

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Asset Management Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 5:30 pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

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

Regrets: Councillor Hugh Stewart

Staff Present: Shirlyn Donovan, CAO
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

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.

Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda

Deputy Warden MacFarlane called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Warden McCarron asked to add an item regarding a lateral crossing on Highway 337 sewer. Councillor Dunbar added a discussion item regarding Pine Ridge Wastewater. Councillor McNamara left the meeting at 5:31pm.

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of June 25, 2024 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 June 25, 2024 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Continuing Business

Follow-up to the Cape George Lighthouse Request

Mrs. Donovan provided an update regarding the request to investigate the maintenance and cost of upgrades to the Cape George Lighthouse Road. She noted that Director of Public Works spoke to the Basil Pitts regarding the roadway, which is owned by the Department of Natural Resources. The current maintenance levels were discussed. Staff was asked to provide the update given in writing for reference. Discussion followed.

Follow-up to Mount Camera Sidewalk Request

Mrs. Donovan shared that the cost estimate that was provided by the engineer was a price of \$400/metre for a sidewalk in Mount Cameron. Councillor MacDonald spoke to the importance of safe walking areas at that intersection, and the benefit that this small section of sidewalk would provide to the community. Discussion followed regarding whether to put this proposed sidewalk onto the Capital Projects list or to put it to tender now.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council put out a tender for a sidewalk on Mount Cameron Circle from the western-most intersection with Highway 337 for a distance of approximately 150 metres.

Motion Carried

Update Regarding MacDonald Beach Road

Mrs. Donovan shared that on Friday September 20, 2024 the agreement of purchase and sale for the roadway was finalized. Maintenance of the roadway will remain at its

current levels. The purpose of acquiring the roadway was to provide access to the beach. Letters will be sent to adjacent residents to notify them of this change, and next spring signage regarding pedestrians on the roadway will be installed.

Update Regarding Courthouse Construction

Ms. Schumacher provided members of the Committee with an update progress of the repairs to the Courthouse, with photographs of the most recent work on the replacement of the siding and insulation of the building being presented. Discussion followed.

New Business

Identification of Roads for J-Class Road Cost-Sharing Program for Paving for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

Mrs. Donovan reviewed the submission package provided by the Province. She noted that the request for cost sharing for D. Maclsaac Road, Macken Road, and Tamara Drive submitted last year was denied for the current fiscal year but could be resubmitted for consideration by the province.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council requests D. Maclsaac Road, Macken Road, and Tamara Drive for the 2025/2026 J Class Roads program.

Motion Carried

Consideration of New Sidewalk Requests for Capital Plan

Mrs. Donovan spoke to recent requests received for sidewalks along Catherine Drive and on Smith Way as part of developments in those communities. Discussion followed regarding whether this sidewalk work could be combined into a single tender with the sidewalk on Mount Cameron Circle noted earlier at the meeting for cost efficiency. Discussion followed regarding timing of any concrete work given the time of year.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council tenders sidewalks on Catherine Drive and Smith Way.

Motion Carried

Additions to the Agenda

Lateral Crossing of Services on Highway 337

Warden McCarron provided context to the request received regarding the provision of a lateral crossing for sewer and water services to cross Highway 337 to facilitate the CACL/Affordable Housing and medical services development on lands donated by the Hendricks-Davie family adjacent to Parkland. Warden McCarron noted that discussions are underway with CACL to explore cost-sharing this expense. Discussion

followed regarding the importance of the development to support housing, CACL, and the medical services clinic in the community.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council supports the proposed lateral crossing of services across Highway 337 to the development adjacent to Parkland and negotiates cost-sharing opportunities for this work with the development partners of the benefitting lands.

Motion Carried

Pine Ridge Stormwater Concern Updates

Councillor Dunbar asked for an update on the stormwater investigation that was underway by Strait Engineering following the snow and melt issues that took place in February 2024. Mrs. Donovan noted that she would follow-up with Public Works staff for more information to provide an update at the October 8, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting. Councillor Dunbar also asked for an update to the letter that was sent to the Provincial Department of Public Works regarding maintenance along Truck 4.

Nova Landing and Keating Court Fencing Request

Councillor Brophy asked whether consideration could be given to installing a fence along the Nova Landing Development. Mrs. Donovan noted that Planning staff did follow

Adjournment

Moved

That the Asset Management Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:13pm.

Motion Carried

Deputy Warden Bill MacFarlane

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO