

**Regular Town Council Meeting
June 15, 2020
Via Zoom Platform**

Present

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

Also Present

CAO J. Lawrence
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
M. Barkhouse, Corporate Services
K. Gorman, Communications
K. Proctor, Town Engineer
S. Scannell, Community Development

Delegates
Media

Call to Order

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Approval of Agenda

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda as presented.” Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the minutes of the In Camera and Regular Council May 25, 2020 and Special In Camera and Special Council June 8, 2020.” Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

There was no Business from Minutes

New Business

- October 2020 Municipal Election (J. Lawrence)

CAO J. Lawrence stated that staff had recommended that Council utilize Intelivote through their standing contract with Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) as well as the use of paper ballots for the upcoming municipal election.

“It was Moved and Seconded to utilize both Intelivote through their standing contract with HRM along with paper ballots.” Motion carried.

- By-law Enforcement Annual Report

S. Scannell noted the Annual Report had been included as part of a discussion with staff to provide Council with more context and summary results than they have seen over the year and provided details on the number of files addressed over the past year and consistency with the

time of year. He stated that solid waste and unsightly premises are the most common issues and expanded on details.

Council was advised that the number of files initiated and cleared by staff is approximately 90% and spoke to additional information provided in the report.

Mayor L. Boucher acknowledged the report and noted enforcement of by-laws came up quite regularly during the 'Engage' sessions and stated it was good to see the progress that has been made. She thanked S. Scannell for the information.

- **Proclamation – ALS Awareness**

Mayor L. Boucher provided brief comment then read aloud and signed a proclamation declaring June 2020 as ALS Awareness month.

Mayor L. Boucher noted a group of individuals will be coming to Town Hall and setting up information for people to pick up in the foyer. She further noted there will also be an 'individual' walks with the miles being recorded.

Staff Reports

- **CAO Report**

CAO J. Lawrence asked for any questions from Council.

Councillor J. MacPherson questioned whether if the railway doesn't carry out repairs if the Town could do something. CAO J. Lawrence responded that the Town is already paying funds to the railway and that doing work that wasn't carried out to a standard could lead to liability.

Councillor D. Roberts stated she had reached out to an employee of the railway but has not received a response and may call him again tomorrow.

Councillor D. Roberts noted she is receiving comments regarding the lack of line painting and questioned the status, noting she is of the understanding that the matter of line painting is now in the hands of staff.

CAO J. Lawrence stated a plan has been approved by Council, subject to input from the Traffic Authority, that 'test' areas will be used and expanded on details. He noted discussions are currently taking place between the Town Engineer and the Traffic Authority.

K. Proctor noted the various changes that came from the meeting were put on a map sheet with the hope of receiving comment from the Traffic Authority. He noted that until such time as there is favorable weather work will not proceed. He stated he was in the New Glasgow area last week and stated they also do not have lines painted at this time and provided further comment. He noted that the contractor has been advised on some changes to line painting and expanded on the details. He stated the Town is trying to standardize how the lines are applied.

Councillor A. Murray stated he has received two (2) comments on the unsightly state of the former Petro Canada sign at the west end of Main Street. It was noted that S. Scannell will likely look into the matter.

Councillor A. Murray provided positive comment on a funding application for the Beautification Committee.

In response to a query from Councillor D. MacInnis, CAO J. Lawrence stated that the skatepark appears to be operating well under the new guidelines. S. Scannell provided comment on the current guidelines.

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

Committee Reports

- Fire Committee

Councillor W. Cormier stated he had nothing to report but does anticipate a meeting of the Fire Committee next month.

- Solid Waste Committee/RCMP Advisory Board/Antigonish Community Transit (ACT)

Councillor J. MacPherson reported that the weekly summer green bin program should be starting this week. An RCMP Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, and the ACT Annual General Meeting is scheduled for June 23rd.

- Beautification/Canada Day

Councillor A. Murray stated that the Beautification Committee did not meet, however, hanging baskets are anticipated to be going up the end of this week, and that some flowers are being planted in planters. He noted plans for a virtual Canada Day are well underway and that they are waiting for good weather to complete a shoot at Columbus Field. He thanked L. Bray and K. Gorman for their assistance.

- Police & License Committee

Councillor D. Roberts stated she had nothing to report from the Police & License Committee.

- Accessibility Committee

Councillor D. MacInnis advised that the Accessibility Committee had not met and indicated that the accessibility swing had been approved in the current budget.

- Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor M. Farrell advised that no Recreation meeting was held due to the pandemic, staff changing things on the fly due to the pandemic and are hoping to have a meeting soon.

Deputy Mayor M. Farrell gave thanks to Antigonish Crime Prevention and spoke to care packages made for seniors in both the Town and County and recognized the person who came up with the idea

- Planning Advisory Committee

Mayor L. Boucher noted that a planning meeting was not held and acknowledged the amount of development taking place within the Town.

Councillor D. Roberts noted that civic addresses were usually included with the building permit report but were not in this one. Mayor L. Boucher stated she would look into the matter.

“It was Moved to adjourn.”