

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

Monday, February 24, 2020, 6:30 pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

1. Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of February 10, 2020 Committee of the Whole Minutes
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Delegations
 - a. Government FOCUS
6. Continuing Business
7. New Business
 - a. Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport - Ownership & Governance Model
 - b. Streetlight Request
 - c. Write-Offs for Inactive Accounts
 - d. Cost of Living Update for 2020/21
 - e. Accessibility Committee Terms of Reference
8. Reports from Inter-Municipal Boards, Committees and Commissions
 - a. Antigonish Heritage Museum Board
 - b. Antigonish Arena Association
 - c. Antigonish Crime Prevention
 - d. Eastern District Planning Commission
 - e. Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management Committee
 - f. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library
 - g. RK MacDonald Nursing Home
 - h. County Paqtnkek Joint Steering Committee
9. 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.
10. Additions to the Agenda
11. In Camera Items
12. Adjournment

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CHART (amended Feb. 2019)

COUNCIL PRIORITIES	
NOW <ol style="list-style-type: none"> CELLULAR & BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY: Business Case, Funding & Advocacy WATER INFRASTRUCTURE: Assessment, Plan & Implementation RENEWABLE ENERGY: Explore Partners & Develop Options PAQTNKEK PARTNERSHIP: Transition Plan & Milestones TOURISM: Plan Development 	
NEXT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCESSIBILITY: Improvements & Engagement INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING: Plan & Implementation WATER & SEWER: Assessment & Plan ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: Implementation MUNICIPAL AWARENESS: Plan & Implementation RECREATION PLAN: Implementation BUSINESS PARK: Determine need for new / LSR Options. 	ADVOCACY/PARTNERSHIPS <i>Connectivity Funding (Prov & Feds)</i> <i>Physician Recruitment & Retention (Prov)</i> <i>Long-Term Care Facility Funding (Prov)</i> <i>Aging In Place Program (Prov)</i>
ADMINISTRATION	FINANCE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> CELLULAR & BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY: May 2019 TOURISM: Plan – December 2019 INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING: Plan & Implementation - Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BUSINESS PARK: Determine need for new / LSR Options – June 2019 Asset Management System: Complete Phase 1 & 2 – June 2019 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING: Plan & Implementation - Ongoing Water Meter System: Integration – Mar 2019 Water Utility Rates: Review – Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Technology Strategy: Oct 2019 Receivables and Payables: Ongoing
PUBLIC WORKS	RECREATION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> WATER INFRASTRUCTURE Assessment, plan and Implementation. SEWER SYSTEMS: Assessment - October. WATER SYSTEM: Fringe Water Upgrades - 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day-to-day operations 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: Trunk 104 Concept Design – Mar 2020 RECREATION PLAN: Community Hubs Concept Design – Nov 2019. RECREATION PLAN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer, After School & Learn to Swim Programing: Ongoing
SUSTAINABILITY	PLANNING
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> RENEWABLE ENERGY: Options Development – Jan 2020 PAQTNKEK PARTNERSHIP: Transition Plan from CEDI & Key Milestones for 2020 – Sept 2019. ACCESSIBILITY: Improvements and Engagement – Feb 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MUNICIPAL AWARENESS: Plan & Implementation – Nov 2019 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Eastern Antigonish Plan Review – Sept. Bill 58 Amendments to the MGA assessment and response – Summer 2019 Development Applications – Ongoing Building and Fire Inspection – Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certification of Assistant Building Inspector

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Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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Present were: Warden Owen McCarron
Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Neil Corbett
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Councillor Gary Mattie

Staff Present: Allison Duggan, Acting Clerk Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities
Marlene Melanson, Director of Recreation
John Bain, Director - Eastern District Planning Commission

1. Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron, at 5:31pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

The following additions were made:

- Extension of Leave

- Truck Replacement
- Develop Nova Scotia Discussion

Moved By Councillor MacDonald

Seconded By Councillor MacLellan

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of January 27, 2020 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions in the minutes.

Moved By Councillor Corbett

Seconded By Councillor Dunbar

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of January 27, 2019 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Continuing Business

a. Trunk 4 Bikeway Update

Ms. Melanson provided the Committee with a project update for the Antigonish Active Transportation Corridor. The proposed Active Transportation corridor would travel along Trunk 4 from Addington Forks to Highway 316, with a spur connecting the corridor into the Town and to the Landing Walking Trail. The various profiles of the design of the corridor, as well as key intersections or areas along the route, were highlighted for the benefit of the Committee. A timeline of the upcoming meetings, public open houses, surveys, and further reviews of the proposal were shared with the Committee. Discussion followed. Staff was thanked for their presentation and work to date on the project.

7. New Business

a. Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organization - St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre

Mrs. Duggan provided the Committee with an overview of the staff report outlining staff's recommendation to approve adding AAN#03394522 to the list of properties

provided with a property tax exemption under the Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations Policy.

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart

Seconded By Councillor Chisholm

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve adding AAN#03394522, for the St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre, to the list of properties provided with a tax exemption under the Exemption for Non-Profit Organization Policy.

Motion Carried

b. Request for Staff to Serve on Regional Library Accessibility Committee

Councillor MacLellan provided the Committee with an overview of the Library's requirements under the Accessibility Act, and that Tammy Feltmate's name had been put forward to serve as a representative of the County. The appointment would be for two years.

Moved By Councillor MacLellan

Seconded By Councillor MacDonald

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council authorize Tammy Feltmate to represent the Municipality on the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library Board Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried

c. Discussion Regarding Delegation Request

Mrs. Schumacher brought forward a request from a constituent along Loch Katrine who has concerns with water levels in the Lake. The resident has met with various Provincial Departments and the local MLA, as well as the Warden, on the matter. A request has been received from the resident for an audience with Council for at least a half hour to present a letter outlining concerns regarding the situation. As this request is outside of the normal parameters for a delegation presentation length, it is being brought to the Committee for consideration.

Several members of the Committee noted that they had discussed the matter directly with the resident, and where the concerns are related to Provincial departments and matters, felt that there wasn't a lot more that they would be able to do to assist with the concern. Staff was asked to respond to the resident to let them know that the request for the extended presentation time could not be accommodated.

d. **RK MacDonald Board Appointments**

Warden McCarron spoke to a notice provided by the RK MacDonald Board for appointments of members of Council to that Board. A suggestion was made that perhaps those who are currently serving may consider re-appointment until the end of the Council term later this fall. Discussion followed.

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart

Seconded By Councillor Deveau

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the following appointments to the RK MacDonald Nursing Home Board:

- Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
- Councillor Mary MacLellan
- Councillor Gary Mattie
- Councillor Donnie MacDonald

For the remainder of the current Council term.

Motion Carried

8. **Community Events**

Due to time, this item was deferred.

9. **Staff Reports**

Mrs. Duggan provided an overview of the staff reports attached to the agenda.

10. **Additions to the Agenda**

a. **Extension of Leave**

Mrs. Duggan noted that Councillor Mattie's would be absent from Council due to illness. The excused absence that was provided for the month of January was proposed to be extended for one month.

Moved By Councillor Chisholm

Seconded By Deputy Warden Stewart

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council extend the leave for Councillor Mattie for one month.

Motion Carried

b. **Truck Replacement**

Mrs. Duggan provided an overview of the status of the truck needing to be replaced due to a failed transmission. Consensus was requested for staff to collect bids on

a replacement truck, with an e-poll to come to Council with the results of that invited tender.

c. **Discussion Regarding Develop Nova Scotia Broadband/Cellular Announcement**

This item was not visited for discussion due to time.

11. **In Camera Items**

Moved By Councillor Deveau

Seconded By Deputy Warden Stewart

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss Litigation/Possible Litigation and Contract Negotiations at 6:13pm.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Dunbar

Seconded By Councillor MacLellan

Return to Open Session at 7:23pm

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor MacLellan

Seconded By Deputy Warden Stewart

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council issue a Request for Proposals for Cellular Service Expansion in District 1 and 2.

Motion Carried

12. **Adjournment**

Moved By Councillor Corbett

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:23pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Owen McCarron

Allison Duggan, Acting Municipal
Clerk/Treasurer

January 27, 2020

Dear First Nations Communities and Municipal Councils:

RE: Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport Ownership and Governance Models

On January 7, 2020, the Port Hawkesbury Town Council unanimously approved a motion to explore alternate ownership models for the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport located in Port Hastings, Nova Scotia. The motion came forward as a recommendation from the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport Committee. This committee's membership historically includes elected officials and senior staff from the Municipality of the County of Inverness, the Municipality of the County of Richmond, and the Town of Port Hawkesbury. More recently, membership has been extended to the First Nation Mi'kmaw Communities of We'koqma'q and Potlotek and to garner interest from other neighboring communities.

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen chose the airport's central location in Port Hastings, Inverness County, which is significant for many reasons. Geographical strategy placed the airport in the heart of the Strait Region – which contributed to our regional quad-transportation hub of rail, road, port and air. The long-term sustainability of this transportation hub creates a significant competitive economic advantage to both the Strait region and western Cape Breton. This airport is five minutes away from the primary road and sea gateway to the Island of Cape Breton/Unama'ki, the Strait of Canso Causeway, which provides close access to the mainland municipalities of eastern Nova Scotia as well as the First Nation community of Paqtnekek.

The Town of Port Hawkesbury has held the deed to this regional airport and air gateway in good faith for the benefit of the Strait region and western Cape Breton/Unama'ki. Historically, airport governance has been built on a foundation of inter-municipal cooperation with Inverness, Richmond and Port Hawkesbury Councils.

For the past five decades, the ownership structure and governance of this airport served the needs of the region, providing adequate 24/7 air access for private aircraft, public service providers like Ground Search and Rescue and Air ambulance, private charters, recreational users and for use by business and industry.

Since 2012, the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport has been on a trajectory of growth and public sector use. Jet fuel sales grew exponentially paralleled by a significant increase of private jet landings and charters. The airport's growth can be attributed to diversification into the tourism sector, particularly for Cape Breton's world class golfing experiences.

Presently, the Town has a contract with Celtic Air Services to manage the airport. Celtic Air Services has made considerable investments into this regional air asset which is open 365 days and includes international marketing, instillation of a new visitor/receiving centre, fueling infrastructure, and more. The airport runway is 5000 feet long and 150 feet wide and has accommodated aircraft as large as a Boeing 737 aircraft.

Brenda Chisholm-Beaton, MA, BA (Hons)
Mayor
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Email: bchisholmbeaton@townofph.ca

From a funding perspective, the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport transitioned in 2012 from an airport that required heavy annual subsidization by all three governing municipalities of \$40,000 per municipality for daily operations, to a minimal annual contribution to the airport capital reserve fund of \$15,000 per municipality. The capital reserve fund from revenue and annual municipal contributions now totals \$740,000 which will help offset future investment in air infrastructure.

It is the belief of the Town of Port Hawkesbury Council that this regional air gateway has significant potential to be an economic driver for our region. We have been in discussions with Nova Scotia Business Inc. regarding the potential for pursuing various aerospace opportunities including but not limited to the educational sector in partnership with the Nova Scotia Community College, Strait Campus, and the Nautical Institute, and exploring potential aerospace industrial and business opportunities. There is also the potential for further diversification for the tourism sector (for example, the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport is the closest FBO to Sable Island).

The Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport is one such air gateway that can be pivotal in the creation of new aerospace businesses and industries, training emerging aerospace specialists, welcoming even greater numbers of citizens to our Strait region and western Cape Breton, creating new partnerships with the tourism industry, and, reconnecting with our trail blazing history as the birthplace of Canadian aviation!

It is the belief of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council that maintaining the status quo for both ownership and governance is not optimal for maximizing and positioning the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport for further growth. At present, the ownership model does not reflect the regional role of this air asset.

The Town of Port Hawkesbury Council sees great benefit of transitioning both the ownership and the governance of this regional air gateway to a collaborative and collective ownership model that brings with it more resources, more influence, more knowledge and innovation, and more possibilities. More so now than ever, we, as local leaders, need to play a vital role in our future. We believe maximizing the potential and growing our regional gateways will be key to growing our regions. It is imperative that we do this together.

This letter is an invitation to begin a conversation with the Town of Port Hawkesbury and the Airport Committee regarding the creation of a new ownership and governance model for the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport. We invite you to help us determine viable ownership models or options that will position this airport for a strong sustainable future. If you see value in being part of a strong sustainable future for this air gateway in Port Hastings, we would ask your Council to consider for a motion:

"To join with the Town of Port Hawkesbury and other interested First Nations and Municipal Councils to explore alternate ownership and governance models for the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport".

If this process yields a new ownership and governance model, decisions to participate would need to go back to each individual Council for a final decision.

The Town of Port Hawkesbury will ask for each First Nations or Municipal Council to express their interest to join this process by March 31, 2020. Formal meetings will be organized in April 2020, to commence in May 2020. Accompanying this letter are financial statements pertaining to the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport.

The Town of Port Hawkesbury Council would like to thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you. Additional information can be accessed through the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport website at www.allanairport.ca or by contacting the Town of Port Hawkesbury.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brenda Chisholm-Beaton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brenda" being more prominent and the last name "Beaton" following in a similar style.

Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Mayor

CC: Port Hawkesbury Town Council
Airport Committee

Enclosures

MEMO FOR INFORMATION

TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: ALLISON DUGGAN, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
SUBJECT: **WRITE-OFFS FOR INACTIVE ACCOUNTS**
DATE: 24/02/2020

Recommendation

That the Committee recommend that Municipal Council approve inactive account write-offs in the amount of \$4,026.73.

BACKGROUND

Each year the Tax Office staff prepares a list of property tax accounts that have been made inactive by PVSC, however still hold a balance with the Municipality. Staff review the accounts and most of them appear uncollectable for reasons stated in the table below. Any accounts that staff have information on have been sent them reminder notices to attempt to collect. Accounts recommended for write-off are often mobiles that have vanished in the night, accounts that have a Land Registration error, and a few accounts that were double assessed.

INACTIVES FOR WRITE OFF REQUESTS FEBRUARY 2020

<u>AAN</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
01451006	\$399.38	trailer moved in 2017
02698668	\$166.32	Land Registration issue
02711796	\$105.49	Land Registration issue
02772221	\$74.14	Trailer demolished
06314902	\$205.38	Double assessed
07136986	\$229.76	trailer moved in 2018
07138695	\$320.89	trailer moved w/o any info
07138970	\$438.32	trailer demolished
07140371	\$385.07	trailer destroyed years ago
07145446	\$332.19	Double assessed
10650992	\$365.41	Land Registration issue
10651001	\$456.75	Land Registration issue
10773271	\$547.63	trailer moved w/o any info

\$4,026.73

STAFF REPORT

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities

SUBJECT: Accessibility – Establishment of a Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

DATE: 2020-02-20

Recommendation That the Committee approve the attached terms of reference and call for interest for the establishment of a Municipality of the County of Antigonish Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Summary

Municipalities in Nova Scotia are required to have Accessibility Plans in place by April 2021. This committee and its terms of reference as presented are informed by the Nova Scotia Accessibility Directorate.

Background

Nova Scotia is on a journey to become an accessible province by 2030. This includes working with our municipal counterparts, and others, to remove the barriers to inclusion that people with disabilities continue to face every day. All municipalities in Nova Scotia are developing Municipal Accessible Advisory Committees and must have Accessibility Plans completed by April 2021.

According to Statistics Canada, 30 per cent of Nova Scotians aged 15 years and older identify as having at least one disability. That is nearly 230,000 Nova Scotians. If we used the 30% calculation that would mean 5790 residents in our community live with at least one disability. A municipal accessible advisory committee will support the public engagement and development of our municipal plan.

The Municipality has already had successes in this area, a plan will provide structure and visibility to what we are already trying to achieve with access to our services, programs and community.

Municipalities must:

- Issue a public call for committee members.
- Approve committee members through municipal council.
- Confirm a Chair and Vice Chair annually for committee.
- Provide and Orientation to the Accessibility Act (support from Directorate is available for this).
- Agree on a Statement of Commitment, a policy statement, which outlines our municipality's commitment to improving accessibility.

Budget Implications \$15-\$18,000 for 2020-21.

Alternatives No alternative suggested.

Next Steps

Invitations to join the committee would be issued along with public call for interest. A committee would be established by April 30, 2020 with the inaugural meeting to happen within 2 weeks. A budget developed and presented during budget 2020-21 deliberations. A workplan developed and presented to the first committee meeting with targets and timelines for milestones throughout the next year, with plan delivery to municipal council in February 2021.

MCA Accessibility Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference February 20, 2020

Purpose

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (MCA AAC) provides advice to Council on identifying, preventing and eliminating barriers to people with disabilities and varying ability levels in municipal programs, services, initiatives and facilities. The committee plays a pivotal role in helping the Municipality of the County of Antigonish become an accessible community and meet its obligations under Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act.

Role

The Accessibility Advisory Committee shall:

1. Advise Council on the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of its accessibility plan. In accordance with the Accessibility Act, the plan must include:
 - a) a report on measures the municipality has taken and intends to take to identify, remove and prevent barriers
 - b) information on procedures the municipality has in place to assess the following for their impact on accessibility for persons with disabilities:
 - any proposed policies, programs practices and services
 - any proposed enactments or by-laws
 - c) any other prescribed information
2. Review and update its accessibility plan at least every three years, in accordance with the act.
3. Consult with the community on accessibility in the program.
4. Advise council on the impact of municipal policies, programs and services on people with disabilities.
5. Review and monitor existing and proposed municipal bylaws to promote full participation of people with disabilities, in accordance with the act.
6. Identify and advise on the accessibility of existing and proposed municipal services and facilities.
7. Advise and make recommendations about strategies designed to achieve the objectives of the municipality's accessibility plan.
8. Receive and review information from council and its committees, and make recommendations, as requested.

9. Assist in monitoring compliance with federal and provincial government directives and regulations.

Composition and Terms of Appointment

- The Accessibility Advisory Committee shall have 8-9 members. At least half of the members must be peoples with disabilities or represent organizations that represent persons with disabilities, in accordance with the act. Two members of the committee should be municipal elected officials; two members from Municipal staff team (one of these seats will be Director of Sustainable Communities)
- The members of the MCA AAC shall be appointed by Council for a term of 2 & 3 years, different positions different terms to allow for stability of the committee, and in accordance with the Municipality of the County of Antigonish Accessibility Policy No.
- The Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair every year.

Meetings

The committee shall meet at least 4 times a year, or as needed to fulfill its duties. Meetings of the MCA ACC shall be open to the public. Quorum shall be determined by the Municipality of the County Accessibility Policy No.__.

The committee may establish working groups to explore specific issues related to the accessibility plan and/or to other responsibilities. A working group may include additional members from the community who are not Advisory Committee members, these working groups may be developed for specific projects, programs and to help with deliverables. A working group Chair must be a member for the MCA AAC to ensure clean lines of communication and consistency.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Accessibility Policy

Policy Statement

The Municipality of the County of Antigonish is committed to equitable treatment and service provision to our residents. Respect for dignity, ability and inclusion while striving for an accessible community is our commitment. This will be accomplished by identifying, removing and preventing to the best of our ability barriers to accessibility under the control of the Municipality and supported by Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act.

Purpose

This Policy is intended to provide the overarching framework to guide the review and development of other policies, standards, procedures, practices, by-laws and guidelines of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish in compliance of and support of the accessibility standards developed under Bill 59 known as the Accessibility Act;
https://www.nslegislature.ca/legc/bills/62nd_3rd/3rd_read/b059.htm.

Provincial Government will develop accessibility standards in the following areas:

- **Goods and Services** – ensuring that people with disabilities have equitable access to goods and services
- **Information and Communication** – ensuring all people can receive, understand, and share the information they need
- **Transportation** – making it easier for everyone to get where they need to go
- **Employment** – making workplaces accessible, and supporting people with disabilities in finding meaningful employment
- **Built Environment** – making public buildings, streets, sidewalks, and shared spaces accessible to all
- **Education** – making the education system accessible to all students, from early childhood to post-secondary

The Municipality of the County of Antigonish will work in 2020 with a Municipal Accessible Advisory Committee to develop a five (5) year Accessibility Plan based on the standards and areas of responsibility that align with provincial government standards.

Note: This policy will be reviewed by committee with recommendation to Council for adoption when finalized. This draft is for guidance and to provide a starting point for consideration.

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MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Call for Applicants

Want to make a difference in our community?

The Municipality is looking for interested individuals to join our **Accessibility Advisory Committee**. This committee will provide advice to the municipal council on identifying, preventing and eliminating barriers to people with disabilities in municipal programs, services, initiatives and facilities. This committee will be vital in making our community accessible; one of the first areas of focus for the committee will be developing a five-year municipal accessibility plan.

At least one half of the members of this committee will have a disability or represent an organization that works with and represents people living with disabilities.

As a starting point **Disability will be defined to include a physical, mental, intellectual, learning or sensory impairment -including an episodic disability- that in interaction with a barrier hinders an individual's full and effective participation in society.** A definition will be agreed upon by the committee through the process of developing an Accessibility Plan for the County.

Applications are available online at www.antigonishcounty.ns.ca, can be picked up at the municipal building at 285 Beech hill Rd, or call Tammy at 902 863 1117 and she will make arrangements to get an application to you.

For additional information you can email Tammy.feltmate@antigonishcounty.ns.ca or call her at 902 863 1117.



Accessibility Advisory Committee Application Form 2020

Applicant Name: _____.

Mailing Address: _____

_____.

Home Address: _____.

Telephone No. _____

Email address: _____.

1. Describe how your lived experience, community involvement, education, work or other experience may be helpful to this committee?

2. Why are you interested in serving on this committee?

3. What past involvement or contributions have you made on a similar committee or organization that is working in this area?

4. Are you a person with a disability, or do you represent an organization representing people with disabilities? Note: At least one half of the members on this committee must have a disability or represent an organization that represents people with disabilities.

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. Organization / sector you are representing (if applicable): If you are a person with a disability or represent an organization representing people with disabilities, what disability/ disabilities do you or your organization represent?

Note: Members with a variety of life experience and with expertise, lived or learned regarding specific disabilities will bring knowledge and practicality to the committee. Diversity is important. We will strive to accommodate all members to ensure they are able to fully participate.

The final approval of appointments is given by municipal council. If you would like more information about the approval process or if you have any questions about any of this please contact Tammy Feltmate at 902 863 1117.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____.