

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Asset Management Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 5:30 pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Bill MacFarlane
Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Shawn Brophy

Regrets: Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart
Councillor Donnie MacDonald

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, CAO
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Daryl Myers, Director of Public Works
Allison Duggan, Director of Finance
Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities
Marlene Melanson, Director of Recreation

Also Present: Gallery

Call to Order – Chairman, Councillor Bill MacFarlane

The meeting of the Asset Management Committee was called to order by Councillor Bill MacFarlane at 5:35pm.

Approval of Agenda

Councillor MacFarlane called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of January 10, 2023 Asset Management Minutes

Councillor MacFarlane called for any errors or omissions to the minutes of the previous meeting.

Moved and Seconded

That the Asset Management minutes of January 10, 2023 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Continuing Business

Review and Feedback on the Draft 2023/24 Capital Plan

Mr. Horne introduced the review of the 2023/24 Capital Plan, noting that the plan was still preliminary but that it included some financial updates since it was last reviewed by the Committee in December. Mr. Horne noted that the plan would see further updates. Consensus was requested to tender the St. Joseph's Waterline Project and was given to proceed with advertising that tender. Mr. Horne noted that the Lanark Waterline Extension was added to the plan since the last review, and work on the Trunk 7 water and sewer services at the intersection with Trunk 4/West Street to facilitate the installation of the roundabout/AT facilities has also been added to the plan.

Updates were given on other proposed projects, including the Beech Hill in-line booster, courthouse upgrades, Appleseed Drive paving, and sidewalk projects. Mr. Horne noted that no equipment was expected to be required in the upcoming capital budget. J-Class Roads that were identified for upgrades do not yet have feedback from the province for cost-sharing and isn't expected until later in the spring.

The emergency generator for the Municipal Office has been tendered, and updates on Renewable Energy and the Active Transportation ICIP projects will be reviewed in detail later in the meeting. A question was asked regarding accessibility of any sidewalk and curb cuts, including tactile transitions, and it was noted that accessibility standards would be factored into any projects.

Councillor Dunbar joined the meeting at 5:47pm.

ICIP Project Updates

Net-Zero Community Buildings

Darryl Myette provided an introduction of Strait Engineering Limited (SEL) involvement with the Net-Zero Community Building ICIP project, and reviewed the work done to date as site visits are conducted at each of the community facilities that are part of the project.

The floor was opened for questions from members of the Committee. Mr. Myette was asked about responsibilities for additional upgrades (insulation or structural reinforcement) that are identified early in the study. A clarification question was also asked about staging or phasing of the upgrades. Cost efficiencies in bulk purchasing was discussed.

Councillor MacFarlane thanked Mr. Myette for his presentation.

Antigonish AT Corridor

Ms. Melanson shared that construction start on the AT corridor is expected in spring/summer 2023, with a combination of phase 1 and 2 of the project happening at once. Staff is meeting with provincial representatives and the tender is expected

to be advertised in March 2023. The extent of this phase of the project runs from Spruce Lane to just short of the Church Street Intersection, and details of the layout of traffic and the multi-use pathway were explained for the benefit of the committee.

A rough outline of Phase 3, running from Church Street to Beech Hill, was provided for the committee. That phase of the project is expected to take two years. The final phase will extend from Spruce Lane out to Addington Forks. Discussion followed.

Councillor MacFarlane thanked staff working on each of the ICIP projects for their work.

New Business

There was no new business.

Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

In Camera Items

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee move to an in-camera session to discuss the acquisition, sale, lease, and security of Municipal Property at 6:28pm.

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded

That the in-camera session be adjourned at 6:40pm.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Moved

That the Asset Management Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:41pm.

Motion Carried



Councillor Bill MacFarlane



Glenn Horne, CAO