

**Regular Council
May 16, 2016
Town Council Chambers**

Present

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

Also Present

CAO S. Feist
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
S. Rector, Director of Corporate Services
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 April 1, 2016 (Email Poll), April 18, 2016 (Regular Council), and April 18, 2016 (In Camera) meetings be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Presentations

Mayor C. Chisholm requested those presenting keep their presentations to 15 minutes.

- **D. Kyle; Re: Advanced Election Date and Alternative Voting Dates**

Ms. D. Kyle was in attendance to seek approval for an advanced election date, and alternative voting dates. D. Kyle distributed information to Council. She provided details on the manner in which dates are designated as well as options.

Discussion ensued.

"It was moved and seconded that the first advance poll be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016, and that alternative polling days (for the purpose of internet and telephone voting) commence on the opening of the first advance poll on Thursday, October 6, 2016, at 12 noon and conclude on Saturday, October 15th at 7:00 PM." Motion carried with Councillor S. Cameron voting nay.

- CACL & Royal Canadian Legion; Re: Legion/CACL Project
Messers J. Teasdale, A. Cameron and K. Mulhotra were in attendance to apprise Council of the proposed joint project.

Messers A. Cameron and J. Teasdale took the floor and introduced themselves.

J. Teasdale and A. Cameron each outlined the current challenges and opportunities for each organization, as well as the benefits to be had to the community as a whole. It was noted this type of partnership could be a new blueprint for other organizations.

J. Teasdale noted that community consultation is planned for Wednesday, May 25th at the Legion.

A draft plan of the building was presented, with A. Cameron noting that their request to the Town is to cover costs for the deed transfer tax, and for costs of the permitting process.

In response to a query from Councillor W. Cormier, B. Nheily responded noting that the building is currently zoned institutional, that both organizations have charity status, and currently their proposed use is permitted.

In response to a query it was noted that their offer on the building has been accepted.

In response to a comment from the floor, Mayor C. Chisholm noted comments regarding the proposal should be made during the consultation process.

Mayor C. Chisholm thanked the delegates for their presentation and suggested efforts continue on the consultation process. The delegates left the meeting at 6:50 PM.

- B. Nheiley, Interim Planner; Re: Trade & Licensing By-law Amendments
Ms. B. Nheiley was in attendance to seek first reading for amendments to the Trade & Licensing By-law and proposed changes to development permits. Discussion took place on various aspects of the proposal.

She noted that staff recommends Council repeal the current Mobile Vendors Bylaw and approve the proposed amendment to the Trade & Licensing By-law.

She responded a query from Councillor W. Cormier

B. Nheily noted that recently a vendor with a mobile pressuring washing business was not eligible for a permit as the Mobile Vendors By-law was specific to food beverage vending. She further noted that the Trade & License By-law covers many aspects of vending. B. Nheily stated that there are proposed changes to definitions and terms, and spoke to the specifics. She noted that redundant terms have been removed, and relevant terms from the Mobile Vendors By-law have been added.

B. Nheily reviewed the sections which have been amended/deleted and or removed/replaced and advised Council on additional requirements and processes.

Council was advised on the positive changes that were being proposed.

Discussion took place with a suggestion that the document might need additional strength in wording. Comment was provided on a requirement to use non-toxic materials and raised a concern for what might go into the town's catch-pit(s). B. Nheiley noted that all vendors would be required to comply with all other Town and Provincial By-laws.

Concern was raised with a mobile vendor with one license operating in multiple locations, and noted this might be unfair to those with fixed businesses.

Councillor W. Cormier provided comments, and noted he would like to see the license fees and the distance from similar operations increased.

Councillor S. Cameron requested B. Nheilly take a closer look at the section dealing with liquidators.

It was generally agreed that the document be reviewed and brought back to Council at a later date. Mayor C. Chisholm requested both modified and proposed versions be provided next time.

The presentation concluded at 7:35 PM.

- **Development Permit Land Use By-law (LUB) Minor Amendment**

B. Nheilly advised that amendments to the current development permit and Land Use By-law would distinguish development from maintenance, provide protection of architecturally significant areas, and reduce red tape. She noted that Section 5.1 of the LUB may have been an adaptation of the Building Code, and may have created undue requirements for simply maintenance matters.

B. Nheilly reviewed the Municipal Planning Strategy and specifics that must be considered (Section 8.2.5). She then reviewed various proposed amendments to the development permitting process.

"It was Moved and Seconded that subject to minor amendments as recommended by Council that the Land Use By-law amendments be given first reading.

The presentation concluded at 7:49 PM.

Business from the Minutes

- **Port Hawkesbury Paper – Tour Date**

Mayor C. Chisholm advised that he had spoken with staff at Port Hawkesbury Paper and that a tour will be offered tomorrow, May 17th at 10:00 AM.

Brief discussion took place.

New Business

- **Approval of 2016-17 Budget**

In order to present the Budget Resolutions, Mayor C. Chisholm vacated, and Deputy Mayor L. Boucher assumed the Chair.

Resolution 2016-05-16 Re: 2016-17 Budget

It was “Moved and Seconded

WHEREAS the Town of Antigonish estimates the amount of \$8,634,116.51 as necessary expenditures for the lawful purposes of general Town operations, and revenue, other than taxation revenues in the amount of \$3,582,794.88 for the year 2016-17;

AND WHEREAS the net amount required to be raised by taxation is in the amount of \$5,043,954.02;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the tax rate to be set for 2016-17 at the rate of \$1.06 for Residential and Resource and \$2.58 for Commercial properties per \$100.00 of taxable assessment;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the due date for 2016-17 taxes to be paid to the Town of Antigonish be June 30, 2016;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the interest charged on taxes be set at 9% per annum on the taxes outstanding after the aforesaid due date of June 30, 2016.” Motion carried.

Mayor C. Chisholm put forth the following resolution:

Resolution 2016-17A Re: 2016-17 Waste Management Collection

It was “Moved and Seconded

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Antigonish that the Waste Management Collection charge for 2016-17 be established as \$248.75 per equivalent unit;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the due date for 2016-17 charges to be paid to the Town of Antigonish be June 30, 2016;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the interest charged on charges be set at 9% per annum on the amounts outstanding after the aforesaid due date of June 30, 2016.” Motion carried.

- Introduction of New St. FX Staff Member

Deputy Mayor L. Boucher introduced Annir Sirois, as the new St. FX Student Union Vice President External, and noted her job is to Liasie between provincial, federal, and municipal governments.

Staff Reports

- CAO Report

- Wall Mural

CAO S. Feist announced that there would be a 4th annual wall mural competition, and that is currently being advertised in conjunction with the County’s wall mural competition.

Councillor W. Cormier suggested a commercial building on Court Street be considered as a an appropriate location for the new mural.

- Phase III Town Hall Renovations

CAO S. Feist provided comment on the two tenders received, noting that the higher bid would garner better quality materials and workmanship. He also noted concern that the low bid may not have covered all aspects of the tender requirements.

“It was Moved and Seconded that Town Hall Tender – Phase III be awarded to Coastal Restoration & Masonry (CRM) at the bid price of \$334,798.00.” Motion carried.

- CAO Retirement

CAO S. Feist provided comment on his employment with the Town and commended Council, staff, and other municipal employees for their efforts.

“It was Moved and Seconded to accept the verbal report of the CAO as presented.” Motion carried.

- Special Projects Coordinator Report – Maple Drive
Special Projects Coordinator S. Scannell advised on input received from residents with regard to the renaming of a portion of what is now considered Maple Drive.

Discuss took place.

“It was Moved and Seconded that the lower portion of Maple Drive from Hawthorne Street to Hillside Drive be renamed to St. Bean Lane.” Motion carried.

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

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

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

Committee Reports

- Waste Management
Councillor J. MacPherson reported that the Town recently held another successful bulky waste collection program.

- Recreation
Deputy Mayor L. Boucher spoke on the success of the new multi-sport program, and acknowledged the Town and County Active Living Co-ordinators, noting that they will be the recipients of the Ricoh Sports award, which will be presented later this month in Halifax.

Council was advised that T. Cameron will send out the proposed Healthy Eating Policy for review and comments.

- Police & License Committee
Councillor S. Cameron noted a Police & License meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, and that he has asked the Student Life Resident to join the meeting.

- Other Business
On behalf of Council, Mayor C. Chisholm thanked CAO S. Feist, stating Council owed him a great deal of gratitude for a job well done.

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 PM

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer