

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF**  
**ANTIGONISH**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA**

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 5:30pm  
Council Chambers  
Municipal Administration Building  
285 Beech Hill Road  
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

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1. Call to Order – Chair, Warden Nicholas MacInnis
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of January 28, 2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Delegations
  - a. Bob Hale, St. FX University bid to host the Special Olympics Summer Games in 2030
  - b. S/Sgt. Kim Hillier – Local RCMP Update
6. Continuing Business
  - a. Infrastructure Summary
7. New Business
  - a. Streetlight - additional work needed for approved light 81 Pomquet River Rd (St. Andrews Community Center)
  - b. Surplus Equipment Sale – Dewatering Truck
  - c. Results of Communications Strategy RFPs
  - d. Gateway Signage on Secondary Highways
8. Staff Reports
9. Community Events

This item provides Councillors with an opportunity to briefly bring to the attention of Council events that are taking place in their communities.
10. Additions to the Agenda
11. In-Camera Items
  - a. Contract Negotiations
12. Adjournment

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CHART** (amended October 2022)

| <b>COUNCIL PRIORITIES</b>  |   |
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| <p><b><u>NOW</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. WATER UTILITY DEVELOPMENT</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Expansion &amp; Renew Aging Infrastructure</li> <li>b. Securing Long-Term Source Water</li> <li>c. Long-Term Financial Plan</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>2. DEVELOP &amp; IMPLEMENT AN EVENTS &amp; TOURISM PLAN</b></li> <li><b>3. CONNECTIVITY – CELLULAR AND BROADBAND</b></li> <li><b>4. RENEWABLE ENERGY</b></li> <li><b>5. NEXT GEN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT</b></li> </ol> |   |
| <p><b><u>NEXT</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN: Update &amp; Implementation</li> <li>• ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: Implementation</li> <li>• COMMUNITY HUBS: Plan &amp; Implementation</li> </ul>  | <p><b><u>ADVOCACY/PARTNERSHIPS</u></b></p> <p><i>Connectivity Funding (Prov &amp; Feds)</i><br/> <i>TIR Service Provision (Prov)</i><br/> <i>Long-Term Care Facility Funding (Prov)</i><br/> <i>Aging In Place Program (Prov)</i><br/> <i>Accessible/Affordable Housing</i></p> |
| <b>ADMINISTRATION</b>  | <b>FINANCE</b>  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. CELLULAR &amp; BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY</b></li> <li><b>2. EVENTS &amp; TOURISM</b></li> <li><b>3. ASSET MANAGEMENT</b></li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING: Plan &amp; Implementation - Ongoing</b></li> </ol>   |
| <b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>  | <b>RECREATION</b>   |
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| <b>SUSTAINABILITY</b>  | <b>PLANNING</b>   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. RENEWABLE ENERGY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LCC</li> <li>• COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT</li> </ul> </li> </ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. MANDATORY MINIMUM PLANNING: Development &amp; Implementation</b></li> <li><b>2. EASTERN ANTIGONISH PLANNING STRATEGY &amp; BYLAW: Complete Review</b></li> </ol>   |

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF**  
**ANTIGONISH**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday January 28, 2025, following Asset Management Committee  
Council Chambers  
Municipal Administration Building  
285 Beech Hill Road  
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Present were: Warden Nicholas MacInnis  
Deputy Warden John Dunbar  
Councillor Mary MacLellan  
Councillor Adam Baden-Clay  
Councillor Richelle MacLaughlin  
Councillor Shawn Brophy  
Councillor Wayne Melanson  
Councillor Harris McNamara (by Zoom)  
Councillor Sterling Garvie

Regrets: Councillor Gary Mattie

Staff Present: Shirlyn Donovan, CAO  
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk  
Megan MacInnis, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator  
Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities  
Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Others Present: Gallery (by Zoom)

**Call to Order – Chairman, Warden Nicholas MacInnis**

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chair, Warden MacInnis, at 7:01pm.

**Approval of Agenda**

Warden MacInnis called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. The delegation was removed from the agenda.

Moved and Seconded

*That the agenda be approved as amended.*

**Motion Carried**

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**In-Camera Business**

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee move into an in-camera session to discuss Personnel Matters and the Acquisition, Sale, Lease, and Security of Municipal Property at 7:02pm.

**Motion Carried**

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee adjourns the in-camera session at 7:27pm.

**Motion Carried**

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council appoint Rozalyn Tobin to the R.K. MacDonald Board as the County representative for a three-year term.

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of January 14, 2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

Warden MacInnis called for any errors or omissions in the Committee of the Whole minutes of January 14, 2025. Hearing none, the minutes were considered approved.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**Delegations**

There were no delegations.

**Continuing Business**

Hospitality and Expense Policy Updates

Ms. Schumacher provided an update on the exercise of reviewing the Expense and Hospitality policies as required by the Municipal Government Act (MGA), specifically with respect to the request from the committee at their January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting for staff to review the per diems noted in the policy. Ms. Schumacher noted that amounts from a preliminary scan of provincial and municipal sources was listed in the staff memo, but that a suggestion had come from senior staff to defer making any updates to these figures until they have been reviewed as part of the compensation review that is currently underway. Staff is therefore recommending that the policies be re-adopted as-is, and that the motion include direction for further updates if the compensation review identifies that they are necessary.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council re-adopt the Policy on Municipal Council and CAO Expense Reimbursement and the Municipal Hospitality Policy as required by Section 23(7) of the Municipal Government Act, subject to the per diem information in the Policy on Municipal Council and CAO Expense Reimbursement being updated, if necessary, following the completion of the compensation review currently underway.

**Motion Carried**

Off-Highway Vehicles

Mrs. Donovan provided a summary of information collected since direction was received at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding off-highway vehicles and road trails designations in Richmond and Inverness Counties. Mrs. Donovan noted that after speaking with the CAOs from those municipalities, the road trails designations had been coordinated between the off-highway vehicle groups and the province, and that the municipalities had not been involved. She shared that information was included in the agenda package for councillors to share with riders in their community if they are interested in pursuing similar road trails designations. Discussion followed regarding the role of the municipality to write letters of support for those applications to the province.

**New Business**

Write-Off of Inactive Accounts

Mrs. Duggan provided an overview of the process of identifying non-collectable accounts, and some of the reasons why an account may not be collectable. Staff is currently recommending the write-off of three accounts, for a total of \$1,831.51.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve write-offs in the amount of \$1,831.51.

**Motion Carried**

Council Special District Grants

Mrs. Donovan offered to the committee to put on an information session for Council to provide them with information about all the different funding streams available to councillors and the community through the municipality. Councillor MacLellan noted a concern that some councillors are using their Special District Grants up each year, while others are not spending theirs and have amassed large balances.

Mrs. Duggan provided some background on the trends in grant spending over the history of their availability, and what some of the grant funds have been spent on in the past. Discussion followed.

Concerns were raised about funds being saved up over several years and then spent immediately prior to the mandatory hiatus before an election. Concerns were also raised about post-election balances, where some councillors were left with no Special District Grant funds until the fiscal year ends. A suggestion was made to look at limiting how large the grant pools can be, through an amendment to the policy. A policy change could also address the concern about balances being fully depleted before an election.

A suggestion was made to give the issue at least a year and revisit the topic and look at any potential policy updates then after councillors have had an opportunity to go through at least one annual cycle of business. The information session about other funding streams could also take place in that time. A concern was raised with the structure of the grants giving the perception of the grant funding coming from the district councillor, particularly right before an election.

#### Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council direct staff to undertake a review of the Council Special District Grants and provide a presentation to the Committee in early 2027.

#### **Motion Carried**

**(8 in favour, 1 opposed)**

#### Introduction and Overview to Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Hate Plan for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish

Ms. Feltmate provided the committee with an overview of the provincial requirement to have Equity, Anti-Racism, and Anti-Hate Plan in place before April 1, 2025. Ms. Feltmate noted that work is already underway to develop this plan, and additional information will be coming forward, including conversations to facilitate plan development, in the coming months. Engagement and accessibility of the process of creating the plan was emphasized. Discussion followed.

#### **Community Events**

- Councillor Melanson shared that every Wednesday in Pomquet there is card play. Pomquet Volunteer Fire Department recruited three new members on January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Councillor MacLaughlin shared that Lochaber has regular card play on Monday nights and runs a breakfast every second Sunday of the month.
- Councillor Brophy shared that a pancake breakfast will take place at the Lions Club on the fourth Sunday of the month.
- Warden MacInnis shared that the St. Andrew's off-highway vehicle club will be meeting on Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Reports from Inter-Municipal Boards, Committees, and Commissions**

### Heritage Museum

- Next meeting will be on Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Antigonish Arena Association

- Next meeting will be on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Eastern District Planning Commission

- No further updates.

### Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management

- Next meeting will be later in the month.

### Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

- No meeting this month.

### RK MacDonald Nursing Home

- Next meeting will be on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

### County Paqtnkek Joint Steering Committee

- Nothing to report.

### Community Navigation & Physician Retention Services Association

- Nothing to report.

Staff was asked to add updates from the PARC committee as a standing update to this list.

## **Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

## **Adjournment**

Moved

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:36pm.

**Motion Carried**

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Warden Nicholas MacInnis

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Shirlyn Donovan, CAO



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
UNIVERSITY

# SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA SUMMER GAMES 2030

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY – ANTIGONISH, NS









# ***StFX: Proud Host of the 2030 National Summer Special Olympics***

- ***Building on our Legacy:*** A proven track record of successfully hosting national events, including the 2018 Special Olympics National Summer Games.
- ***A Unified Community:*** With over 1,300 athletes, 900 volunteers, and unmatched enthusiasm, the 2018 Games demonstrated Antigonish's spirit and inclusivity.
- **StFX is set to host the 2025, 2026, 2027 Summer Provincial Special Olympics**
- ***Your Support is Key:*** Together, let's showcase our town's pride and capability on a national stage once again.





# Special Olympics Canada Reach

**4.5 Million** – The number of **athletes worldwide** participating in Special Olympics Programs



**40,301** - The number of **registered athletes** in Special Olympics Canada **year-round** programs from coast to coast to coast

**16,440** - The number of **children and youth** enrolled in Special Olympics Canada programs



**19,645** - The number of **volunteers**, including more than **13,000 trained coaches**

**3,200** – The estimated number of **programs** operating **year-round** across Canada







# 2018 Special Olympics National Summer Games

## Event Highlights

- Held from **July 31 to August 4, 2018**, with StFX University serving as the host site.
- **Athletes:** Over 1,300 athletes from across Canada participated.
- **Volunteers:** 900+ volunteers contributed to the success of the event.
- **Sports:** 9 sports, including swimming, athletics, basketball, bocce, powerlifting, and soccer, utilized StFX's facilities.





# 2018 Special Olympics National Summer Games



## Impact on Antigonish

- Unified the community through volunteerism and support for inclusivity
- Boosted local economy, with families and supporters travelling to the region
- Showcased the regions hospitality and StFX's capabilities as an elite event venue





# 2018 Special Olympics National Summer Games

## Legacy

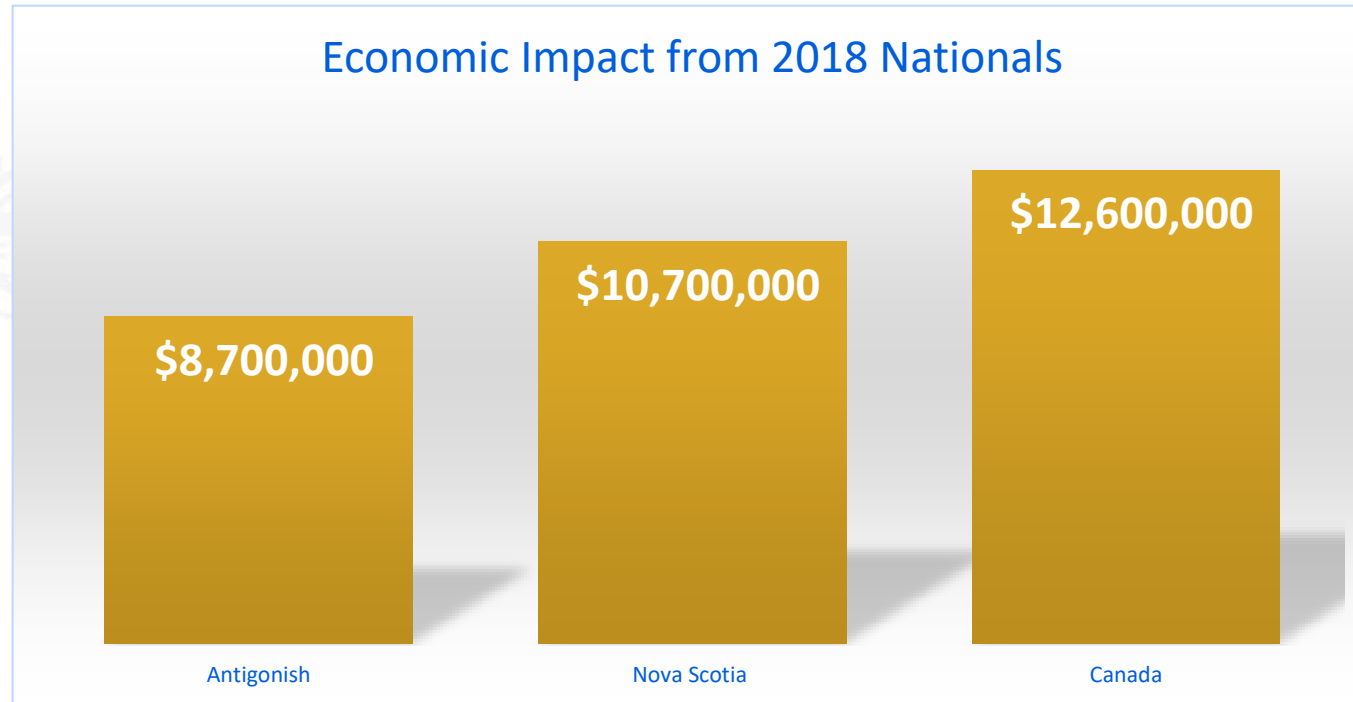
- Strengthened Antigonish's reputation for hosting national-level inclusive events
- Inspired greater local involvement in Special Olympics programming
- StFX was able to renovate and create the new state of the art bleachers at StFX Stadium
- Special Olympics Nova Scotia was able to use money raised from this event to build a new SONS Head Office in Halifax





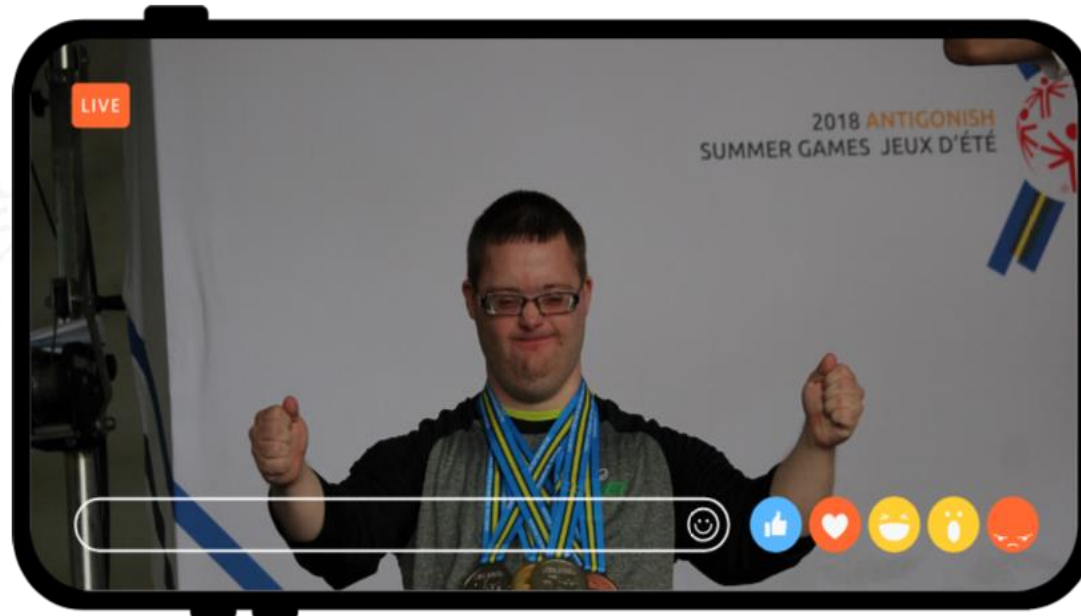


**Based on the STEAM assessment conducted by Sport Tourism Canada the SOC Summer Games Antigonish 2018, with a budget of \$2 million, had an economic impact of \$8.7 million to the host City of Antigonish, \$10.7M to the Province of Nova Scotia and \$12.6M for Canada as a whole;**





# Coverage of 2 National Games (Antigonish, 2018 and Thunder Bay, 2020) generated 78M impressions (online, broadcast, print)







# STEAMPRO Report

- A STEAMPRO Economic Impact Assessment from the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games 2024 had the following results:

|                        | Calgary            | Alberta            | Canada              |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Initial Expenditure    | \$5,737,928        | \$5,737,928        | \$5,737,928         |
| GDP                    | \$4,050,878        | \$4,888,844        | \$6,072,846         |
| Wages & Salaries       | \$2,631,834        | \$2,995,015        | \$3,662,284         |
| Employment             | 34.8               | 38.6               | 49.4                |
| Total Taxes            | \$1,002,387        | \$1,193,722        | \$1,575,178         |
| Federal                | \$551,312          | \$652,868          | \$826,786           |
| Provincial             | \$338,906          | \$403,406          | \$575,035           |
| Municipal              | \$112,387          | \$137,449          | \$173,357           |
| <b>Industry Output</b> | <b>\$7,629,138</b> | <b>\$8,470,021</b> | <b>\$10,914,376</b> |





# Letters of Support

## Special Olympics NS & Antigonish Chamber of Commerce



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January 28, 2025

To: Special Olympics Canada – National Games Bid Review Committee  
From: Michael Greek on behalf of Special Olympics Nova Scotia  
Re: 2030 National Summer Games – St. FX

It is my pleasure on behalf of Special Olympics Nova Scotia to submit this letter as formal endorsement and support of the bid set forth by St. FX in their pursuit of hosting the 2030 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games.

