
Joint Town and County Council Advisory Committee Agenda

Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 6:00 PM
Town Council Chambers
274 Main Street
Antigonish, NS B2G 2C4

1. Call to Order – Mayor L. Boucher
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Joint Council Minutes of December 12, 2019
4. Delegates
 - a. M. Quinn Presentation; Re: 2018 National Summer Special Olympics
Matt Quinn will be presenting to both Councils on behalf of Special Olympics Canada
 - b. M. Ross, Engagement Specialist, Clean Nova Scotia Foundation
Merydie Ross will be making a PowerPoint presentation on the Northumberland Strait Coastal Restoration Project and will communicate information about and increased public interest in attending public workshops.
 - c. Antigonish Regional Emergency Management Organization (AREMO)
Craig Seaboyer and/or Doug Holmes will provide an update on the ICS100 training, new office space and future plans.
 - d. N. Haverkort, Regional Educator, Eastern Region Solid Waste Management
Nicole Haverkort will provide Councils on the need to look at other options to manage household hazardous waste and that a permanent facility for the Town and County is an option to consider.
5. Continuing Business
 - a. S. Scannell; Re Skatepark
Steve Scannell will provide Councils with an update on the skatepark tender award and next steps.
 - b. Physician Recruitment
Discussion on recent physician tours and recruitment efforts.
6. New Business
7. Additions to Agenda

Approval of Agenda

Warden McCarron called for any additions to the agenda. Mayor Boucher requested one addition: single-use plastics.

Moved By Councillor MacPherson

Seconded By Councillor Murray

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

Approval of Joint Council Minutes of September 19, 2018

Warden McCarron called for any errors or omissions to the Joint Council Minutes of September 19, 2018.

Moved By Councillor MacDonald

Seconded By Councillor MacLellan

That the Joint Council minutes of September 19, 2018 be approved as presented

Carried

Delegations

a. Stephanie Spencer - Sport Nova Scotia

Stephanie Spencer from Sport Nova Scotia provided members of the committee with a summary of the Multisport program that has been taking place in the community for several years. The program has several indicators of success; waiting lists, positive feedback, and eleven other programs around the province that are following the Antigonish model.

Sport Nova Scotia is now looking at setting up a multi-sport system: Antigonish Community Sport Collective. Stephanie reviewed the potential benefits of the program, including the partnerships with various organizations throughout the community and province.

A request was made for \$30,000 of support, split evenly between the Town and County, to help to fund the program. These funds would help to cover a staff position, and other amenities, including office space, municipal staff and resource support, would also requested for consideration.

Discussion followed. Stephanie was thanked for her presentation, and the Councils will take the requests back for further consideration.

b. St. Francis Xavier Administration Team

Dr. Kent MacDonald was joined by several members of his senior administration team. He provided the Committee with a general update and review of the

operations at the University, and touched on aspects of community collaboration that have happened in the last year, including the new sidewalk along West Street, and the Skateboard Park project. Both the Town and County were thanked for the various ways of support offered.

Discussion followed. Warden McCarron thanked Dr. MacDonald and his team for all of the contributions that St. FX makes to the community, and for coming to speak to the committee this evening.

Additions to the Agenda

a. **Single-Use Plastics**

Mayor Boucher spoke to an initiative from several municipalities across the province, who are lobbying the province to restrict or ban single-use plastics, such as plastic bags. This subject has come up at the Town Council meeting, but there was a desire to speak to the Joint Council committee because of the overlap with retail community. Businesses that the Mayor has spoken with recently have felt favourably towards moving away from the use of plastic bags.

Members of the Committee felt that it would be important for both the Town and County to move together on this initiative. A suggestion was also made to further engage the local business community, by holding meetings, to get feedback on the initiative. Mr. Lawrence suggested that the issue be deferred to staff for analysis and a report, to provide each Council with further information. Discussion followed.

Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Deveau

That the Joint Council Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 7:41

Carried

Warden Owen McCarron

Mayor Laurie Boucher

Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

Jeff Lawrence, CAO

8. Adjournment

Joint Town and County Council Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 6:00 pm
East Coast Credit Union Social Enterprise Centre
CACL Workshop Antigonish - Lunch Room
75 St. Ninian Street
Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2R8

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

Mayor Laurie Boucher
Councillor Willie Cormier
Councillor Jack MacPherson
Councillor Andrew Murray
Councillor Mary Farrell
Councillor Diane Roberts

Regrets: Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Donnie MacInnis

Councillor Gary Mattie

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk-Treasurer,
County of Antigonish
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk, County of
Antigonish

Jeff Lawrence, CAO, Town of
Antigonish
Kate Goreman, Marketing and
Communications Officer, Town of
Antigonish
Gina MacInnis, Acting Active Living
Coordinator, Town of Antigonish

Also Present: Stephanie Spencer, Highland Region Sport
Consultant
Dr. Kent MacDonald, President, St. FX
University
Dr. June Webber, Coady Director & Vice
President, St. FX University
Murray Kyte, VP Advancement, St. FX
University

Dr. Katie Edwards
Joe MacDonald, Executive Director,
Government Relations & Strategic
Initiatives, St. FX University
Dr. Kevin Wamsley, Academic Vice-
President & Provost, St. FX
University

Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Owen McCarron

The meeting of the Joint Council Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair, Warden McCarron, at 6:04 pm.

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The Northumberland Strait Coastal Restoration Project's

“Coastal Restoration & Saltmarsh Solutions Training Workshops”

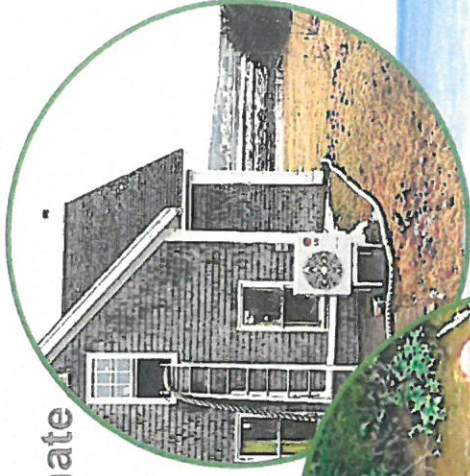


Charlyne Robertson – Project Lead
Merydie Ross – Engagement Specialist

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We work for a clean climate
and clean water, and, to
help us get there, we foster,
educate and support clean
leaders in our communities.

Clean Climate



Clean Water



Clean Leaders



The Northumberland Strait Coastal Restoration Project

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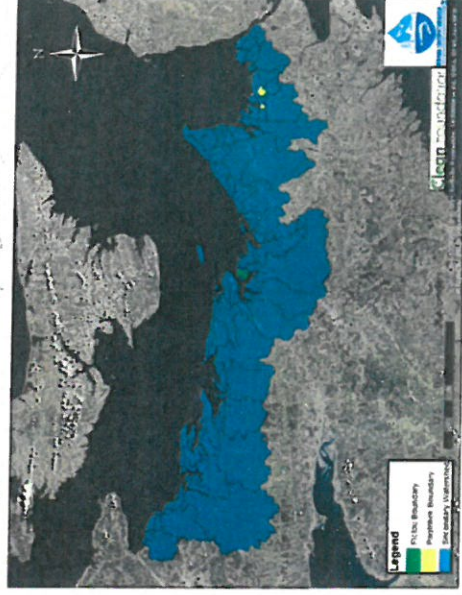
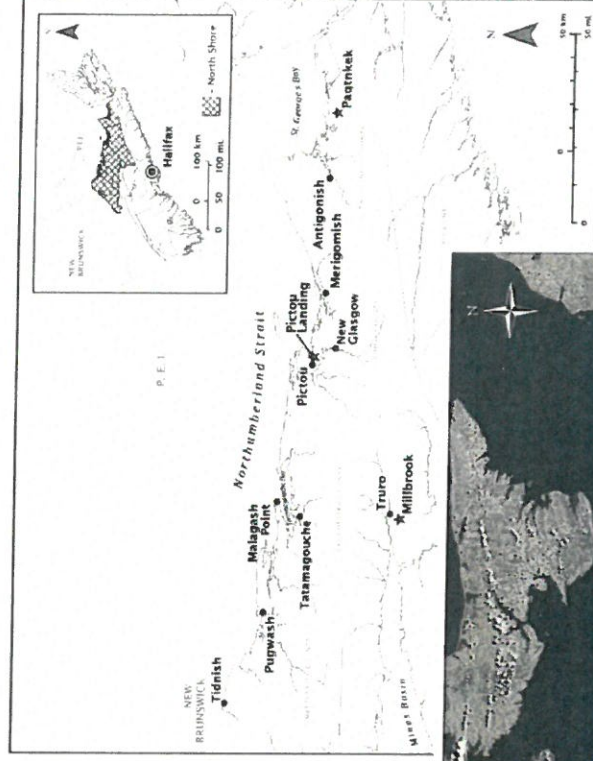
- Coastal Restoration Fund,
Oceans Protection Plan

