

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF**  
**ANTIGONISH**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA**

**Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:30pm**  
**Municipal Administration Centre**

- 1) Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron
- 2) Approval of Agenda – Additions or Deletions
- 3) Approval of April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 Minutes
- 4) Delegations
- 5) Continuing Business
  - a. Smart Cities Challenge Discussion
  - b. Active Transportation Priorities Approval
  - c. Awarding of a Tender for Tree Harvesting
- 6) New Business
  - a. Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation
  - b. Gaelic Nova Scotia Month Proclamation Request
- 7) Reports from Inter-Municipal Boards, Committees and Commissions
  - a. Antigonish Heritage Museum Board
  - b. Antigonish Arena Commission
  - c. Antigonish Crime Prevention
  - d. Eastern District Planning Commission
  - e. Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management Committee
  - f. Eastern-Strait Regional Enterprise Network
  - g. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library
  - h. RK MacDonald Nursing Home
- 8) Community Events
- 9) Staff Reports
- 10) Additions to the Agenda
- 11) In-Camera Items
  - a. Personnel Matters (Recreation Summer Student and Rec Programmer Positions, Finance Department Term Position)
- 12) Next Meeting: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 @ 5:30pm
- 13) Adjournment

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CHART December, 2017 (amended Mar. 2018)

COUNCIL PRIORITIES	
<b>NOW</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BROADBAND PROPOSAL: Agreement</b> – Jan.</li> <li><b>INTERNET SERVICE: Business Case</b> – March</li> <li><b>CELLULAR SERVICE: Business Case</b> – May</li> <li><b>NEW BUSINESS PARK: Options</b> – June</li> <li><b>REN STRATEGY: Review</b> – Mar.</li> </ol>	
<b>NEXT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACCESSIBILITY: Audit</li> <li>INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING: PLAN</li> <li>WATER: Assessment &amp; Projects</li> <li>SEWER: Assessment &amp; Projects</li> <li>GUYSBOROUGH: Collaboration Meeting</li> <li>TOURISM PROGRAM: Review</li> </ul>	<b>ADVOCACY/PARTNERSHIPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Broadband Funding (Province)</i></li> <li><i>Long-Term Care Facility Funding (Province)</i></li> <li><i>Aging In Place Program (Province)</i></li> <li><i>NS Broadband Study (Province)</i></li> <li><i>PFN: CEDI Initiatives</i></li> </ul>
CLERK TREASURER	FINANCE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>REN STRATEGY: Review</b> – Mar.</li> <li><b>INDUSTRIAL PARK –LAND AD, SALE &amp; NEW BUSINESS PARK: Options</b> - June</li> <li>Asset Management System: Phase 1 – June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Management Coordination</li> <li>Leadership Team Development Program</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING: Plan – Jun</li> <li>Water Meter System: Integration</li> <li>Landfill Billing System: Review – Mar. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Utility Rates: Review – Oct.</li> <li>Information Technology Strategy: Sept</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
PUBLIC WORKS	RECREATION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEWER TREATMENT: Assessments &amp; Problem ID – Sept.</li> <li>WATER SYSTEM: Assessment – Mar.</li> <li>WATER SYSTEM: Upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate Asset Condition Assessments</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active Transportation: Action Plan – April.</li> <li>MPAL: Recreation Plan – June.</li> <li>Part Time Staff Leadership Program – April</li> <li>Support Community Initiatives – Jan 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation for All Program – Jan 2019</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
SUSTAINABILITY	PLANNING
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACCESSIBILITY: Audit – Mar.</li> <li>Emergency Business Continuity Plan – May.</li> <li>Renewable Energy: Options – June (Prov.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PFN: CEDI Initiative Next Steps – April</li> <li>Municipal Awareness Strategy – September</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EASTERN ANTIGONISH PLAN REVIEW – Sept.</li> <li><i>Civic Address Internal Audit</i> – April</li> <li>Amendments – PAC Jan/Feb. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Antigonish Affordable Housing (Phase 3)</li> <li>MacDonald Dairy Warehouse</li> <li>Levy's Leather Warehouse</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
ADMINISTRATION	ADMINISTRATION
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**TO:** COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
**FROM:** STAFF  
**SUBJECT:** *COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEMO*  
**DATE:** APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

**DELEGATIONS**

**None**

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**a. Smart Cities Challenge Discussion**

Staff will be providing an update on the work done to date in developing a challenge statement as part of the Smart Cities Challenge.

**b. Active Transportation Priorities Approval**

Recreation staff will be on hand to answer any further questions regarding the Active Transportation Priorities that were presented at the April 3, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting.

**c. Awarding of a Tender for Tree Harvesting**

A tender was issued to harvest low-grade trees from an approximately 10HA area of the Beech Hill Solid Waste Resource Management Facility, closing Friday, April 13. Typically, the Municipality would clear land at its own cost. In this instance the Director of Public Works thought it advisable to issue a tender for the land clearing to see if we could get any value. A map of the location is included: <https://www.antigonishcounty.ns.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Map-Outlining-10-Ha-to-be-Harvested-1.pdf>. The following bids were received.

Ralph Penny	\$16,200
Brent MacDougall	\$15,641.15
Darrell MacDougall	\$7245

Staff is recommending that Ralph Penny be awarded the contract to clear an area of the Beech Hill Solid Waste Resource Management Facility at the bid price of \$16,200.00.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation**

On April 5, 2018, the Municipality joined representatives from the Town, St. FX University (Administration and Students), Paqtnkek First Nation, and the Government of Canada in signing a proclamation proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Antigonish Town and County.

**b. Gaelic Nova Scotia Month Proclamation Request**

A request has been received by the Municipality from Hon. Randy Delorey, Minister of Gaelic Affairs, asking for consideration of the Municipality to proclaim May as Gaelic Nova Scotia Month.

**REPORTS FROM INTER-MUNICIPAL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

Please see the attached reports.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

This item provides councillors with an opportunity to briefly bring to the attention of Council events that are taking place in their communities.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### *Administration*

- Arrangements are in the works for a CEDI workshop session for Council and senior staff on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### *Public Works*

- A Request for Proposals has been posted on the Municipal website for the curbside collection of Bulky Waste materials within the County of Antigonish. Tenders will be received until 12:00 Noon, Monday, April 30, 2018.

### *Recreation*

- Interviews were held during the week of April 9-13<sup>th</sup> for the Rec Programmer and Summer Student positions
- Weather-permitting, construction on the pavilion will start this month.

### *Finance*

- A summary of Special District Grant Funds and how the Councillors wish to allocate the remaining funds at March 31/18, has been distributed under separate cover for your information.
- The Tax Sale is scheduled to take place on Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the Municipal Office
- Interviews were held for the Finance Department Term Position, which will provide staffing support during the summer months.

## **IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

### Personnel Matters

This subject matter falls within Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act as that which a committee may discuss in a closed session. It is recommended a motion be made to initiate an in-camera session. Materials will follow.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF  
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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**

A Committee of the Whole Meeting was held Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administrative Centre, 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish NS.

Present were:

Warden Owen McCarron, Chair  
Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart  
Councillor Mary MacLellan  
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm (left at 7:45)  
Councillor John Dunbar  
Councillor Gary Mattie  
Councillor Neil Corbett  
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer  
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Allison Duggan, Director of Finance  
Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities  
Marlene Melanson, Director of Recreation  
Meaghan MacNeil, Physical Activity Coordinator  
Representatives from the Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue

Regrets:

Councillor Donnie MacDonald  
Councillor Rémi Deveau

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron, at 7:02pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Loan Guarantee for the Aulds Cove Fire Department
- Bank Erosion on the West River

*Moved by Deputy Warden Stewart and seconded by Councillor MacFarlane that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Warden McCarron called three times for any errors or omissions in the March 20<sup>th</sup>, Committee of the Whole minutes.

*Moved by Councillor Dunbar and seconded by Councillor Corbett that the Committee of the Whole minutes of March 20<sup>th</sup> be approved. Motion carried.*

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue**

Representatives from the Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue provided members of the Committee with a brief overview of the history of their operations, and their recent renovations to their facility in Monastery, including the installation of heat pumps, and increases in their membership over the past year. Their plans for additional renovations to the building, as well as their anticipated future equipment needs were also reviewed. Funding currently available to the organization was discussed, and the GS&R representatives noted that they intended to seek funding via a levy via each participating municipality, as opposed to annually applying for grants, and would be making this request to the Mayors & Wardens Committee. Discussion followed. The presenters were thanked, and Warden McCarron noted that their current grant funding request would be considered as part of the budget deliberations.

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

### **AT Priority Setting Update and Recommendations**

Ms. Melanson reviewed the staff report that was provided to the Committee. The chart, outlining how the AT Advisory Committee ranked priorities and projects for action this year was discussed. Questions were asked regarding coordination with TIR and timing for requests for widening of roads to include bike lanes, particularly out to the Keppoch where there is a lot of on-road bike traffic now. A question was also raised regarding the definition of Active Transportation; the Advisory Committee will be reviewing this in the future.

### **Consideration of a Response to MODG Regarding the NS Onshore Petroleum Atlas**

The Committee was asked how they would like to approach the request from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough regarding the NS Onshore Petroleum Atlas. Discussion followed regarding options. The Committee decided not to issue a response at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Financial Update**

Mrs. Duggan provided the Committee with a brief summary of the PVSC Capped Assessment Comparison (F16/17 vs. F17/18), and assessment information for the 2018/2019 Budget. Discussion about trends, implications, and the notice about increased education costs followed.

### **Communities in Bloom**

Mrs. Schumacher noted that information had been received from Communities in Bloom regarding their annual challenge. Councillors were requested to contact staff if they were interested in further information for their communities.

### **Discussion Regarding Volunteer Fire Departments**

Councillor Corbett enquired whether Council has ever looked at or asked for the guiding policy documents for Volunteer Fire Departments. Mr. Horne noted the Municipality's financial relationship with these organizations via the role that the Municipality plays in collecting levys on their behalf; as part of this, the Municipality requests their financial statements.

#### UNSM Request to Include Discussion of UNSM Priorities on Council Agendas

Correspondence attached to the agenda package was reviewed. The Committee identified that cellular and broadband coverage was not included in the list of priorities. Committee members were asked to forward any additional comments that they have to staff.

#### FCM Conference 2018

The Committee discussed who would be interested in attending the FCM 2018 Conference, which is taking place in Halifax. Warden McCarron and Deputy Warden Stewart indicated that they would like to go. Staff will follow-up with Councillors MacDonald and Chisholm, who were absent for the discussion.

#### **REPORTS FROM INTER-MUNICIPAL BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS**

- a. Antigonish Heritage Museum Board: Councillor Corbett provided an update on last meeting. Councillor Corbett also provided a summary of the Affordable Housing Workshop that he attended.
- b. Antigonish Arena Commission: this month's meeting is in the process of being rescheduled
- c. Antigonish Crime Prevention: this month's report was included in the agenda package
- d. Eastern District Planning Commission: Councillor MacFarlane provided a brief overview of the last EDPC meeting
- e. Eastern Region Solid Waste Management: an update would be provided at the next CoW meeting
- f. Eastern-Strait Regional Enterprise Network: Mr. Horne provided an overview of the Liaison Oversight Committee on March 29<sup>th</sup>. St. Mary's and Port Hawkesbury provided notice, in addition to Guysborough and the County. Additional meetings will be held in the upcoming weeks.
- g. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library: Councillor MacLellan noted that the next meeting was scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- h. RK MacDonald Nursing Home: Joint Councils will be meeting with the CEO next week.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

It was noted that Bruce Matheson would be presenting at the Antigonish Legion on Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm about Passchendaele.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Horne noted that staff reports were provided in the agenda package.

#### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

##### Loan Guarantee for the Aulds Cove Volunteer Fire Department

The Municipality has been asked to provide a guarantee for a loan sought by the Aulds Cove Volunteer Fire Department, as they look to replace/upgrade some of their fleet.

*Moved the Councillor Corbett and seconded by Councillor MacLellan that the Committee recommends that Municipal Council provide a \$40,000 loan guarantee for the Aulds Cove Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried.*

##### Bank Erosion on the West River

Councillor MacFarlane brought forward an ongoing concern regarding the extent of the bank erosion along the West River near the bridge on the Sunrise Trail/St. Andrew's Street in Greenwold. Discussion

followed. A request was made to send a letter to the local MLA, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Department of Transportation.

*Moved by Councillor MacFarlane and seconded by Deputy Warden Stewart that the Committee recommends that Municipal Council send a letter to Hon. Randy Delorey, MLA Antigonish, as well as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Department of Transportation, noting concern with the ongoing erosion of the bank of the West River at the Bridge on the Sunrise Trail in Greenwold. Motion carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved by Councillor MacLellan and seconded by Deputy Warden Stewart that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 9:22pm. Motion carried.*

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Warden Owen McCarron

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Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF**  
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**Project Update and Request for Direction**

**TO:** MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
**FROM:** TAMMY FELTMATE, DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES  
**SUBJECT:** ***SMART CITIES CHALLENGE UPDATE***  
**DATE:** APRIL 13, 2018

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**UPDATE**

Youth, Faith; Justice; Business; Academia; Health; Seniors; Community; Culture; and the tool of social media were all engaged with the following three questions. These questions are broad and about dreaming big for our community.

- 1. Imagine you had \$5 million to spend over the next 3 years on improving life for all in our community, what would you do? How would you use technology to make and maintain those improvements?**
- 2. If suddenly that doubled to \$10 million, what would you add?**
- 3. Fast forward --Ten years have passed; it is 2029 in Antigonish County, (you have spent the \$5-\$10 million) what 3 words describe our community?**

A press release went to all local media and shared provincially as well.

Ideas are abundant and there is excitement about the challenge.  
The diversity of response has emphasized the need to filter them to ensure the challenge statement stays true to municipal mandate.

Broad areas identified so far in feedback include Water; Energy; Sport/ Athletics Development; Food Security; Tourism and Arts.

**Request for direction: What area of focus would Council like staff to use as base for SMART City Challenge?**

April 1-30, 2018 is



Proclamation

*Start By Believing*

Statistics Canada reports that in 2015, Nova Scotians reported 635 incidents of sexual assault to police. As one of the most underreported crimes in Canada, only 1 in 10 victims will report incidents of sexual violence. This would mean there were over 6,000 incidents of sexual assault in Nova Scotia in 2015.

*Whereas*, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health, legal, and social implications for every person living in Nova Scotia;

*Whereas*, Rape, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, and sexual harassment continue impact our communities;

*Whereas*, St. Francis Xavier University and Paqtnkek Mi'Kmaq Nation are both part of the broader Antigonish community, we support and salute both of their continued efforts to prevent sexualized violence, and support those impacted by sexual violence.

*Whereas*, the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission's "Calls to Action" challenge us to both recognize the increased levels of sexual violence experienced by both Aboriginal men and women, as well as to work with Indigenous communities to provide culturally relevant services to address sexual violence;

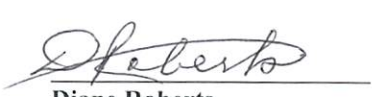
*Whereas*, the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre & Sexual Assault Services Association and other anti-violence advocates and support service programs encourage every person to reject victim-blaming mentalities and "Start By Believing" in order to make a difference in the lives of survivors of sexual violence;

*Whereas*, With leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Antigonish Town and County through increased prevention and awareness education, community mobilization, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions;

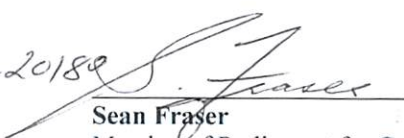
*Whereas*, the Town and County Governments of Antigonish strongly support the efforts of national, Provincial, and local conversations about sexual violence; what it is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address it.

*Now therefore be it resolved,*

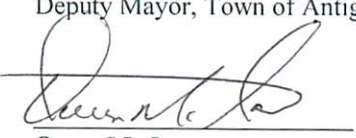
That we, the undersigned, join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. On behalf of our federal and provincial government representatives, members of Antigonish Town Council and the Municipal Council of the County of Antigonish, and St. Francis Xavier University we do hereby proclaim April as SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH in Antigonish Town and County and we commend this observance to all citizens.

  
Diane Roberts  
Deputy Mayor, Town of Antigonish

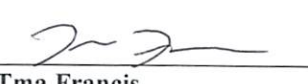
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Sean Fraser  
Member of Parliament for Central Nova

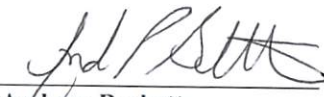
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Owen McCarron  
Warden, Municipality of the County of Antigonish

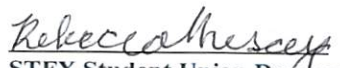
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Tma Francis  
Band Council, Paqtnkek First Nation

Date: 05/04/18

  
Andrew Beckett  
VP Finance & Administration Head  
Student Services, STFX University

Date: April 5/18

  
Rebecca Hickey  
STFX Student Union Representative

Date: Apr. 5, 2018

March 30, 2018

Warden Owen McCarron  
Municipality of the County of  
Antigonish  
285 Beech Hill Road  
Antigonish, NS B2G 0B4

A Bhana Mhao(i)r chòir:

Ás leth Iomairtean na Gàidhlig, bu mhath leam fios a chur 'ugaibh gur e an Céitean Mìos nan Gàidheal.

Air a thòiseachadh 's a' bhliadhna 1996, air feadh mìos a' Chéitein, bidh Gàidheil is luchd-taice na Gàidhlig agus a cultair a' cur an gnìomh thachartasan, chruinneachaidhean, chéilidhean is bhùithtean-obrach, a sheallas na buaidhean sòisealta agus eaconamach a chuireas na Gàidheil 'ro 'n cànan agus an cultar ris a' mhór-roinn againn.

An lùib na litreach a tha seo gheobhar na leanas:

1. Gairm dhan Mhìos.
2. Ainmean luchd-eagrachaidh na Coimhearsnachd Ghàidhealaich 's a' chèarnaidh agaibh-s' a tha an sàs 's an obair gus prógramman a chur an gnìomh.

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Dear Warden McCarron::

On behalf of Gaelic Affairs, I would like to advise you that May is Gaelic Nova Scotia Month in the province.

Commencing in 1996, throughout the month of May, Gaels and supporters of Gaelic language and culture will be holding events, gatherings, ceilidhs (i.e. visits) and workshops that demonstrate the social and economic contributions Gaels, through their language and culture, make to the province.

Included in this letter please receive the following:

1. A Proclamation for the Month.
2. Names of Gaelic Community organizers in your area involved in conducting programs.

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Ma bhios an roinn bheag agaibh-se toileach tachartas a chumail gus am mìos éibheachd, bhiodh Iomairtean na Gàidhlig fad 'nur comain is i a bhiodh deiseil a bhith ag obair còmhla ribh gus seo a chur an gnìomh. Ceist sam bith eile nach cuir sibh post-dealain gu [Kelly.Schlay@novascotia.ca](mailto:Kelly.Schlay@novascotia.ca).

Le deagh dhùrachd,



Raghnall Delorey, M na PB  
Ministear Iomairtean na Gàidhlig

'Na cois

Lb: An t-Urramach Leo Glavine, Ministear,  
Roinn nan Coimhearsnachdan, a' Chultair  
agus an Dualchais  
Treasag Taweel, Ban-lar-Mhinistear, Roinn  
nan Coimhearsnachdan, a' Chultair agus an  
Dualchais  
Càitlin Trott, Ceannard, An Rùnaireachd,  
Roinn nan Coimhearsnachdan, a' Chultair  
Agus an Dualchais  
Lodaidh MacFhionghain, Ceannard,  
Iomairtean na Gàidhlig, Roinn nan  
Coimhearsnachdan, a' Chultair  
agus an Dualchais  
Bull Bòrd Comhairle na Gàidhlig

If your Municipality is interested in hosting an event to proclaim the month, Gaelic Affairs would be very appreciative and ready to work with you to set this in motion. Any other questions, please e-mail [Kelly.Schlay@novascotia.ca](mailto:Kelly.Schlay@novascotia.ca).

Sincerely,



Randy Delorey, MLA  
Minister, Gaelic Affairs

Encl.

cc: The Honourable Leo Glavine, Minister,  
Department of Communities, Culture and  
Heritage  
Ms. Tracey Taweel, Deputy Minister,  
Department of Communities, Culture and  
Heritage  
Ms. Kathleen Trott, Executive Director,  
Secretariat, Department of Communities,  
Culture and Heritage  
Mr. Lewis MacKinnon, Executive, Gaelic  
Affairs, Department of Communities,  
Culture and Heritage  
Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia Board  
Members



**Mìos nan Gàidheal**  
**Gairm**  
**Gaelic Nova Scotia Month**  
**Proclamation**



**Gairm do Mhìos na Gàidheal**

Ag aithneachadh làthaireachd nan Gàidheal – 'ro 'n cànan agus 'n cultar, mar phàirt de dh'iomadachd bheartach na h-Albann Nuaidhe, 's ann am Mìos nan Gàidheal iomairt fad mìos, a bheir a-staigh céilidhean, cruinneachaidhean do dh'innseadh sgeulachdan, bùithtean-obrach, taisbeanaidhean agus òraidean thaobh iomadh buaidh shòisealta agus eaconamaich a th'aig cànan agus cultar nan Gàidheal air Co mann na h-Albann Nuaidhe.

'S e Gàidheil na h-Albann Nuaidhe, an fheadhainn aig a bheil sinnsearachd Ghàidhealach, luchd-ionnsachaidh na Gàidhlig, an fheadhainn a tha 'sàs ann an cultar nan Gàidheal agus an fheadhainn a tha dìreach a' faireachdainn gu bheil ceangail aca ri cànan agus cultar nan Gàidheal 's a' mhór-roinn a bhios a' cumail suas a' mhìos.

Às leth Comhairle \_\_\_\_\_, bu mhath leam mo chuid taing a thoirt do \_\_\_\_\_ is a h-uile duine 's a' choimhearsnachd Ghàidhealaich ann an \_\_\_\_\_ a bhios a' cumail suas a' mhìos, a' sealltainn mar a tha dearbh-aithne chultarach agus 'iomadachd bheartach 'na bunait do thogail nan coimhearsnachdan againne!

**Gaelic Nova Scotia Month Proclamation**

Recognizing Gaels' presence through their language and culture as part of Nova Scotia's rich diversity, Gaelic Nova Scotia Month is a month-long initiative that includes ceilidhs (visits), storytelling gatherings, workshops, presentations and talks on the many social and economic impacts Gaelic language and cultural expression make in Nova Scotia Society.

The month is celebrated by Nova Scotia Gaels, those who have Gaelic origins, Gaelic language learners, those involved in Gaelic cultural expression and those who simply feel a connection to the language and culture of the Gaels in the province.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, I would like to extend my personal thanks to the \_\_\_\_\_ and everyone in the Gaelic Community in \_\_\_\_\_ for celebrating this month, demonstrating how cultural identity and its rich diversity is the foundation upon which we build our communities!

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_