

**Regular Town Council
May 28, 2018
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Mayor L. Boucher
Deputy Mayor D. Roberts
Councillor W. Cormier
Councillor M. Farrell
Councillor A. Murray
Councillor D. MacInnis
Councillor J. MacPherson

Also Present

D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
S. Scannell, Special Projects Coordinator

Media

Absent with Regret

CAO J. Lawrence

Call to Order

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the April 16, 2018 Regular and In Camera Minutes, and April 30 and May 4, 2018 EPoll Minutes." Motion carried.

Presentations

- Antigonish Culture Association, Ms. S. O'Toole
J. Leuschner (Arts Health Antigonish; AHA) and A. MacFarland (ASAP) joined Ms. S. O'Toole in providing a short but comprehensive insight into arts in the Antigonish area and each spoke to their specific organization and the economic benefits of all of the organizations to the wider community. They concluded with a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Earth Art installation which was previously installed at the Landing.

A question and answer session followed. Mayor L. Boucher provided comment and commended them for their efforts.

At 6:18 PM the delegates left the meeting.

- Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network Re: Port Development Update
Mr. J. Beaton circulated information to Council and noted he would provide information relevant to Port Development in the Strait of Canso area. He then identified others that work with the ESREN including the CBREN.

Council was provided with an outline of the timelines and framework of activities related to the Strait of Canso, noting that the 'goals' are a living document which will change as things change over time. J. Beaton then reviewed the Goals and noted the impact that the Port Development has on the various surrounding communities including Antigonish.

At 6:30 PM Councillor D. MacInnis joined the meeting.

A question and answer followed. Mayor L. Boucher provided comment on the One Nova Scotia Report and compared it to the efforts in Port Development and the ESREN.

At 6:37 PM the Mayor thanked the delegates and they left the meeting.

Business from the Minutes

- Second and Final Reading; Vending By-law & Associated Amendment to the Municipal User Fees Policy

Special Projects Coordinator, S. Scannell noted that he had brought the proposed Vending By-law to the previous Council meeting at which time it had been given First Reading and provided some of the highlights of the changes of the combined Mobile Vending and Trade & Licensing By-laws into the Vending By-law.

S. Scannell noted he is also bringing forth the Municipal User Fees Policy to be amended (cost of fees) into the Policy. He then spoke specifically to mobile vending, the increase in the numbers of vendors and the possibility of pooling vendors together is a specific area.

S. Scannell provided a response to a concern raised by Councillor J. MacPherson in regard to the possible location of mobile vendors. Discussion ensued.

Deputy Mayor suggested the By-law be reviewed by Police & License Committee and then come back to Council. Discussion ensued.

"It was Moved and Seconded to give Second and Final Reading to the Vending By-law and to approve an amendment to the Municipal User Fees Policy." Motion carried with Deputy Mayor D. Roberts and Councillors A. Murray and J. MacPherson voting against the motion.

New Business

- Festival Antigonish Re: Tag Signage Request

S. Scannell provided comment to Council on a request from Festival Antigonish to permit them to have a 'tag' sign attached to the Town's community sign. He provided further details on the costs that would be associated with the project and responses he received from other areas of the province who have participated in this type of project but typically do not provide for the installation/removal of the signage.

Discussion ensued. Councillor W. Cormier provided comment noting he would support having Public Works staff install/remove the signage.

Councillor A. Murray provided further comment.

Councillor J. MacPherson provided positive comment on having public works install/remove the signage.

“It was Moved and Seconded to provide a letter of support for the tag signage for Festival Antigonish, and that staff discuss and make arrangements to have the signs installed/removed on an annual basis.

- Special Olympics; Rock for Cairn

Councillor M. Farrell provided details on a Special Olympics cairn (designed by Councillor A. Murray) which will include identified stones from each province. She further noted that that Arsenault Monuments will create the cairn and that MacGillivray Fuels will have the cairn lit during Special Olympics.

Mayor L. Boucher provided comment on the legacy of the cairn beyond hosting the Special Olympics this summer.

A photo opportunity took place while all of Council placed their hands on a stone provided by Councillor M. Farrell which will represent Antigonish in the creation of the cairn.

- Heartland Tour

Councillor A. Murray referred to an email had been sent by the Deputy Clerk regarding the upcoming Heartland Tour. He noted that Norma Jean MacDonald is on the Tour Committee and is seeking the support of the Town in the purchase of a bicycle to be given as a prize.

He then noted the cost of the bicycle. Discussion took place on whether the County had been contacted for support as well.

“It was moved and seconded to provide sufficient funds to support the Heartland Tour with the purchase of a bicycle of approximately \$300 plus tax as a prize for the Heartland Tour event.” Motion carried.

Correspondence

- Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM)

Re: UNSM Initiative Report

Brief discussion took place. Mayor L. Boucher provided positive comment on the Spring UNSM Conference and noted this is the first time she had seen the province and municipal counterparts working so closely together.

Staff Reports

(Unavailable)

Committee Reports

- Recreation Committee

Councillor M. Farrell provided comments on Recreation Committee meetings and reported on various activities being worked on.

It was Moved and Seconded that the \$4,500. to be received from the Dr. J.J. Carroll Awards fund be dispersed as follows: Antigonish Town Wee lands and Lassies \$1,250., Antigonish Town Lear to Swim Instructor Training \$1,000., PHAST Swim Team \$1000. And Antigonish Track Club \$1,250.” Motion carried.

- Accessibility Advisory Committee

Councillor D. MacInnis advised the Accessibility Committee will likely be meeting in June.

- Police & License Committee

Deputy Mayor D. Roberts reported that the Police & License Committee did not meet in May but will be meeting in June.

- Beautification & Land Rehabilitation Committee

Councillor A. Murray reported that the Beautification Committee did not meet in May but will be meeting in June.

- Solid Waste Management Committee

Councillor J. MacPherson advised he had hoped to have a meeting of the Solid Waste Committee but did not have a quorum. A Regional meeting is to be in Guysborough. He reported that Divert Nova Scotia, has now mandated that empty and dry paint cans no longer to go to landfill but rather to the EnviroDepot®.

- Fire Committee

Councillor W. Cormier noted he had nothing to report from the Fire Committee.

Mayor L. Boucher noted the Town is awaiting a formal motion from one municipality in order to join the Eastern District Planning Commission. She further noted that she, along with staff, and Planning Advisory Committee members had attended a recent Planning Conference.

At 7:18 PM the meeting was adjourned.