



Steering Committee Meeting Notes

January 18, 2022 via Zoom

Attendance: Warden Owen McCarron, Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart, Deputy Mayor Willie Cormier, Jeff Lawrence, Shirlyn Donovan, and Kate Gorman.

Regrets: Glenn Horne, Mayor Laurie Boucher

Welcome by Warden McCarron at 8:09am

Debrief on Council Discussions

- Both Town and County Councils are looking forward to the meeting on Thursday night with Brighter Community Planning to get better insight on timelines and what to expect with the community engagement.
- Shirlyn provided some clarity on Brighter Community Planning's role to facilitate the engagement and communication. They will present their findings following the engagement process, and that information will be available for Councils to use to inform their final decisions.

Feedback on Final Background Document Draft

- The Best Practices document has been shared with Council and will be discussed at the upcoming joint council meeting. There is no additional feedback from the Steering Committee or staff at this time.
- It was noted by the Steering Committee that the Best Practices document had a lot of great detail and provided a good foundation as this process starts to get underway.

Review of FAQ

- Minor changes to the FAQ Document were identified.
- The FAQs will appear on the Antigonish.ca website. The website is nearly done.
- Both Town and County Council will be shown a preview of the website before it is live.

Preparation for the Joint Council Session

- The agenda has been prepared and circulated to Councils.
- The intent of the meeting is an introduction to the team, review of timelines, and presentation of the best practices document.
- Discussion of the development of the Guiding Principles will wait until it can be done in person.

Update on RCMP Contract Discussions

- In-camera discussion