special Projects Coordinator

S. Rector, Director of Corporate Services

Media

**Call to Order**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:08 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 Council Minutes of the February 22, 2016 (In Camera) meeting and the February 22, 2016 (Regular Council) as circulated." Motion Carried.

**Business from Minutes**

- There was no business arising from the minutes.

**New Business**

- Sesquicentennial Celebrations 2017

Mayor C. Chisholm informed Council on a letter received from The Victoria Children's Choir concerning a planned two week goodwill tour of the Maritime provinces between June 28 and July 12, 2017.

Brief discussion took place.

It was determined that the group should be contacted to determine any costs involved and information should be forwarded to the Antigonish Highland Society for possible inclusion during the week of Highland Games 2017.

- Occupational Health and Safety Policy

S. Feist presented a copy of an updated Occupational Health and Safety Policy as amended by the Joint Occupation Health and Safety (JOHS) committee.

It was “Moved and Seconded to accept the updated Occupational Health and Safety Policy as presented.” Motion carried.

- ACE Cooperative; Grid Tying to Town’s Electric Utility

Mayor C. Chisholm noted that the Town of Antigonish needs to investigate with other municipalities that have their own Electrical utilities to come up with a plan to provide net-metering to its’ customers while avoiding subsidization by the utility customers. Deputy Mayor L. Boucher spoke to the matter noting that a plan of investigation must take place in a timely manner to determine what the system can handle and how these green initiatives can move forward. She requested to be on record that as a Town resident and owner of a cottage in the County of Antigonish she is investigating how solar panels could be used at her cottage.

### **Motion**

It was “Moved and Seconded that S. Feist direct Town staff to contact other Municipal Units with Electric utilities to identify interest in coordinating efforts to have a study completed to determine the threshold to implement net metering; to research funding opportunities and, if possible, apply for funding to assist with the study; and to deliver the study and recommendations to address policy and procedure for solar panel green initiatives by August 2016.” Motion Carried.

- Scotia Rail Development

Mayor C. Chisholm referenced a letter received by Town of Antigonish Council requesting support with respect to the Save the Rail initiative.

Brief Discussion followed.

It was” Moved and Seconded that a letter of support be sent to The Scotia Rail Development Society.” Motion carried.

- Request for Use of Council Chambers; Antigonish Women’s Resource Centre

Brief discussion took place

Brief discussion took place and it was generally agreed to approve a request by the Antigonish Women’s Resource Centre for the use of Council Chambers on April 1<sup>st</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.. The group is to be advised and date secured. It was noted April will be proclaimed Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

- Tree Removal

Councillor D. MacInnis said that he had received a number of inquiries from residents concerning proper disposal of tree branches after the harsh winter.

Councillor J. MacPherson advised that town residents may utilize their green carts and/or Eastern Sanitation Limited for the removal of unwanted tree limbs, subject to a 2” maximum diameter.

- **BurMac 2017**

Mayor C. Chisholm spoke to discussions with both the County and Antigonish Arena Commission with respect to the 2017 BurMac Cup.

Councillor D. MacInnis acknowledged that as a member of the Antigonish Arena Executive he was aware that the Antigonish Arena was also in favour of not allowing the event to occur at the Antigonish Arena in 2017.

### **Motion**

It was “Moved and Seconded that the Town of Antigonish support the decision of The County of Antigonish and the Antigonish Arena Executive not to permit the BurMac hockey game to be held at the Antigonish Arena in 2017.” Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **Staff Reports**

- **CAO Report**
  - Advisory Committees – Appointments; Planning Committee & Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committees

S. Feist reported that six letters of interest were received from citizens expressing interest in serving on the Planning Advisory Committee, and that no applications were received for the positions on the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee.

Discussion followed.

Councillor J. MacPherson provided comment on the basis of a conversation he had had with the Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee.

Deputy Mayor L. Boucher provided comment on the matter noting that while the current members whose terms are expiring will be a loss to the committee it is unknown what attributes that the new members will bring to the table. She further noted the committee structure process must be clear and transparent and other citizens should be given the chance to participate.

Councillor S. Cameron put forth a suggestion that the two (2) year term be changed to a four (4) year term with provision for an additional 4 year term to be applied for and approved at the discretion of Council.

Discussion followed.

It was “Moved and Seconded that the Advisory Committees Policy be amended from a term of two (2) years to a term of four (4) years and that one additional term of 4 years can be applied for and approved at the discretion of Council.” Motion Carried.

Mayor C. Chisholm put forth the suggestion that in the event that no new applications come forth that council be able to reinstate committee members. He noted that if an amendment is not made to the existing policy, the Beautification Committee will cease to exist effective April 1, 2016.

It was “Moved and Seconded that the Advisory Committee Policy be amended to include a clause that should no new applications be received, existing committee members may have their terms extended at the discretion of Council.” Motion Carried.

Voting on the motions regarding Advisory Committees Policy was carried out by secret ballot, with S. Rector and S. Scannell collecting and tabulating the results.

Five new members were appointed to the Planning Advisory Committee, including: J. Kerr, C. Henderson, J. Sullivan, K. Hanlon and K. Silver. Three current members have terms expire effective April 1, 2016. They include: T. Sherrington, B. MacLean, and A. Murray.

- Special Projects Coordinator Report(s)
  - Maple DriveS. Scannell provided Council with an overview of the Report regarding Maple Drive and options available to them.

Discussion followed.

Councillor J. MacPherson said that a review of former Council Minutes will note that it was agreed in 2009 that the next new street was to be called Kaye Street in honor of the first female Mayor the Town of Antigonish, Kaye Chisholm.

Mayor c. Chisholm said that he will have D. Wilson look up the information for inclusion in next month’s Council meeting.

It was “Moved and Seconded that the vacant lot become a trail, that funding be sought to develop the trail and that the remaining portion of the street be given a new name.

Motion Carried

- Cross Walk Painting
- S. Scannell provided Council with an overview of the Report regarding cross walk painting. Brief discussion took place.

**Motion**

It was “Moved and Seconded that the majority of the Special Project Coordinators Report on Cross Walk Painting be accepted with the exception of midpoint zebra painting of the cross walk on Main St across from Antigonish Legion , and across from the Arena be painted as test sites”.

Motion defeated.

- Director of Corporate Services Report
- Roundtable introductions were made with Ms. S. Rector, Director of Corporate Services.

Ms. S. Rector provided Council with an update on how Corporate Services have evolved since her arrival and ongoing matters.

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

- Engineering and Municipal Services Director Report

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

- Planning/Building Services & Inspection/Fire and Safety Officers’ Reports

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

- Recreation Director Report

Councillor S. Cameron said that a credit has been received from the Fire Works company for fireworks that failed to work. He said it was the intent of Committee to seek approval to maintain the existing budget for fireworks and use the credit in 2017 for additional fireworks to celebrate Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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

### **Committee Reports**

- Waste Management

It was “Moved and Seconded that Council allocate \$3,500. to the Waste Management budget for the purchase two (2) new three-slot sorting stations to replace existing waste containers. Motion carried.

It was “Moved and Seconded that Council direct staff to formulate a plan for the replacement of existing Green Carts over the next few years.” Motion carried.

It was “Moved and Seconded that Council write a letter in support of Priority Extended Producer Responsibility Programs to the UNSM and the Minister of Environment, the Honorable Margaret Miller.” Motion carried.