

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

Monday, March 9, 2020, 5:30 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 24, 2020 Committee of the Whole Minutes
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Delegations
There are no scheduled delegations.
6. Continuing Business
 - a. Government FOCUS Sponsorship Request
 - b. Final Report on the Dissolution of the Eastern-Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN)
7. New Business
 - a. EDPG Appointments
 - b. SRCE International Student Program - Questions for Consideration
8. Staff Reports
9. Additions to the Agenda
10. In Camera Items
 - a. Contract Negotiations - Connectivity RFP
 - b. Personnel Matters - Returning Officer Appointment
11. 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

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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

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 Gary Mattie
Councillor Neil Corbett
Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Staff Present: Allison Duggan, Acting Clerk Treasurer, Director of Finance
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities

Also Present: Councillor Kaytland Smith
Travis DeCoste

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 6:35pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Two additions were made:

- Discussion regarding turning lane concerns at Hwy 104 and New France Road
- Bowl for Bernie

One deletion was made:

- In-Camera item - Personnel matter

Moved By Councillor Dunbar

Seconded By Councillor Chisholm

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of February 10, 2020 Committee of the Whole Minutes

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

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart

Seconded By Councillor Deveau

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of February 10, 2020 be approved as presented

Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Delegations

a. Government FOCUS

Councillor Kaytland Smith from the District of St. Mary's provided an overview of the Government FOCUS group and its work to promote more women getting involved and running in the upcoming municipal election. A leadership school event is planned to take place in May, as well as an exhibit starting at the art gallery in Port Hawkesbury that features female municipal and band leaders in the communities represented. The goal of the group is to engage women and get them involved in politics, and to create an accessible program that will continue beyond the election in October.

The organization is looking to enroll 100 women for the two-day leadership school for May 1st/2nd, to be hosted at the NSCC Strait Area Campus. The estimated cost per woman for the event is \$250. Sixteen communities have are included in the area; at this time, four have confirmed funding by sponsoring between two and eight women.

Questions were asked regarding how women are selected to attend the event, how to apply, where and when the leadership school is taking place, and how the event is being advertised to the community. Discussion followed. Ms. Smith was thanked for her presentation, and the Warden noted that following further

discussion, the Committee would provide a response regarding the sponsorship request.

7. New Business

a. Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport - Ownership & Governance Model

Mrs. Duggan spoke to correspondence received from the Town of Port Hawkesbury regarding the governance model for the Allan J. MacEachern Regional Airport. Discussion followed. The Committee felt that this was not something that they wanted to entertain at this time.

b. Streetlight Request

Deputy Warden Stewart noted that a streetlight requested back in September was installed in another location on the Keppoch Road where the road had a sharp curve. While that streetlight is helpful, a streetlight is still needed in the original location.

Moved By Deputy Warden Stewart

Seconded By Councillor Deveau

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve a streetlight at Keppoch Road and St. Joseph's Road.

Motion Carried

c. Write-Offs for Inactive Accounts

Mrs. Duggan spoke to a list of accounts that the tax office has identified as being uncollectible due to double-assessments, trailers that have been removed, or Land Registry errors.

Moved By Councillor MacLellan

Seconded By Councillor Mattie

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves the recommended tax account write-offs in the amount of \$4026.73.

Motion Carried

d. Cost of Living Update for 2020/21

Mrs. Duggan provided for information as staff prepares the upcoming budget. The CPI for inflation will be used for upcoming salaries and stipends; 2.2% will be the amount of increase for the upcoming fiscal year.

e. Accessibility Committee Terms of Reference

Ms. Feltmate spoke to the documents included in the agenda package regarding the establishment of a Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee, including a staff report, draft terms of reference, and draft templates for advertising and

selecting committee members. Discussion followed. The policy included is a draft, and approval for that documents is not being sought at this time as it is desired to have the Committee look at it.

Moved By Councillor Corbett

Seconded By Councillor Dunbar

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Committee.

Motion Carried

8. Reports from Inter-Municipal Boards, Committees and Commissions

a. Antigonish Heritage Museum Board

The Heritage Board is looking to change their meeting night, where it conflicts with the new Committee meeting dates.

b. Antigonish Arena Association

The meeting scheduled for February 26th will be rescheduled to later in March.

c. Antigonish Crime Prevention

The next meeting will be in early March. The Committee is still looking for a Chairperson and Secretary.

d. Eastern District Planning Commission

The next meeting is schedule for March 12th

e. Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management Committee

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on February 27th.

f. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on March 12th.

g. RK MacDonald Nursing Home

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on February 27th.

9. Community Events

Warden McCarron attended the fundraising breakfast in Lochaber and provided an overview to the Committee. Councillor Deveau reported that weather and conditions were good for the Carnival Events in Pomquet.

The following upcoming events were shared with the Committee:

- St. Patrick's Day event in Havre Boucher on March 14th (dinner and dance)
- Chase the Ace St. Joseph's Friday Night

- March 7th @ Tracadie Hall - Pub Night (fundraising for Brianna Mattie)

10. **Additions to the Agenda**

a. **Highway Turning Lane Modification Request**

Councillor Dunbar spoke to a concern raised in his District regarding the intersection of Highway 104 and New France Road. A year ago, a request had been made to upgrade the lighting at this intersection. The configuration of the turning lanes, and their relationship with the passing lane (including signage) has been raised as a concern, particularly where there is not a dedicated turning lane separate from the climbing lane. Discussion followed. A request was made to draft a letter to Minister Hines, with Minister Delorey copied, outlining the concern and request. A suggestion was also made to have the group of concerned citizens meet with Minister Delorey and Councillor Dunbar to discuss the intersection.

Moved By Councillor Dunbar

Seconded By Councillor Corbett

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council send a letter to Ministers Lloyd Hines and Randy Delorey outlining concerns with the lack of / configuration of turning lanes, and their relationship with the climbing lane (including signage) where New France Road intersects with Highway 104.

Motion Carried

b. **Bowl with Bernie**

Warden McCarron shared a request to provide prizes for the upcoming bowling tournament in memory of Bernie Vosman. Local charities that benefit from this fundraiser are CACL and L'Arche; last year \$10,000 was raised. Staff will send the information out to Council.

12. **Adjournment**

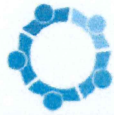
Moved By Councillor Deveau

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 7:43pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Owen McCarron

Allison Duggan, Acting Municipal
Clerk/Treasurer



ESREN
EASTERN STRAIT
REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK

ESREN Liaison Oversight Committee

Liaison Oversight Committee

Minutes

Monday, March 2, 2020

Teleconference

Present:

Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton, Port Hawkesbury (Chair)

Mayor Laurie Boucher, Town of Antigonish

Ross MacDonald, Municipal Affairs & Housing

Councillor Miles MacDonald, Guysborough

Warden Michael Mosher, St. Mary's

Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart, Antigonish County

Also Present:

Lorraine Boyd, Municipal Affairs & Housing

Terry Doyle, Port Hawkesbury CAO

Barry Carroll, Guysborough CAO

Marvin MacDonald, St. Mary's CAO

Glenn Horne, Antigonish County Municipal Clerk Treasurer (note taker)

1. Call to Order by Chair, Mayor Chisholm-Beaton at 9:34.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Mayor Boucher, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes, March 22, 2019

Moved by Deputy Warden Stewart, seconded by Mayor Boucher, that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion Carried.

4. Board of Directors Report

Mr. Horne provided a report on behalf of the interim Board of Directors. The dissolution process ran relatively smoothly, with the one delay surrounding the audit. The Board wishes to acknowledge the professionalism of our former CEO, Mr. John Beaton, who was supportive and positive throughout what must have been a difficult time. It would also like to express a sincere thanks to Mr. Kevin Matheson who served as the dissolution coordinator. This process would have been much more difficult without their contributions. The dissolution process has now completed; the final decisions are being presented to the LOC.

5. Acceptance of the Financial Statements

Moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Deputy Warden Stewart, that the Audited Financial Statements be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

6. Acceptance of the Final Dissolution Disbursements

The final disbursements of remaining ESREN funds has been completed based on the process outlined in the Inter-Municipal Agreement and reflect the proportionate amount provided from each party over the course of four years of operation (15/16 – 18/19). Amounts allocated are as follows:

Province of Nova Scotia	\$73,600
County of Antigonish	\$23,509
District of Guysborough	\$10,779
Town of Antigonish	\$10,492
Town of Port Hawkesbury	\$7,254
District of Saint Mary's	\$6,218
Town of Mulgrave	\$939

Moved by Mayor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Stewart, that the LOC approve the proposed final dissolution disbursements as confirmed by each municipal partner and the Province. Motion Carried.

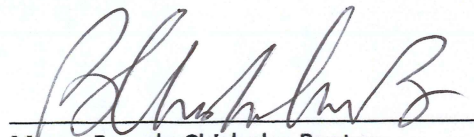
7. Dissolution of the Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network

Moved by Deputy Warden Stewart, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, that the Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network be dissolved. Motion Carried Unanimously.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Deputy Warden Stewart, that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:49.

Confirmed by the Chair of the Liaison & Oversight Committee and Chair of the Interim Board of Directors, March 2, 2020.



Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
ESREN LOC Chair



Glenn Horne
ESREN Interim Board of Directors Chair



Eastern District Planning Commission

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John D. Bain
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February 24, 2020

Mr. Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk
Municipality of the County of Antigonish
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, Nova Scotia B2G 0B4

Reference: Revised Appointments

Dear Mr. Horne,

As in years past we would ask that Council make the following appointments replacing all previous appointments of District Planning staff to various Municipal positions effective **April 1, 2020**:

- **Building Inspection:**
Building Inspectors: **Sean Donovan** and **Jonathan Martin**
Alternates: **David MacKenzie** and **Harry Martell**
Special Constable: **Sean Donovan** and **Jonathan Martin**
Assistant Building Inspectors: **André Samson** and **Amanda Esterbrooks**
- **Development Officer: Wanda Ryan**
Alternates: John Bain; Andrew Jones; Alex Dunphy and Lewis Pope.
Special Constable: **Sean Donovan** and **Jonathan Martin**
- **Fire Inspector: Sean Donovan**
Alternates: A. Samson, A. Esterbrooks, H. Martell; D. MacKenzie; and J. Martin.
- **Dangerous or Unsightly Premises**
Administrators: **Jonathan Martin** and **John Bain**
Alternate: **Amanda Esterbrooks**
Special Constable: **Sean Donovan** and **Jonathan Martin**

If you have any questions or concerns about these appointments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

John Bain
Director

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January 29, 2020

Dear Mayor/Warden and Councillors:

As Coordinator of the Strait Regional Centre for Education (SRCE) International Student Program, I'd like to share information about our program and ask you to consider avenues in which we can collaborate for the benefit of our communities.

The Nova Scotia International Student Program (NSISP) has been in operation across Nova Scotia for 21 years. Each year 1500+ students come from around the world to study elementary, junior high, and high school in our public schools and live with local families. Each student pays tuition to attend school, they pay to live with a local family, have private medical insurance, and a spending allowance for their personal needs. Local families receive a \$625 stipend per month for each international student hosted in their home. The stipend is a reimbursement of expenses and therefore tax exempt.

International students and the International Student Program are very active in communities across the SRCE. Here are some things happening in the local communities:

- Many students are involved in their local churches and church choirs.
- A student from Spain had requested to be involved in hockey. He was extremely active in many levels of hockey. This contributed to his learning skills from our students and he also contributed to their learning of skills.
- Students participated in their local Remembrance Day Ceremonies.
- Students volunteer at local senior's homes, helping to feed the elderly and doing puzzles, and playing music for the residents.
- A student from Vietnam volunteers with wheelchair sports supporting special needs individuals.
- Students participated in Old Fashioned Christmas and the opening of the new playground at the school.
- International students use and volunteer at school gyms, curling rinks and community skates.
- Students become involved in musical theatre.
- Students help seniors in communities with chores.
- A student from Italy helped build a shed with the local four-wheeler club and worked with SHOPS at the snack bar in the ice arena.

There is a growing trend where the families of international students travel to visit them during or at the end of their program, and stay as tourists in all our communities.

Our program is in its 21st year this year, and has brought over \$200 million in revenue to the province in the last 20 years.

Our program organizes and pays for a large number of activities in each community. Students in all local areas have visited our tourist attractions, local farms, museums, athletic facilities, maple farms, etc. Many of our students join local youth groups, buy gym memberships, and shop locally. Our program organizes activities monthly in every community from skating, to curling, to skiing, to hockey games and our students personally spend money on theatres, restaurants, stores, gyms, taxis, sporting events, coffee shops, etc. Our program staff regularly tour agent representatives throughout Nova Scotia showing them the safe, beautiful communities which we call home.