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Goal:

- Restore 15 hectares of tidal wetlands in the Northumberland Strait of mainland Nova Scotia, Canada
- Engagement through volunteer opportunities
- Build community capacity
- Build a body of publicly accessible data for future restoration projects



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Local Project Partners



The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq



MI'KMAW CONSERVATION GROUP
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CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
Saving a National Treasure



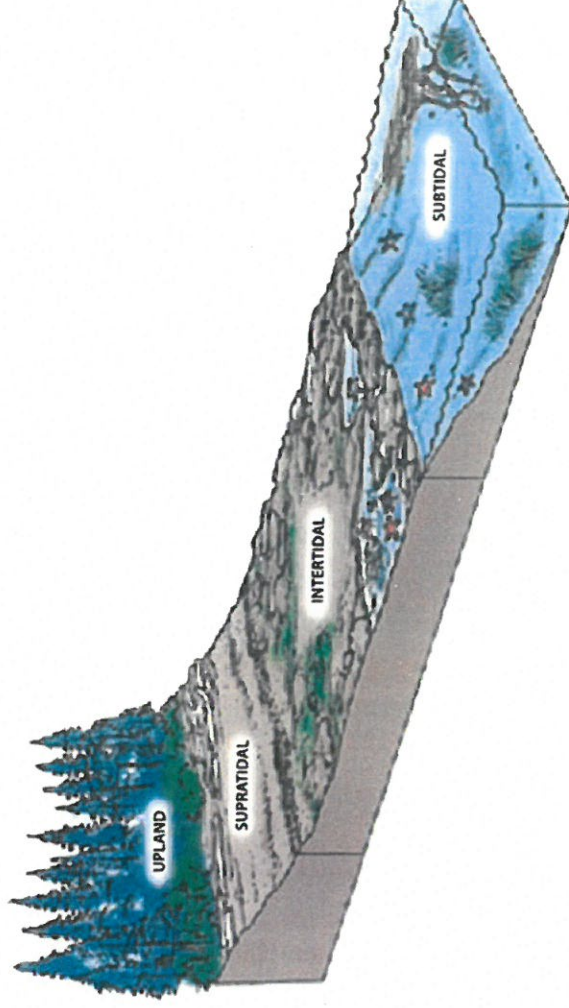
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Tidal Wetlands Basics

What are tidal wetlands anyway?

- Tidal wetlands, also known as **saltmarshes**, exist where freshwater and marine environments meet!
- Provide important habitat for a variety of species, including fish, birds, vegetation, and invertebrates such as clams and mussels
- They are special places of value for the economy, recreation and culture
- Act as blue carbon sinks, storing carbon from our atmosphere in their soil



Antigonish County Training Workshop

Coastal Restoration & Saltmarsh Solutions Training Workshop

**Saturday, March 9th, 2019
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Antigonish Town & County Library, Town of Antigonish

Open to all members of the public!
Free Workshop – Drop-ins welcome!
Refreshments Provided!



**NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT
COASTAL RESTORATION PROJECT**

Coastal Restoration & Saltmarsh Solutions Training Workshops



Restore the North Shore!

Are you concerned about the future of our coasts? Want to improve your community's coastal resiliency?

Join a free training workshop to learn about strategies to protect and restore our coasts from the impacts of human activity and climate change.

Easy to understand tutorials, examples, and resources will be presented to help communities make informed decisions about the future of our coasts using effective nature-based solutions.

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 @Antigonish
 #AntigonishCoasts

Consentations due to weather will be based on local forecast board decisions and updated as needed.

Upcoming Training Workshops:

- MSSC Piclou Campus, Stellanon
Wednesday, March 6, 2019
2:00 pm – 8:30 pm
- Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche
Thursday, March 7, 2019
2:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- Antigonish Town & County Library, Antigonish
Saturday, March 9, 2019
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- Community Credit Union Business Innovation Centre, Amherst
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
1:30 pm (6:30 pm)
- Training Centre, Band Council Office, Pictou Landing First Nation
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Free, popular at Saltmarshes.ca. High, no, low welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Funding provided by  **Fisheries and Oceans Canada** **Pêches et Océans Canada**

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Workshop Topics

Training workshops will introduce:

- Basic concepts of coastal restoration
- A variety of coastal restoration techniques and solutions from around Nova Scotia and North America
- Basic tutorial for identifying potential restoration sites using Google Earth
- Equipment commonly used in the field



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Thank you! Questions?

Pre-register for a workshop or sign up to receive
project updates and volunteer opportunity

notifications at:

www.saltmarshes.ca

Follow us on social media!

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Empowering Communities with Solutions for Our Coasts – Attend a Free Coastal Restoration and Saltmarsh Solutions Training Workshop!

Are you concerned about the future of our coasts? Would you like to learn about coastal restoration techniques and solutions to help protect our intertidal shorelines, rivers, saltmarshes, and coasts from the impacts of human activity and climate change? Interested in playing a role in shaping your community's coastal resiliency?

Join Clean Foundation's Northumberland Strait Coastal Restoration Project for a free Coastal Restoration and Saltmarsh Solutions Training Workshop! With easy to understand information and examples, workshops will empower communities to make more informed decisions about the future of our coasts using effective nature-based solutions.

Training workshops will introduce the concept of coastal restoration, presenting a variety of coastal restoration solutions, techniques and resources appropriate for diverse conditions faced by communities and landowners. Through the lens of the project's specific focus on saltmarshes along the North Shore, each session will also provide trainees with a basic tutorial on using Google Earth to identify potential restoration sites and an introduction to common types of monitoring and assessment equipment commonly used in the field. Trainees will also learn about the benefits of coastal restoration and examples of coastal restoration work being conducted in Nova Scotia and throughout North America.

Open to all interested members of the public, landowners, elected officials, planners, engineers, excavators, insurance providers, students, teachers, and more. Refreshments will be provided. Reserve your space now by visiting saltmarshes.ca or calling (902) 956-9458. Drop-ins are welcome!

Upcoming training sessions:

NSCC Pictou Campus, Stellarton

Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche

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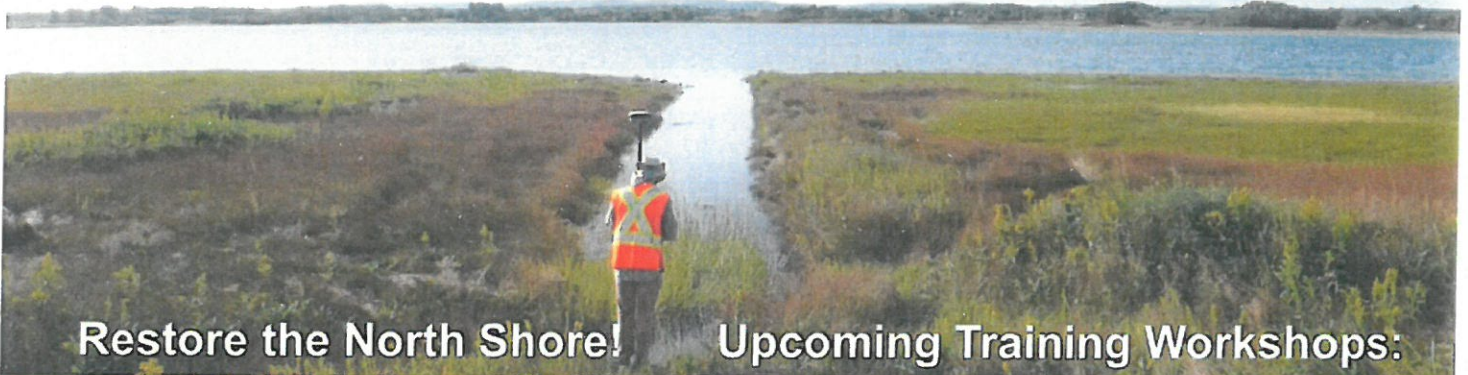
Unable to attend a session in your community? Feel free to attend any of our training sessions being held across the Northumberland Strait region.

For questions or media enquiries, please contact: Charlynn Robertson – Project Lead via crobertson@clean.ns.ca or (902) 420-7933, or Merydie Ross – Engagement Specialist via mross@clean.ns.ca or (902) 956-9458. For more information about the Clean Foundation's Northumberland Strait Coastal Restoration Project, check out our website at saltmarshes.ca or follow our social media posts using #ilovesaltmarshes

Any training session cancellations due to inclement weather will be made public via Clean's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @CleanFoundation and will be submitted to your local radio station.

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Coastal Restoration & Saltmarsh Solutions Training Workshops



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Coastal Restoration and Saltmarsh Solutions Training Workshops Promotional Toolkit



To help you spread the word about our upcoming training workshops in your area, we've prepared a promotional toolkit that includes a poster (attached), sample posts for social media, hashtags and handles to use, and graphics to accompany it all. We encourage you to adapt this toolkit to suit your needs with the dates and information for the specific training session in your area (see poster for details). If you have any questions, please contact lyorke@clean.ns.ca.

Twitter

Concerned about the future of our coasts? Join a free training workshop hosted by @cleanfoundation to learn about strategies to protect and restore our coasts from the impacts of human activity and #climatechange. Register at saltmarshes.ca #ilovesaltmarshes #wetlandwisdom

Facebook

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Instagram

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Social media handles and hashtags

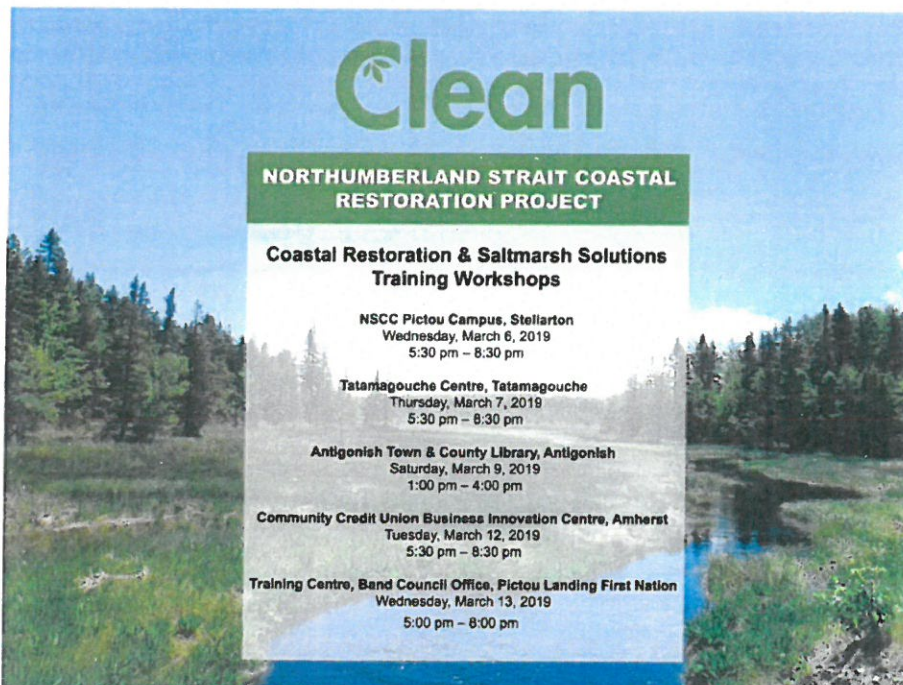
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Graphics





WETLAND WISDOM

The knowledge transfer of wetland functions and restoration practices is a key component of the Northumberland Strait Coastal Restoration Project.

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WETLAND WISDOM

Saltmarshes play an important role in supporting healthy ecosystems and are home to diverse species of plants and wildlife.

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WETLAND WISDOM

Salt marshes help mitigate the effects of climate change on coastal communities by acting as a buffer zone for flooding and coastal erosion.

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Antigonish REMO Current Accomplishments (Since Jan. 2018)

- Moved ECC (Emergency Command Centre) from RK MacDonald Nursing Home to Antigonish County Office
 - Designed communications cabinets and installed them.
 - Designed, built and installed antennas and masts (x4)
 - Programmed, installed and tested 3 VHF and a TMR communication equipment.
- Arranged and hosted TMR2 Communications Course for Public Safety Field Communications (PSFC)
- Purchased and installed Smart TV in Radio Room. Installed computer system in Radio Room.
- Hosted Exercise Handshake (a monthly provincial exercise) with EMO Advisory Committee and PSFC manager
- Hosted Emergency Preparedness Week public demonstration
- Participated in Police Awareness demonstration in Pomquet
- Attended Symposium for Maritime Amateur Radio Techs (SMART) (Springhill)
- Represented Antigonish at the Eastern Zone Meetings
- Participated in Emergency Communications Course (Kentville)
- Participated in RK MacDonald functional exercise
- Attended Interoperability Conferences (PSFC)
- Participated in the Communications Axillary Course (COM-A)
- Participated in the Weather Interpretation Course – Environment Canada
- Support Services Presentation, starting with local Fire Services, explaining Antigonish Regional EMO's roles and responsibilities. This is currently ongoing.
- The Paqtnkek Emergency Services Appreciation
- Safety and Emergency Plan for the Havre Boucher lay down area
- Creation of TMR2 and VHF communication GO-KITS
- Recruited a Communication Officer
- Taught ICS 100 course as requested (3 x 3-hour courses at the ECC) for 17 staff members

- Setup and ran several CAO emergency vhf nets when the conditions dictated it. Monitored vhf repeater for emergency traffic.

Short-term Goals (Dec. 31, 2019)

- Eastern Zone Communications Exercise – hosted by Antigonish REMO
- Continue with our preplanning efforts, encouraging both public and support services participation
- Creation of an Emergency Communications Course for Eastern Zone – open to Amateur Radio and other interested parties

Long-term Goals

- Completion and approval of the Antigonish Regional Emergency Plan
- Create an exercise routine – at least every 6 months – both tabletop and functional
- Encourage more participation in our planning committee members
- More partnerships with others in provincial / federal for training and exercises

Household Hazardous Waste Program Update & Building Consideration

Antigonish Joint Council Meeting Report - February 2019

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients. Proper disposal protects both our health and the environment.

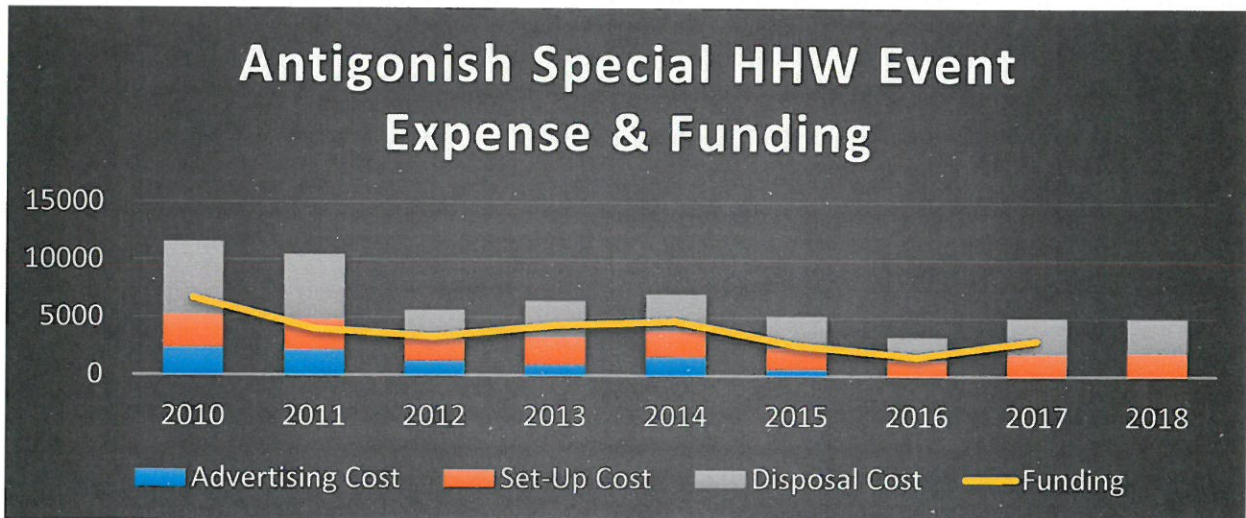
June 2007, Antigonish councils held their first HHW event. The first couple were held at the County Public Works Building, on Hwy 7. Since 2009, they've been held at the Antigonish Mall Parking Lot. The Municipality of the District of Guysborough has provided the Mobile Collection Service since 2008. It is an annual event, on a Friday and Saturday, now during the month of September. We learned this Winter that Guysborough may not be able to provide this service going forward. This is a good opportunity to consider a permanent depot option for Antigonish.

What are some of the benefits of a permanent facility?

- To provide a year-round option for residents
- To reduce a fire hazard in resident's homes & other buildings
- To reduce disposal in other inappropriate locations (garbage/woods/shop drain)

How does the current program work?

The event is advertised for free through public service announcements from local radio stations. Also, for the last event a free advertisement placed The Casket using newspaper credits and the information was also through social media. Event costs are invoiced to the Municipality of the County of Antigonish. Half the set-up costs and one-third the disposal costs are invoiced to the Town. Eastern Region Solid Waste Management submits a funding application to Divert NS to receive your share of \$16,000 (shared with Pictou County, dependant on total costs) and a portion returned to the Town.



Lab Packs & Materials Accepted Would Remain the Same

- Acid Corrosives
- Base Corrosives
- Oil & Filters
- Glycol

- Organics
- Oxidizers
- Pesticides
- Aerosols
- Propane Canisters
- Propane Tanks
- Gas
- Household Batteries
- Automotive Batteries
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Paint

What are some of the differences to consider with a Permanent Depot?

A permanent depot would have year-round operating expenses rather than set-up costs. A current waste management facility location would provide other options to divert or dispose of non-HHW materials. The users (number of cars) could be tracked using a log book to determine if the one-third Town, two-thirds County is the appropriate proportion to allocate for disposal expenses. Also, with a permanent facility, eligible Divert NS funding expenses would include disposal and advertising cost only.

Others consideration for a permanent facility include:

- A required NS Environment Terms & Conditions Approval
- Fire Marshall Approval not required if without power
- Appropriate Staff Training
 - WHIMIS
 - Lab Packing
- Hazardous Waste Disposal Company Agreement
- Agreement with other users
- Site Control (could also limit hours)
- Other expenses such as: Spill Kit & Eye Wash Station

Options

This program has worked really well as a Special Event in Antigonish but could improve with year-round access. There is necessity to continue with a mobile or permanent HHW program. Some options to consider:

- Construct a permanent HHW building (hours & access to be determined) by the Municipality of the County of Antigonish at the Beech Hill Waste Management Facility with an agreement between both municipalities to continue as a program for all Antigonish residents.
- Construction by the Town of Antigonish with an agreement between both municipalities to continue the program for all Antigonish residents.
- Either of the above with an option to include a mobile event if it is deemed necessary; every two or three years for example.
- Rather than a permanent Household Hazardous Waste building, contract with another disposal company such as Terrapure to provide special event pricing. When priced before this was considerably more expensive and doesn't provide year-round access.

Questions

Report was prepared by:

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