

# **MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH**

## **Asset Management Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 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 Donnie MacDonald  
Councillor Shawn Brophy  
Councillor Remi Deveau  
Councillor John Dunbar  
Councillor Gary Mattie  
Councillor Bill MacFarlane  
Councillor Harris McNamara

Regrets: Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, CAO  
Daryl Myers, Director of Public Works (by Zoom)

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Also Present: Basil Pitts, Area Manager, Nova Scotia Department of Public Works  
Josh Chisholm, Operations/Maintenance Supervisor, Nova Scotia Department of Public Works  
Andrew MacPherson, Construction Manager, Nova Scotia Department of Public Works  
Paul Colton, Director, Nova Scotia Department of Public Works Gallery

### **Call to Order – Chairman, Councillor Bill MacFarlane**

The meeting of the Asset Management Committee was called to order by Deputy Warden Bill MacFarlane at 5:34pm.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Deputy Warden MacFarlane called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Moved and Seconded

*That the agenda be approved as presented.*

**Motion Carried**

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**Approval of September 26, 2023 Asset Management Minutes**

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

Moved and Seconded

*That the Asset Management minutes of September 26, 2023 be approved as presented.*

**Motion Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Councillor Dunbar asked for an update for the two items regarding Pine Ridge Estates. Mr. Myers noted that Strait Engineering has been engaged to conduct a review, and the requested correspondence has been sent.

**Delegations**

**Nova Scotia Department of Public Works**

Mr. Colton introduced the team from the local Nova Scotia Department of Public Works office. Mr. MacPherson spoke to ongoing construction projects, including the construction of the Active Transportation trail, the Salt Springs Brook Bridge on Highway 7, repaving of Highway 316, Ohio East Road repaving, storm culverts on Highway 245 and 337, and the Aulds Cove intersection on Highway 104. Updates were also provided on several gravel roads and bridge projects in the community.

The floor was opened to questions from Committee members. Questions included those about stormwater management in Aulds Cove following flooding earlier in the month, repaving projects for roads deferred into the next construction season, Breens Pond, and the treatment of the temporary river access at the West River Bridge.

Mr. Pitts provided an update on the maintenance operations in the community. Operations are transitioning to fall grading and preparations for winter weather. The floor was again opened for questions, and those asked included questions about roads projects that were pushed into next summer for work, areas where the shoulders are washing away near recently patched paved roads, and locations where some additional safety measures could be beneficial in the community. Questions were also asked about timing for grading and road conditions, the status of brush cutting on local roads, the provision and repair of road signs, and getting roads in need of repaving identified.

Some questions were asked about plans for the upcoming year for the gravel road program, thanks were expressed for mowing along the shoulders in the community, and concerns expressed with road edges breaking away along the highway. An update for the timing of the roundabout in Monastery was requested and discussed. Some questions were asked about the speed and signage along the rebuilt Trunk 4

following the construction of the Active Transportation Trail, and the road condition on the Church Street Extension just past Trunk 4 was flagged for attention.

Deputy Warden McFarlane thanked the team from the Department of Public Works for coming to the meeting.

### **Continuing Business**

#### **ICIP Project Updates**

##### *Net-Zero Community Buildings*

Mr. Horne provided an update on the installation of the lighting and solar features and provided timelines for upcoming installs. The project is currently on schedule.

##### *St. Joseph's Water System Expansion, Lanark Waterline Extension*

Mr. Myers noted that the construction of the lines was done. The water storage tower for the St. Joseph's project is expected to be arriving in the spring due to production delays.

##### *Active Transportation Corridor*

Mr. Horne didn't have any further updates beyond what was shared by the Department of Public Works team earlier in the meeting. He noted that photographs were included by staff in the agenda package.

### **New Business**

#### **Request for a Sewer Line Extension on Highway 337**

Mr. Horne reviewed a request that was received through the planning department for the consideration of the extension of the sewer system along Highway 337 to facilitate the development of the property adjacent to the Parkland development across the highway from Mount Cameron. Mr. Horne provided a general overview of the types of development that are envisioned for the property, including housing, assisted living residential, and a medical clinic.

Mr. Horne requested the consent of the committee to add the project tentatively to the Capital Plan for further negotiation and consideration. A suggestion was made to ensure that provisions for pedestrian-supportive infrastructure to support the proposed development was considered. Comments from the committee were generally supportive of the proposal, noting that it provided housing desired in the community. Consensus was provided to add the sewer line extension to the capital plan.

#### **Preliminary Review of the 2024/25 Capital Plan**

Mr. Horne introduced a preliminary draft of the 2024/25 Capital Plan. Each of the items on the list were reviewed individually as an introduction for the benefit of the committee, with brief discussions for each item.

**Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**In Camera Items**

There were no in-camera items.

**Adjournment**

Moved

That the Asset Management Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:40pm.

**Motion Carried**



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Deputy Warden Bill MacFarlane



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Glenn Horne, CAO