We are fortunate to be able to bring diversity to our communities. This program is meant to be a sharing opportunity for our Canadian students, families, and community members to learn about the world through first hand interaction with our international students. In 2018, 47% of our graduating SRCE students remained in Nova Scotia to attend university and many of them come to call Nova Scotia their home permanently.

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The above is a general statement of the principle of the
 method of the present invention. It is to be understood
 that the method is not limited to the use of the
 above described apparatus, and that it may be
 applied to other apparatuses of the same
 general character.

1. The following information is being provided for your information and is not to be used for any other purpose.

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Our program has a lot of potential for growth, specifically in rural Nova Scotia. Our only limiting factor is the number of approved host families entering the program. We'd like to develop those opportunities with your support. The attached fact sheet gives statistics about the financial impact of our program on the local economy. Also included, you will find the international student numbers in the schools in your area.

Questions for your consideration:

- Have you personally met any international students in your community?
- Do you see opportunities within your community to promote the Nova Scotia International Student Program through your community newsletters, social media outreach, etc.?
- Do you see opportunities for the international students to volunteer or participate in local activities?
- Do you see opportunities for international student participation and exposure in your community?
- Do you see areas in your community where signage could be posted to highlight the NSISP?
- Would you like to invite program staff to come to one of your meetings to better inform you on the benefits of the program?

We would like to grow our program, especially in rural Nova Scotia, and a partnership with our local municipalities would be beneficial to all involved. Thank you for taking the time to consider the impact of our program on our communities. We look forward to partnering with you.

Sincerely,



Chuck Boudreau
Coordinator, SRCE-ISP

NOVA SCOTIA INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM



Strait

Regional Centre for Education

163 students (81.15 FTEs**)
from 18 countries,
placed in 15 SRCE schools

**2018-19 school year **Full-time equivalents*



- lengths of stay: 1 month, 3 months, 5 months, 10 months, or until high school completion
- Canadian students, homestay families, and communities are introduced to new cultures and broaden their view as global citizens
- Canadian students have the opportunity to share their own culture and develop long lasting friendships

\$325 000- source of economic
\$542 000* development for
communities/province



- 45 screened homestay host families (active)
- international students are eager to participate in local community activities and can help fill volunteer roles
- Canadian students & host families re-discover local activities and events

**amounts calculated by money students and their families put in to the community (dining, shopping, fuel, community activities, visits from natural parents, visits from home country agents, hotels, airfare, etc.)*

**15 students = \$325 000, 20 students = \$434 000, 25 students = \$542 000*

**host families receive \$625/month tax-free stipend*



Nova Scotia
International Student
Program

Learn more about NSISP:

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MEMO FOR INFORMATION

TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: ALLISON DUGGAN, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
SUBJECT: STAFF REPORTS
DATE: 09/03/2020

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Notable Things that Have Happened This Month

- Interviews were held for the Returning Officer position for the upcoming Municipal Election

Major Project Updates

- Staff is working on a redesign of the Municipal website.
- Work continues on summarizing the findings of the Quality of Life survey.
- Staff continues to work on the Intermunicipal Information Technology Services project; the inventory of our municipal IT assets was completed last week.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- Staff are working on the next issue of the County Connect.
- NSFM has provided notice of a spring meeting date for Cape Breton-Strait Region for Monday April 6th from 1-4pm in Port Hawkesbury. Please contact Joyce if you wish to register before March 30th
- The Community Partnership Grants Application window is open – qualifying groups are being encouraged to apply before the March 31st deadline.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Notable Things that Have Happened This Month

- Municipal Finance Corporation provides a \$2,500 scholarship to one municipal Finance Director (or equivalent) per year to attend the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Conference. There is an application process with a selection committee. Jackie Cleary applied and was the successful candidate chosen from all of the municipal unit submissions.
- Finance is assisting the Recreation Dept with some financial reconciliations surrounding the online registration website

Major Project Updates

- Water billing is currently being prepared.
- HST Offset Program reporting is a work in progress

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- The Tax Sale is scheduled for Wednesday March 11 at 11am.
- Alisha Bowie will be returning from her leave on March 23, 2020

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Notable Things that Have Happened This Month

- March Breaks programming begins March 14th
- Summer staff positions have been posted. Deadline to apply is March 20.
- Another successful 5-week program Nitap ended on February 25th. Another 5-week program is being planned for the spring.
- Amy Leigh George, Recreation Programmer, is enrolled in Recreation Professional Course with Canadian Parks and Recreation.
- A representative volunteer as well as a volunteer family have chosen to represent Municipality at the Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony in Halifax in April.

Major Project Updates

- The consultants will soon be wrapping up their work on the Antigonish Bikeway Corridor project and the report will be made available to Council soon.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- A Joint Town & County Council Active Transportation/Bikeway Corridor session with the consultants is scheduled for Wednesday April 8th.
- 2020 Atlantic Recreation and Facilities Conference, May 27 - 29, 2020 in St. John's, Newfoundland.

PUBLIC WORKS

Notable Things that Have Happened This Month

- On-going Winter Works

Major Project Updates

- Looping Project – Currently a directional drill under West River is being attempted
- Nothing new to report on North Grant Waterline Ext Project.
- On going work for Post Road Storage

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Notable Things that Have Happened This Month

- Council gave **first reading** to amendments to the Antigonish County (Fringe) Area Land Use By-law to implement a maximum size limitation of 29.0% of bedroom space for new construction and renovations of dwellings located in the Rural General (RG-1) Zone, the Rural Residential (RR-1) Zone, the Residential (R-1) Zone and the Multiple Unit Residential (R-2) Zone as a means of limiting the size of boarding homes. The public hearing for these amendments was advertised February 12 and 19, 2020.

Major Project Updates

- **Restriction on Lodging Homes II** - After reviewing the first staff report restricting percentage of bedroom sizes PAC requested a more in depth review of measures to regulate boarding homes in the Fringe area.
- **Low Volume Rural Public Road Standard.** Staff received direction to begin researching the feasibility of adopting less stringent construction standards for municipal public roads in residential areas of Antigonish County to take into consideration narrower right-of-ways, etc. related to lower volumes and lower posted speed limits. PAC met to discuss this issue January 28,

2020 and directed staff to follow-up with a more detailed report on the issue. That work is continuing.

- **Eastern Antigonish County Plan Review.** The review of the Eastern Antigonish Municipal Planning Strategy is ongoing. Committee member Dan Fougere has written a draft Historical and Cultural Background chapter to give context to the plan. This section is currently being edited by Staff. The section of the plan that relates to the Statements of Provincial Interest is being revised. A first draft document is close to being ready for an internal review by staff to make sure both the Plan and Land Use By-law function together properly.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- The **public hearing** for amendments to the Antigonish County (Fringe) Area Land Use By-law implementing a maximum size limitation of 29.0% of bedroom space for new construction and renovations of dwellings is scheduled for March 9, 2020.

Antigonish County**Building Permits (January 1 -31)**

	Permits		Value	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Residential				
New	3	0	\$ 334,700	\$ -
Mobile Homes	0	1	-	81,000
Additions, Alterations and Renovations	2	1	67,000	35,000
Garages and Accessory Buildings	0	1	-	15,000
Multiple Units	1	0	200,000	-
	6	3	\$ 601,700	\$ 131,000
Agricultural, Commercial or Industrial				
Agricultural	0	1	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Commercial	1	0	50,000	-
Industrial	0	0	-	-
	1	1	\$ 50,000	\$ 30,000
Institutional Buildings				
New	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Additions and Alterations	0	0	-	-
	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Other	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Total	7	4	\$ 651,700	\$ 161,000



Antigonish County

Building Permits (January 1 - February 29)

	Permits		Value	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Residential				
New	3	1	\$ 334,700	\$ 150,000
Mobile Homes	0	1	-	81,000
Additions, Alterations and Renovations	2	3	67,000	137,000
Garages and Accessory Buildings	0	1	-	15,000
Multiple Units	1	0	200,000	-
	6	6	\$ 601,700	\$ 383,000
Agricultural, Commercial or Industrial				
Agricultural	0	1	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Commercial	1	0	50,000	-
Industrial	0	0	-	-
	1	1	\$ 50,000	\$ 30,000
Institutional Buildings				
New	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Additions and Alterations	0	0	-	-
	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Other	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Total	7	7	\$ 651,700	\$ 413,000

