

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Asset Management Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 28, 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 Shawn Brophy
Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Gary Mattie
Acting Deputy Warden Bill
MacFarlane
Councillor Harris McNamara

Regrets: None

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

Also Present: Alena Wilgenhof
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 5:30pm.

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

Approval of October 24, 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 October 24, 2023 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

Richard and Alena Wilgenhof – Upgrade of 0.9km of Seabright Road

Mrs. Wilgenhof read through the correspondence that she submitted for inclusion in the agenda package providing background regarding Seabright Road and requesting that the roadway be upgraded and transferred to municipal ownership. The residents that she is presenting on behalf of are looking for assurance that if the roadway is upgraded, it will be transferred to the municipality. The correspondence was signed by those residing and having an interest in properties along that roadway.

Acting Deputy Warden MacFarlane noted that once the road is upgraded, municipal policy does provide for the road to be assumed by the municipality. Mr. Horne spoke further to the details regarding the assumption of ownership of a roadway as outlined in the Private Roads Policy.

Mrs. Wilgenhof noted that the community's concern is that after making an investment to upgrade the roadway, there could be a situation where the municipality wouldn't take over the roadway. Mr. Horne suggested that prior to collecting funds for the road upgrade, confirmation be received from the Province of their agreement of the upgrades and transfer of the road in writing, and that any work is done to the engineer standard of design and construction necessary for the Municipality to assume the roadway. Further questions of clarification were asked regarding design standards, timelines, and legal expenses.

Mrs. Wilgenhof was thanked for her presentation.

Continuing Business

ICIP Project Updates

Active Transportation Corridor

Mr. Horne shared that the first section of the Active Transportation Trail is now open, with ongoing work on the rest areas still in progress. Discussions for the next phase

of the extension, from Church Street to Beech Hill, are now underway. Questions were asked about the design of the second phase of the trail. Warden McCarron noted concerns raised by local businesses in the areas subject to disruption and closure during construction, which will be raised with the Department of Public Works to see what can be done to help businesses in those areas.

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

Mr. Horne noted that the bacterial testing on the Lanark Waterline Extension is complete, with connections expected to take place soon.

New Business

There was no new business.

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 5:50pm.

Motion Carried



Deputy Warden Bill MacFarlane



Glenn Horne, CAO