

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Asset Management Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 5:30 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 Remi Deveau (by Zoom)

Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Bill MacFarlane
Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Shawn Brophy

Regrets: None

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, CAO
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

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 5:31pm.

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 March 28, 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 March 28, 2023 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Continuing Business

J-Class Road Cost Share Update

Mr. Horne reviewed a response received from the Province to the J-class Roads cost sharing applications made this year. Mr. Horne noted that when he enquired why the applications weren't successful, it was noted that it was due to budgetary constraints. Discussion followed, which included Mr. Horne sharing past cost-sharing approvals under the program.

Aboriginal Consultation Update

Mr. Horne noted that consultation requirements have been followed through on, with copies of the documentation included in the agenda package. Mr. Horne expressed that he expected formal notice from the Federal Government in the next few weeks.

Approval of the 2023/24 Capital Plan

Mr. Horne spoke to the latest updates to the 2023/24 Capital Plan, being the Lower South River Sewer Treatment System project, which is looking to move to 2024/25 while the scope for various projects in that system are developed during this fiscal year. Updates were also made to reflect the feedback on the J-Class Road Cost Share projects. E-1 pump project estimates are still being finalized and will be provided during the budget process. Questions of clarification regarding the sidewalk projects identified on the plan were asked.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the 2023/24 Capital Plan as presented.

Motion Carried.

Awarding of Tenders

Mr. Horne noted that tenders could not be awarded until after the aboriginal consultation obligations are removed from the project review by the federal government. Once the consultation obligations are removed, staff will send an e-poll to the Committee for approval due to the time sensitivity of the tender timelines.

ICIP Project Updates

Active Transportation Corridor

Mr. Horne provided a brief update on the status of the work being done to tender the different phases of the stages of the project that are expected to be completed during this construction season. Handouts of diagrams, based on the most up-to-date images generated in preparation for the funding announcement held on April 24th at the Municipal Office. Questions about connectivity to other active

transportation routes and maintenance were asked. Councillor MacFarlane shared his thanks on behalf of Council to staff for all the work done to date on the project.

Net-Zero Community Buildings

Mr. Horne noted that the tender period for the solar panel project was extended by one week due to the volume of questions received by contractors.

New Business

There was no new business.

Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

In Camera Items

There was no in-camera business.

Adjournment

Moved

That the Asset Management Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:46pm.

Motion Carried



Councillor Bill MacFarlane



Glenn Horne, CAO