We believe the 2018 SOC Summer Games and the commitment to a high quality, exceptional athlete and volunteer experience, are the most compelling reasons to return. The 2018 Games provided unparalleled access for spectators and other athletes to view competitions thanks to the amazing facilities where competition venues and accommodations are literally footsteps away.

The 2018 Games were a success with the athlete experience, volunteer engagement, sport technically and financially. We believe this could be replicated and even improved.

Since the bid documents outline many of the details, I will keep this brief. We have had multiple meetings with our friends/partners at St. FX and will continue to support and work with them. This includes our Provincial Office as well as our Board of Directors and local volunteer leaders. We are hosting our next 3 Provincial Games at this site, which speaks to the ongoing and strong partnership.

We are here as always for any questions and additional information.

Kind regards,

Michael Greek  
CEO  
Special Olympics Nova Scotia

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January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

The Antigonish Chamber of Commerce would like to express its full support of St. Francis Xavier University's bid to host the Special Olympics Canada 2030 Summer Games.

By hosting the Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games, St.FX University has demonstrated their ability to host an event of this size and importance. With over 13,300 athletes, 900 volunteers, and unmatched enthusiasm, the 2018 games showed Antigonish's spirit and passion for inclusivity.

The Antigonish Chamber of Commerce is enthused by the opportunity that this event could bring to our business community. An event of this scale would sell out our local accommodations, boost restaurant traffic, and increase retail and service spending in our town and surrounding communities. The influx of athletes, volunteers, and supporters would increase our community's visibility as a place to live, work, play, and visit.

Based on Sport Tourism Nova Scotia's STEAM assessment, the Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games, with a budget of \$2 million, had an economic impact of \$8.7 million in Antigonish, \$10.7 million in Nova Scotia, and \$12.6 million nationally. This financial impact is extremely significant to a modestly sized town like Antigonish and would be celebrated by our friendly and welcoming community.

Regards,

Inez Forbes

President, Antigonish Chamber of Commerce





## ***Together, Let's Make History in 2030***

- **With your support, Antigonish can host an unforgettable event that:**
  - Drives economic impact for the region.
  - Reinforces inclusivity and community engagement.
  - Showcases the incredible hospitality and world-class facilities of our town and StFX University.
- **We invite you to join us in bringing this opportunity to life for our athletes, volunteers, and the entire community.**





# ***The Partnering for Success – A \$100,000 Commitment***

- **Why Your Support Matters:**
  - A \$100,000 investment will help secure Antigonish as the host of the 2030 National Summer Special Olympics
  - This funding will contribute to event infrastructure, volunteer training, and athlete services, ensuring a world-class experience
  - Your support will strengthen our town's reputation, drive economic impact and leave a lasting legacy of inclusivity and community pride
- **Join us in bringing The Games back to Antigonish!**
  - We ask for your partnership in this exciting opportunity to showcase our town and county and make a lasting impact





**Special Olympics**  
**Olympiques spéciaux**  
Canada



**steam pro**<sup>2.0</sup>  
real data • real time

# Economic Impact Assessment

**Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games – Antigonish, NS**  
**July 31 to August 4, 2018**

Prepared by: Thomas McGuire, CSTA EI Consultant  
Date: December 3, 2018

# WHAT IS EI?

Economic Impact Assessment (EIA) studies measure the positive change in economic activity resulting from hosting an event in a specific city / town. There are three factors:

1. the spending of out-of-town visitors while they attend the event;
2. the expenditures of the event organizers in producing the event;
3. capital construction costs that are directly attributed to hosting the event.

An EI study calculates the amount of new money being spent in the host community as a direct result of hosting the event, and then the impact these new monies have on the regional, provincial and national economy as a whole.





# CSTA'S TOOL

The Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance (CSTA) has developed a tool called **steam pro<sup>2.0</sup>** that collects, measures and analyzes data across the three primary channels.

Our economic impact services empower event organizers and host cities to accurately assess economic impact resulting from hosting a specific event in a specific location.



# MODEL OUTPUTS

The elements (outputs of the model) used to measure the economic impacts are:

- Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- Employment
- Taxes
- Industry Output
- Imports

CSTA's **steam pro<sup>2.0</sup>** measures the direct, indirect & induced effects for each of these elements.



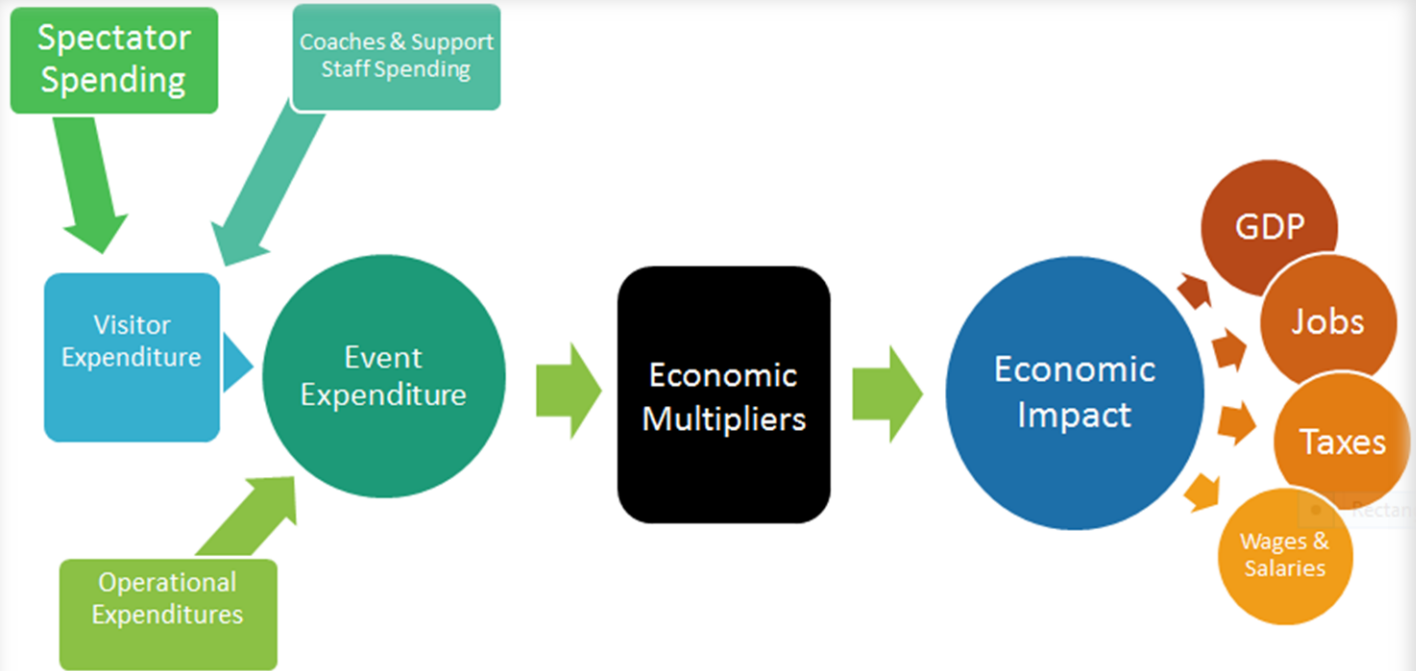
# RELIABILITY OF THE MODEL

In order to produce economic contribution assessments that are **robust** and **reliable**, the CSTA has partnered with the **Canadian Tourism Research Institute (CTRI)** at **The Conference Board of Canada**. The CTRI serves the travel and tourism industry in providing sound economic forecasts and models with timely and insightful interpretation of data specifically relevant to travel.

The findings in this report make use of the most current and most detailed input-output tables and multipliers available from Statistics Canada and leverages the credibility and robustness of sector specific tax data available from Statistics Canada's Government Revenues Attributable to Tourism (GRAT) report.



# HOW IT WORKS



# THE METHODOLOGY

The visitor statistics cited in this report were derived from an on-site intercept survey that was developed by CSTA's economic impact consultant for this assignment and administered by volunteer surveyors during the event. The CSTA provided on-site supervision of the survey process.

The CSTA intercept survey was customized for the event. Surveyors selected potential survey participants through a randomized process. A total of **281** valid responses were collected through the survey.

The survey included questions for the participants, spectators and others attending the **Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games** in Antigonish related to spending, motivation and the number of days they were in the area attending the event. Additional questions provided event organizers with experience-related information.

This survey data, together with event budgets, capital costs, organizer-provided spectator attendance estimates and participant registration estimates were entered in the **steam pro<sup>2.0</sup>** economic impact model.

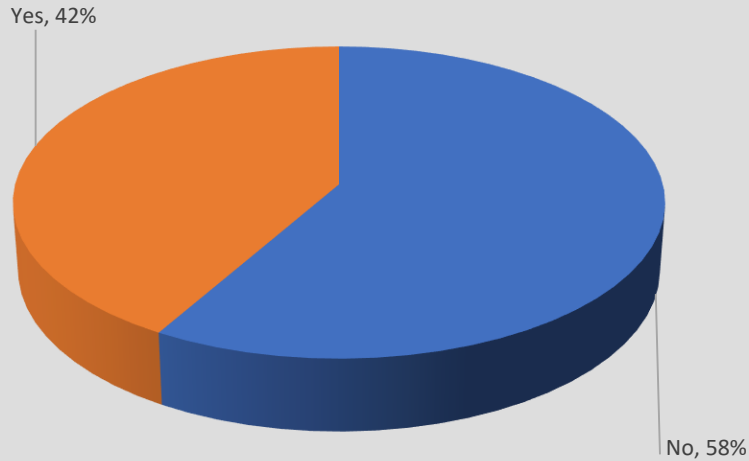
# SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA 2018 SUMMER GAMES ANTIGONISH, NOVA SCOTIA

July 31 to August 4, 2018

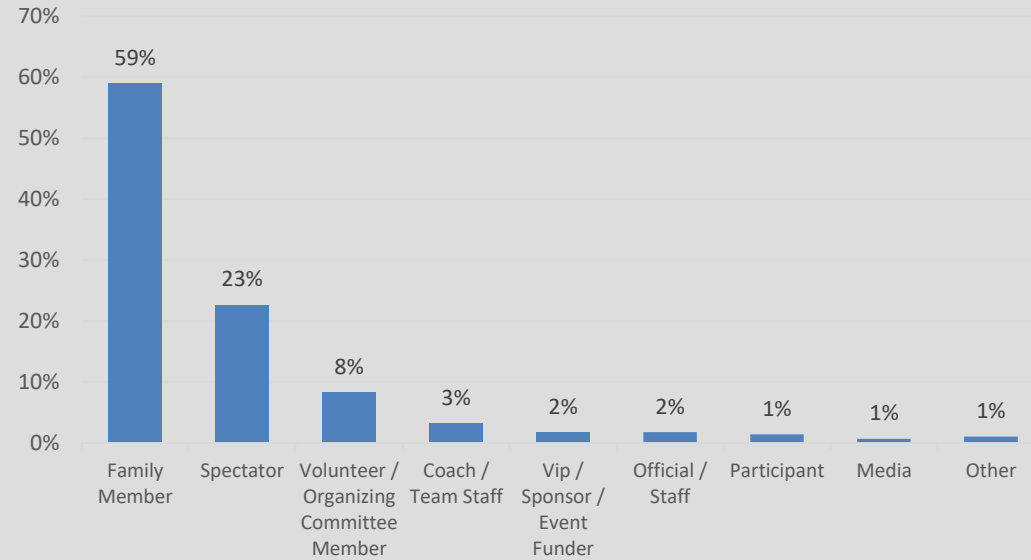


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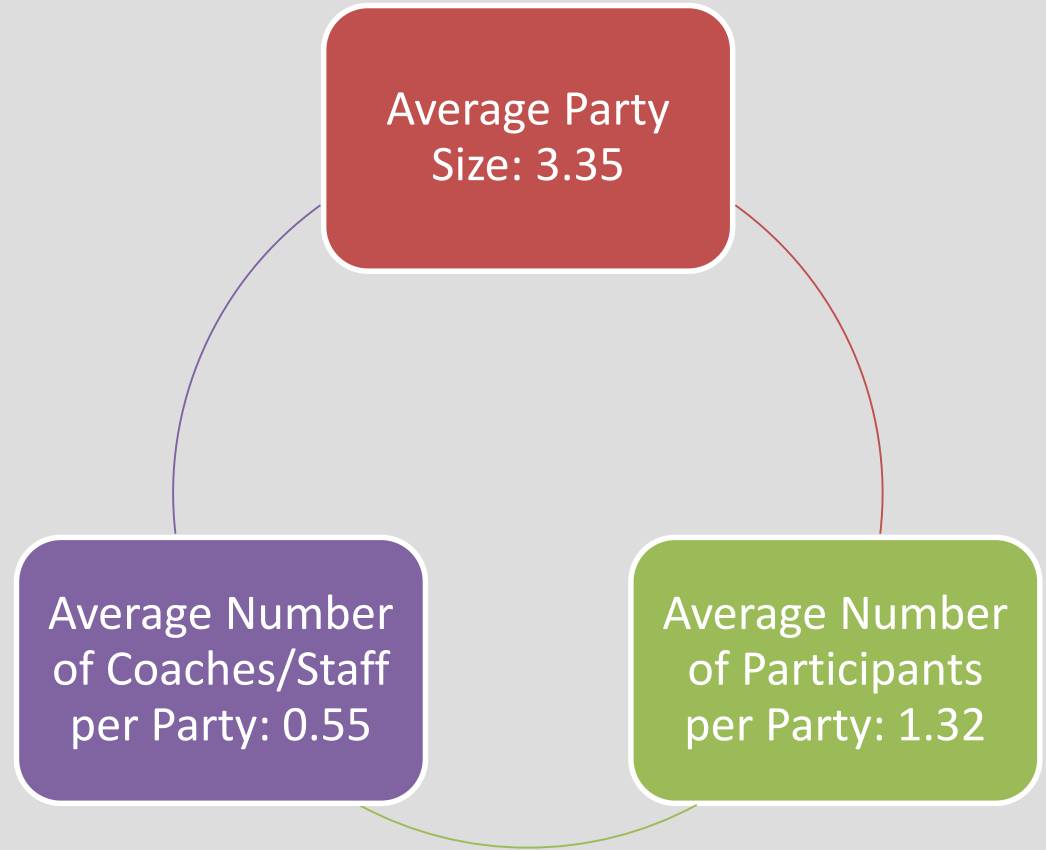
# Is this your first time visiting Nova Scotia?



# What is your role at the SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA 2018 SUMMER GAMES?

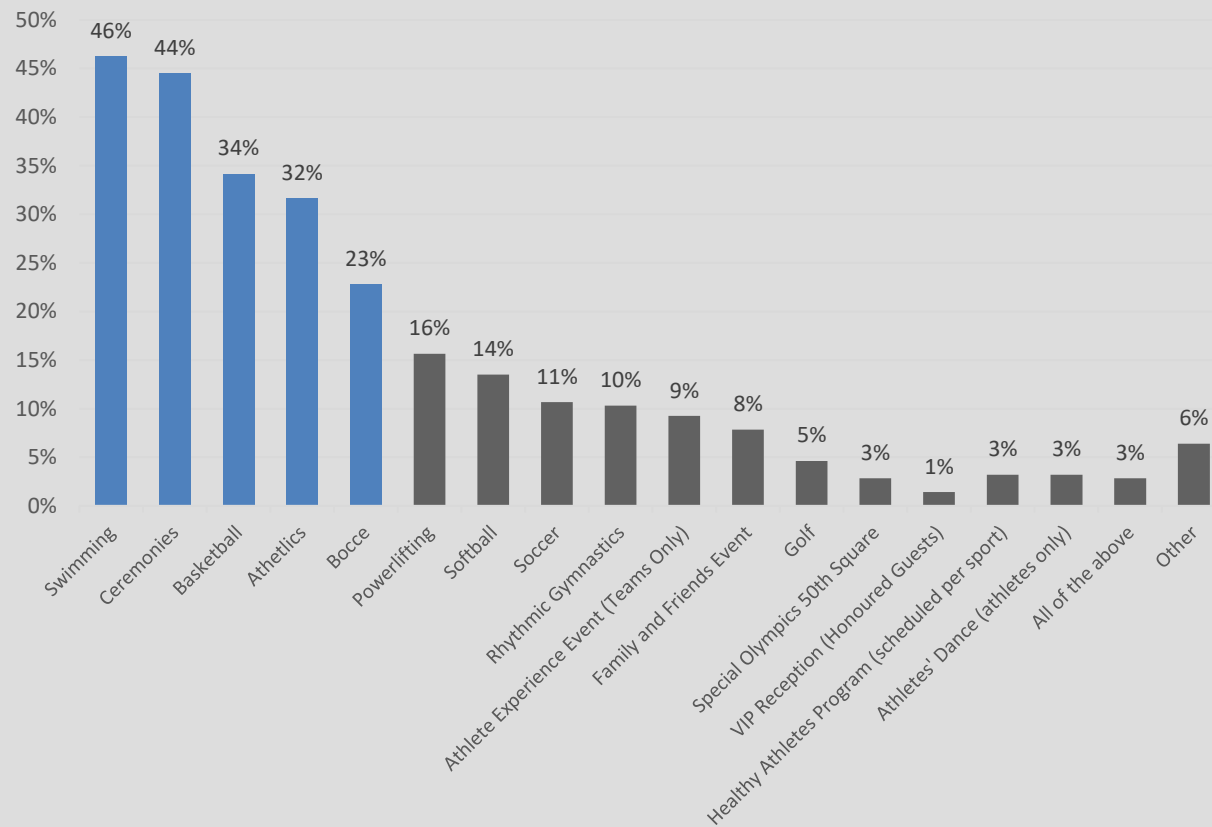


# Group Attending Today



# Planned Daily Attendance

Which events will you be attending?



# Type of Accommodations

Accommodations types included:

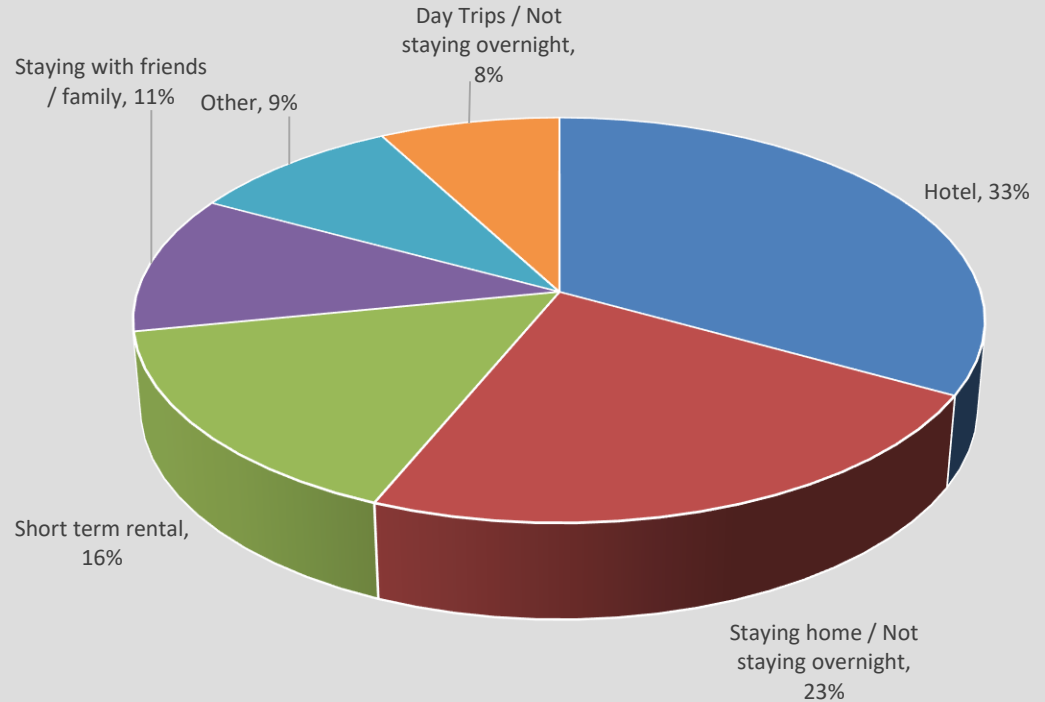
- Hotel: 33%
- Staying home / Not staying overnight: 23%
- Short term rental: 16%
- Staying with friends / family: 11%
- Other: 9%
- Day Trips / Not staying overnight: 8%

Spending by Locals:

- Average of Daily Spending: \$58
- Average of Event Spending: \$212

NB: This information is for reference only. It is not used in the impact analysis.

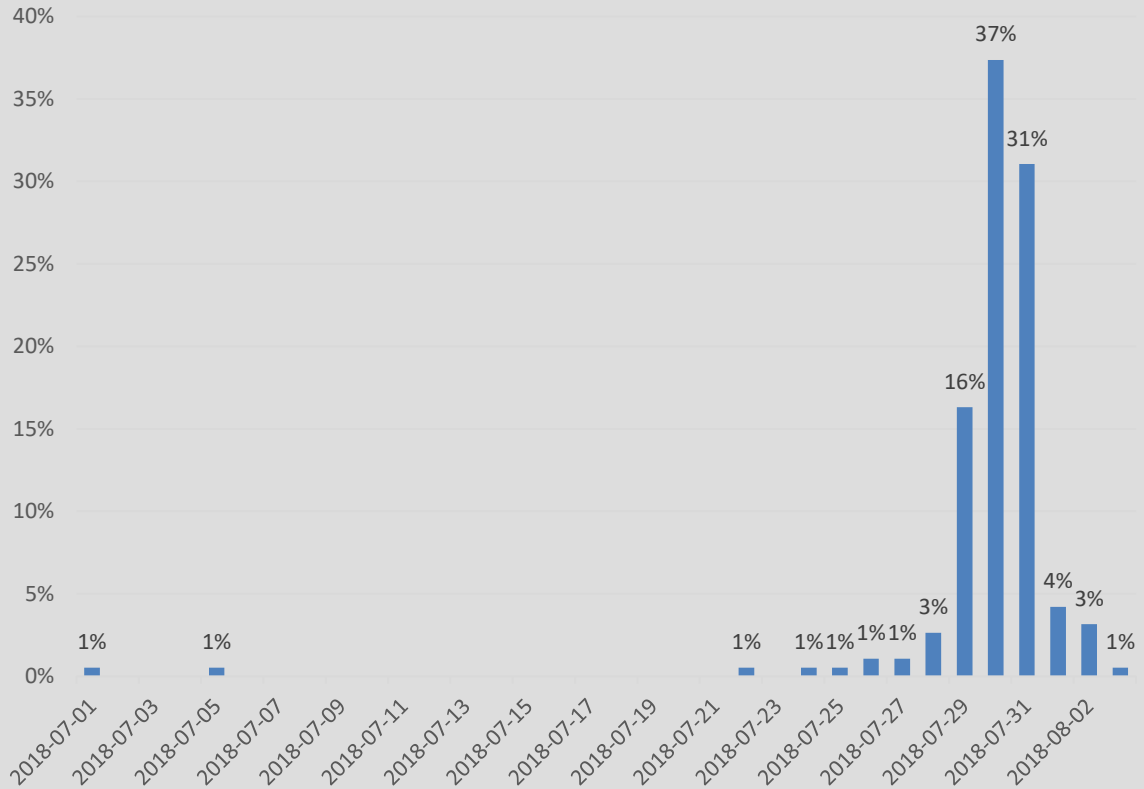
## What kind of accommodations are you using?





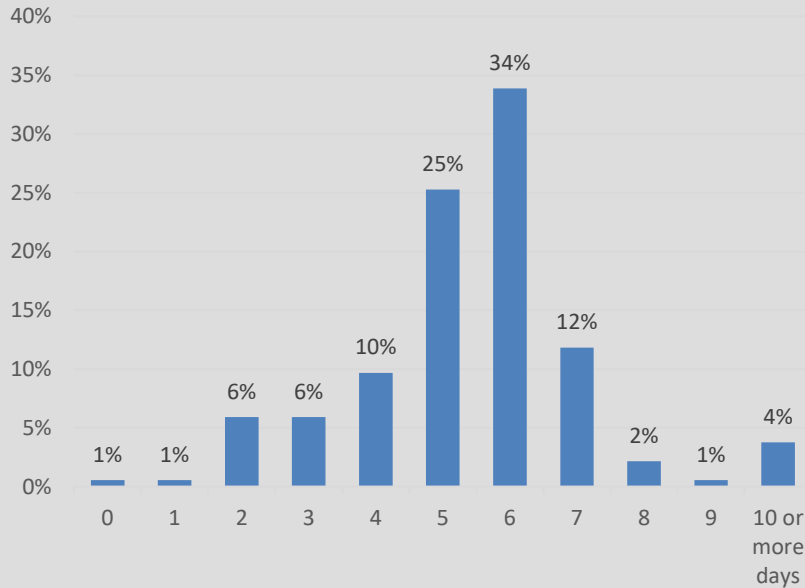
# Arrival in Antigonish

When did you arrive for SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA 2018 SUMMER GAMES IN ANTIGONISH?

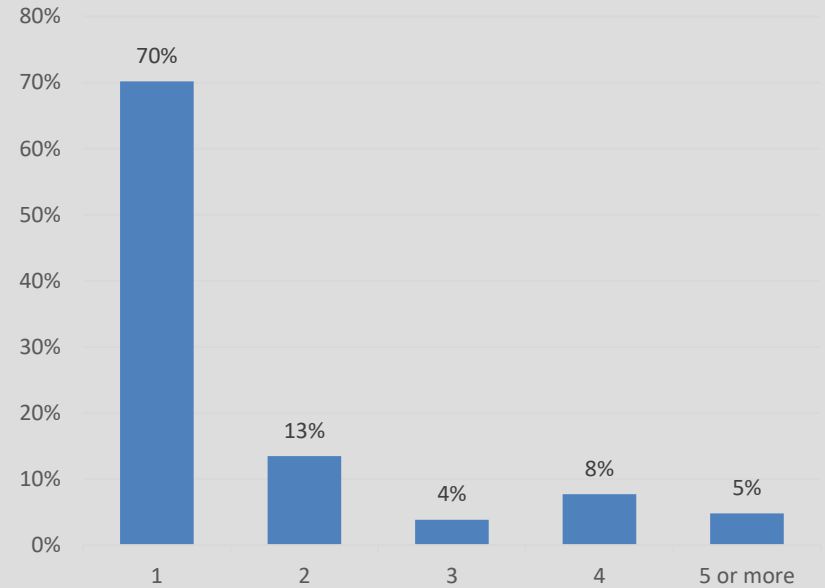


# Nights Stayed

In total, how many nights will you be spending?

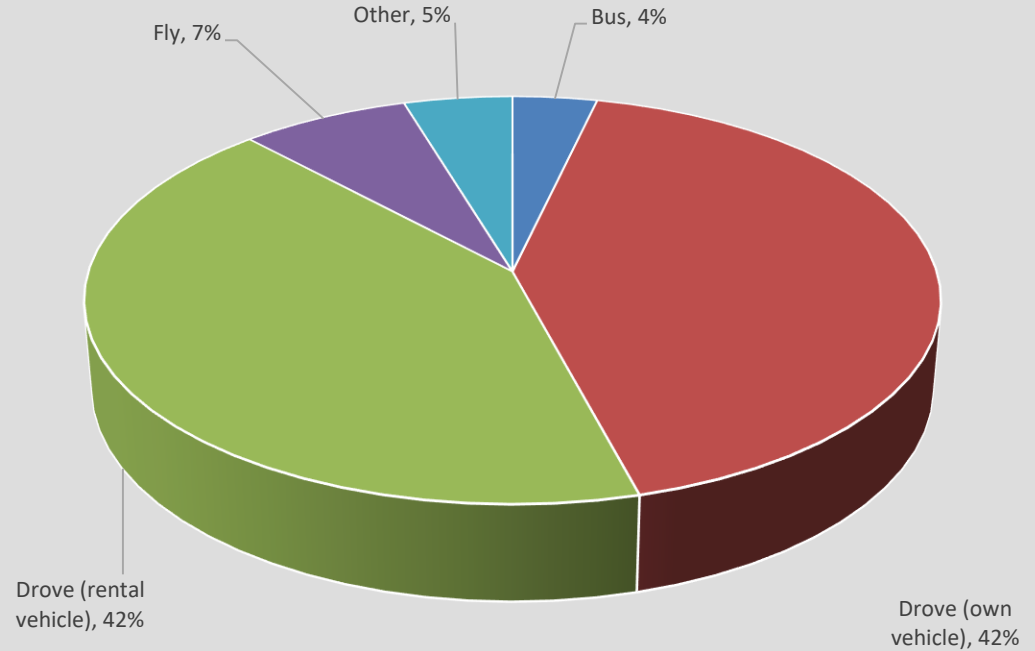


In total, how many hotel rooms is your party using each night?



# Travel to Antigonish

How did you travel to ANTIGONISH?



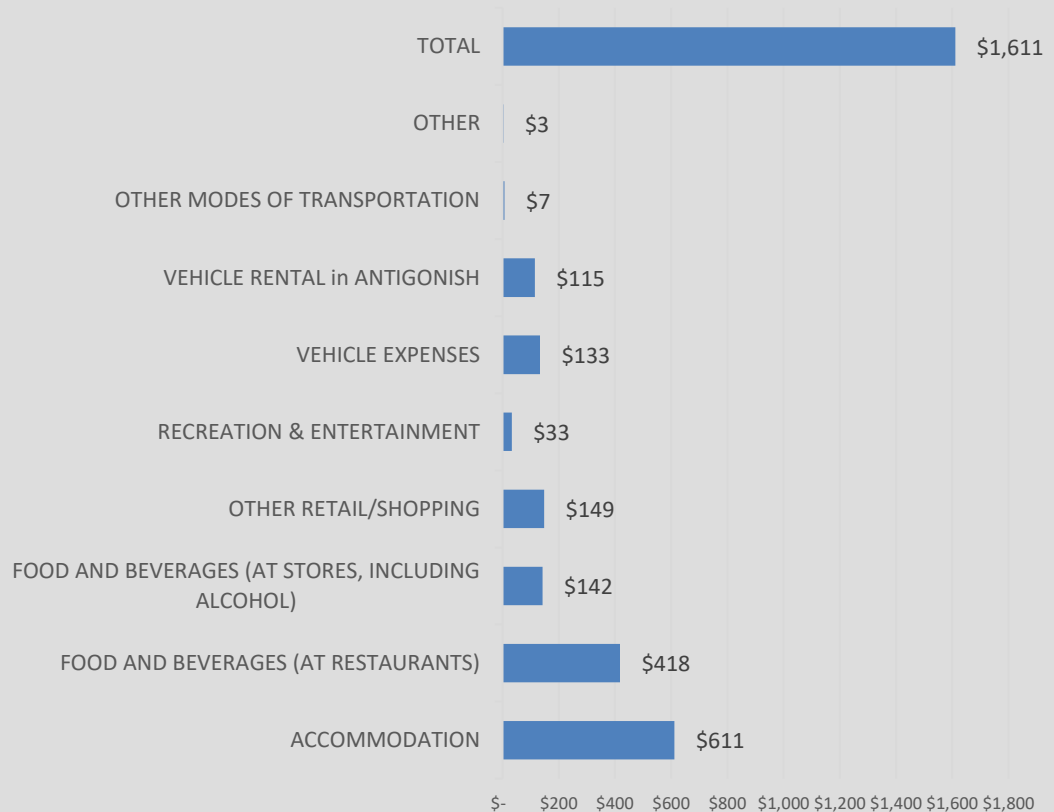
## How much have you / will you spend on:

### Spending

The average party spent \$1,611 on their trip to Antigonish in relation to the **Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games**.

This was allocated among:

- Accommodations: \$611
- Restaurants: \$418
- Food And Beverages (at stores, including alcohol): \$142
- Other Retail/Shopping: \$149
- Recreation & Entertainment: \$33
- Vehicle Expenses In Antigonish: \$133
- Vehicle Rental: \$115
- Other Modes Of Transportation: \$7
- Other: \$3
- Total: \$1,611



## Operational Spending

Event hosting expenditures amounted to nearly \$3 million on a variety of goods and services.

Recasting the budget to align with **steam pro<sup>2.0</sup>** categories, the largest item was Transportation and Storage, followed by Accommodations.

| Operating Expenditures on:           | Amount             |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Staff Salaries, Fees and Commissions | \$110,000          |
| Marketing Costs                      | \$120,000          |
| Professional Services                | \$100,000          |
| Insurance                            | \$2,500            |
| Facility, Venue and Office Rental    | \$22,000           |
| Communication                        | \$5,000            |
| Other Supplies                       | \$5,000            |
| Food and Beverages                   | \$425,000          |
| Event Accommodation                  | \$455,000          |
| Merchandise and Retail items         |                    |
| Personal Travel                      | \$75,000           |
| Transportation and Storage           | \$1,400,000        |
| Other Expenses                       | \$150,000          |
|                                      |                    |
| <b>Total Expenses Calculated</b>     | <b>\$2,869,500</b> |

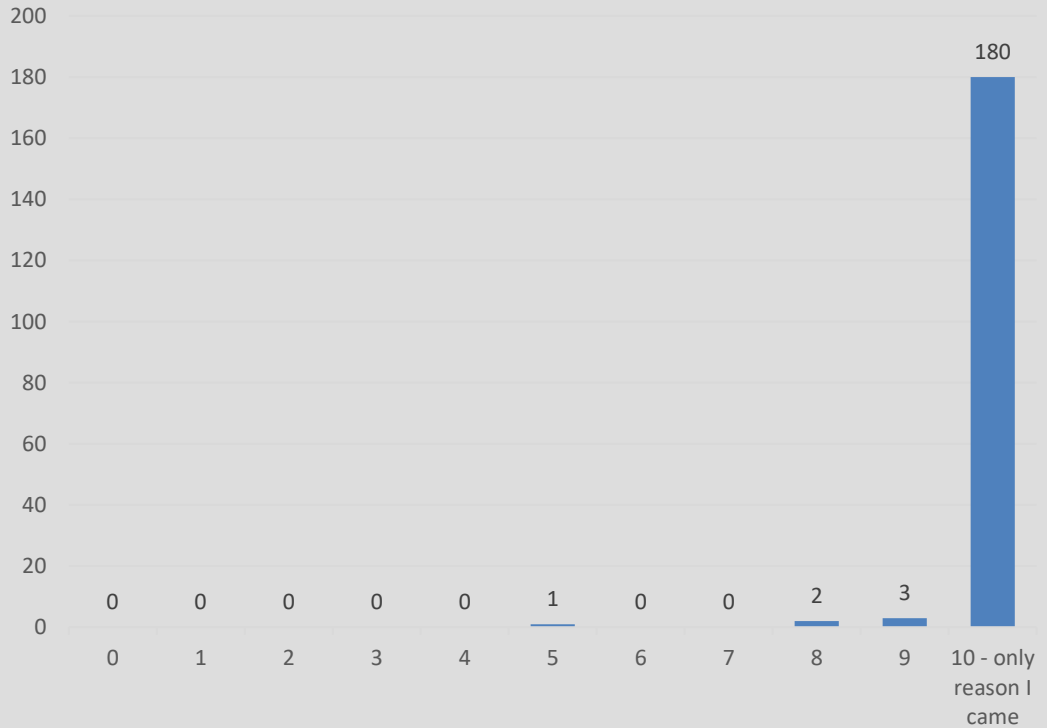
# Motivation

The **Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games** in Antigonish was the single reason for travelling to Antigonish for nearly every attendee.

This was calculated based on a scale of 0 to 10, where 10 indicated the event was 'the only reason for traveling to Antigonish, and 0 indicated that the event was not at all a factor. These weightings are used to adjust the total spending on the basis of what share of visitor spending is attributed to the event.

On average, the **Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games** in Antigonish was 99% of the reason visitors stayed in Antigonish. Therefore, 99% of the direct visitor spending is attributed to the event.

On a scale of 0-10, how important were the SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA 2018 SUMMER GAMES IN ANTIGONISH in your decision to travel to ANTIGONISH?



# THE ECONOMIC IMPACT RESULTS

The spending of out-of-town athletes, family members, spectators and other visitors to the **Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games in Antigonish**, in combination with the expenditures made by event organizers, **totaled \$7.2 million in direct spending**. This, in turn supported **\$8.7 million** in total spending (total Industry Output) in the Antigonish region, and just over **\$12.6 million** Canada-wide.

These expenditures supported **\$3.6 million** in wages and salaries across Canada. Of the 76 jobs Canada-wide, 49 jobs, and the majority of the household income (**\$2 million**) stayed in the Antigonish area.

The total net economic activity (total spending or total output) generated by the **Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games in Antigonish** was (rounded):

- \$12.6 million for Canada as a whole
- \$10.7 million for the province of Nova Scotia; including
- \$8.7 million for Antigonish.

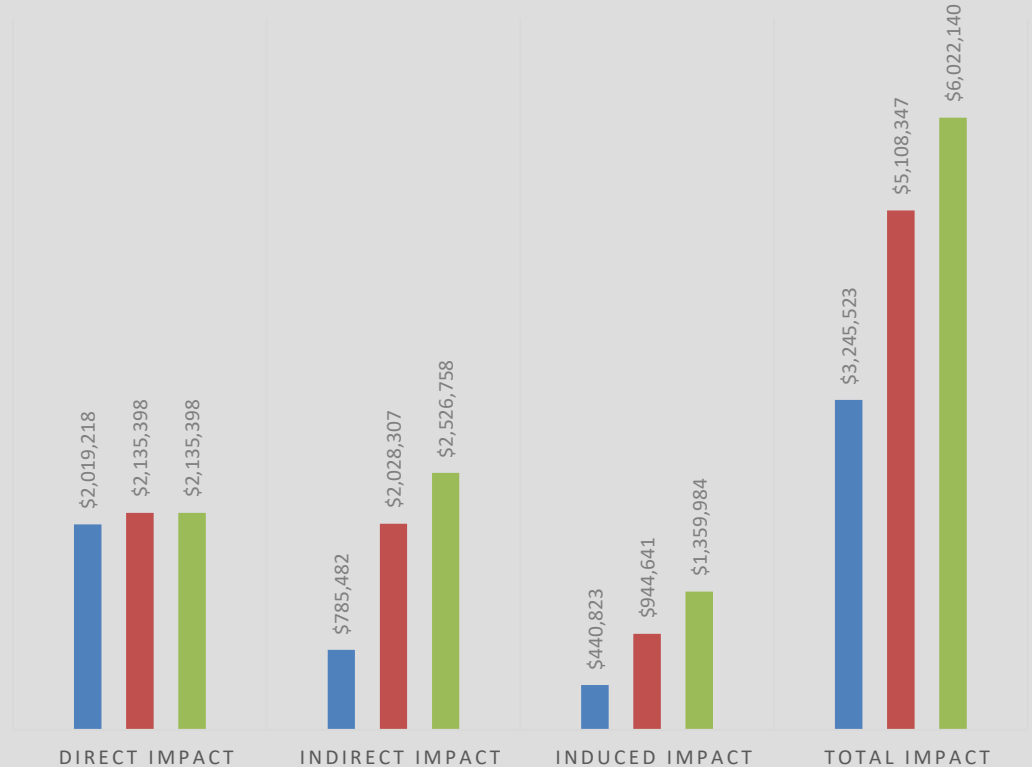
The event supported tax revenues totaling over **\$1.9 million** across Canada. The event supported federal government tax revenues of **\$651,000** and contributed **\$1.8 million** in taxes for the Province of Nova Scotia, and **\$93,000** in local taxes for Antigonish and area.

## GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (AT BASIC PRICES)

■ Antigonish ■ Nova Scotia ■ Canada

### GDP

The Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games in Antigonish contributed **\$6 million** in GDP to the Canadian economy through direct and spin-off impacts.



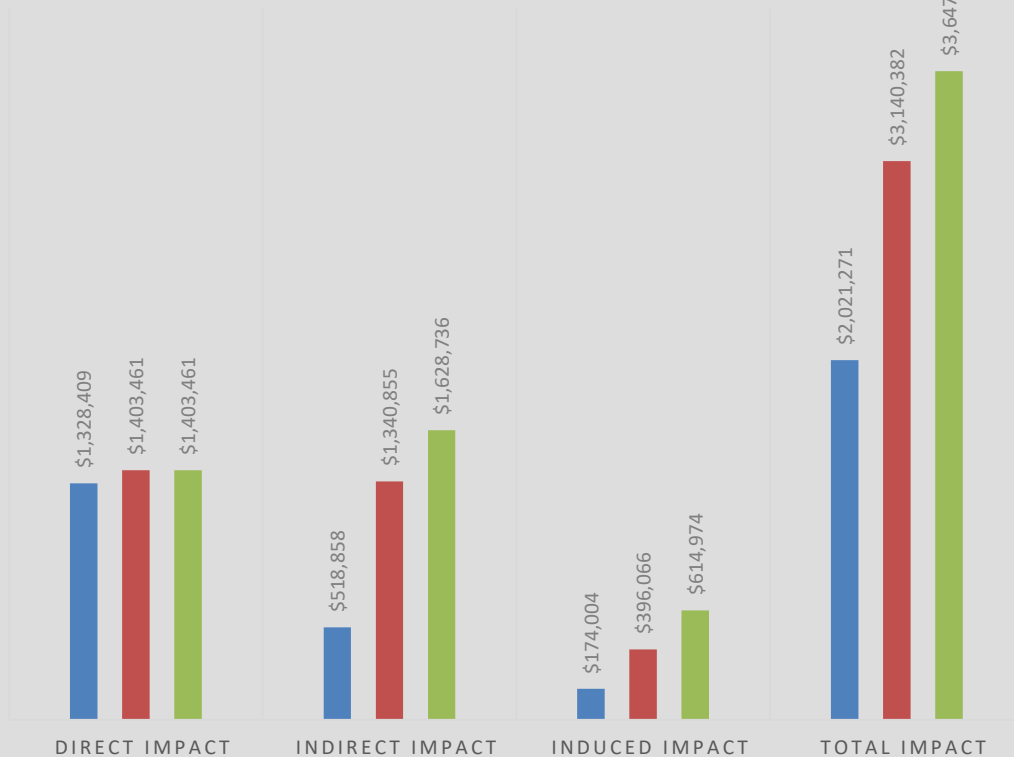


## WAGES AND SALARIES

■ Antigonish ■ Nova Scotia ■ Canada

### Household Income

The Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games in Antigonish supported **\$3.6 million** in Canada-wide wages and salaries (household income) through direct and spin-off impacts, with **\$2 million** earned by workers within the Antigonish area and **\$1.1 million** in additional wages and salaries earned by workers in other parts of Nova Scotia.



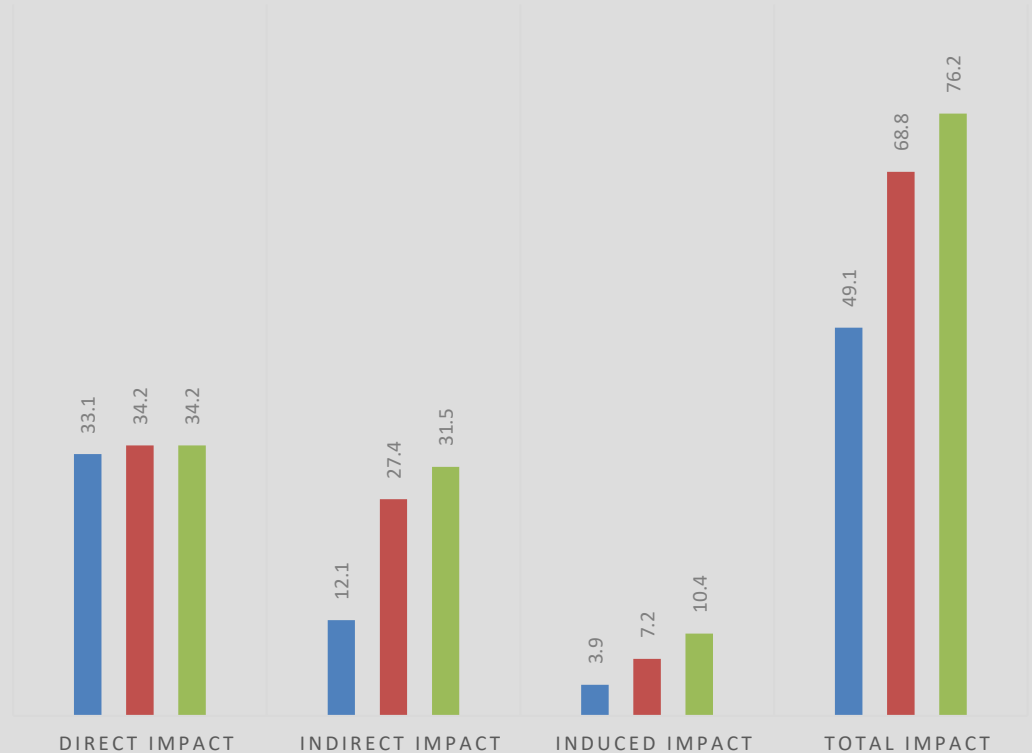
## EMPLOYMENT (FULL-YEAR JOBS)

■ Antigonish ■ Nova Scotia ■ Canada

### Employment

The Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games in Antigonish supported **76** full-time equivalent positions (FTEs\*) across Canada, through direct and spin-off impacts.

*\*A FTE, or full-time equivalent position equates to a 2,000 hour (year-long) position.*

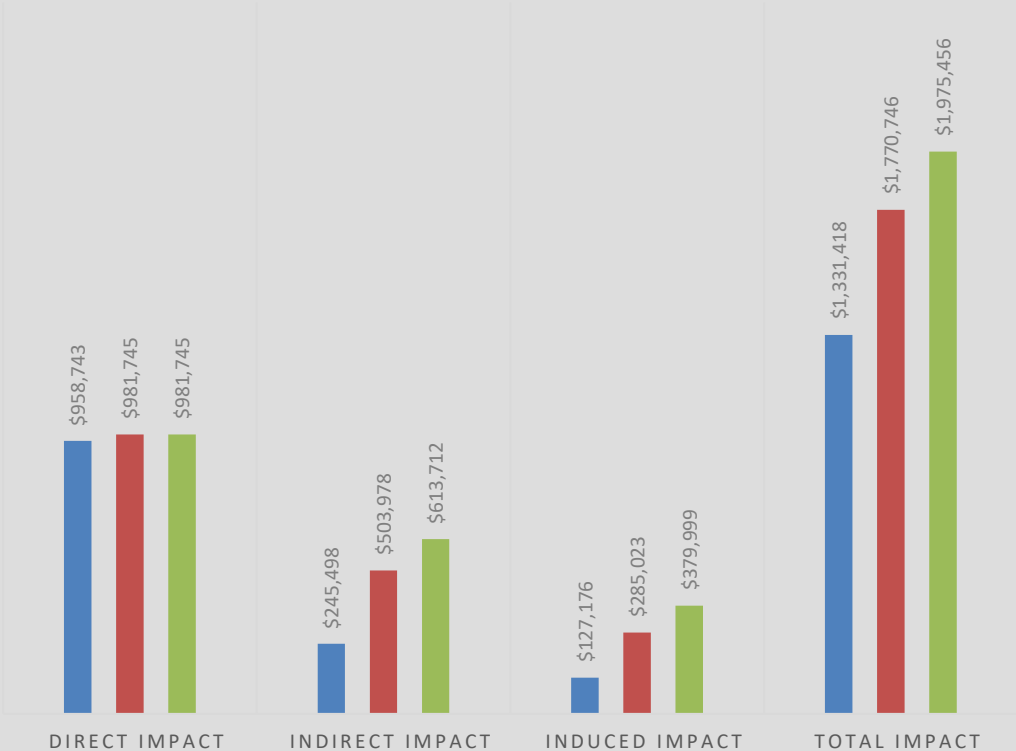


# TAXES

■ Antigonish ■ Nova Scotia ■ Canada

## Taxes

The Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games in Antigonish contributed \$1.9 million in federal, provincial and local taxes through direct and spin-off effects throughout Canada.



# SUMMARY | BY THE NUMBERS

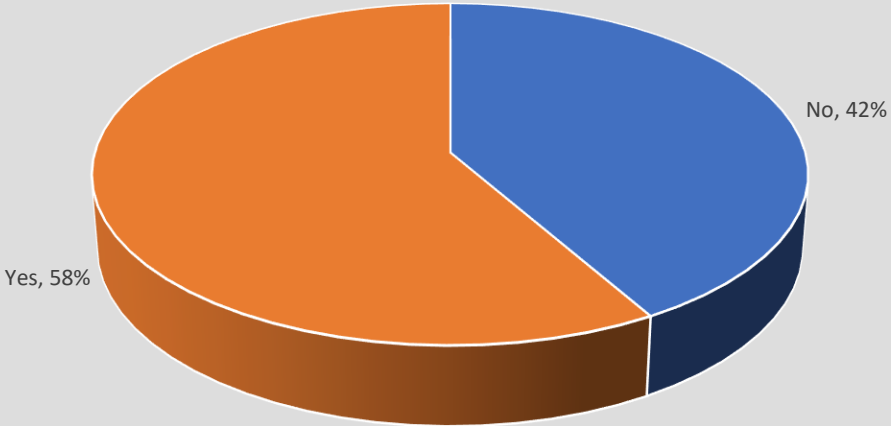
## Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games – Key Facts & Figures

|                         |   |  |  |                                     |
|-------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>\$7,235,296</b>      | <b>\$4,365,797</b>                      | <b>\$8,694,124</b>                             | <b>\$10,748,193</b>                      | <b>\$12,648,114</b>                 |
| Of initial expenditures | Of visitor spending attributed to event | Overall economic activity in Antigonish & Area | Overall economic activity in Nova Scotia | Overall economic activity in Canada |
| <b>3,683</b>            | <b>\$2,021,271</b>                      | <b>\$5,108,347</b>                             | <b>\$1,975,456</b>                       | <b>49</b>                           |
| Out of town visitors    | Of wages and salaries supported locally | Total boost to provincial GDP                  | In taxes supported across Canada         | Local jobs supported                |

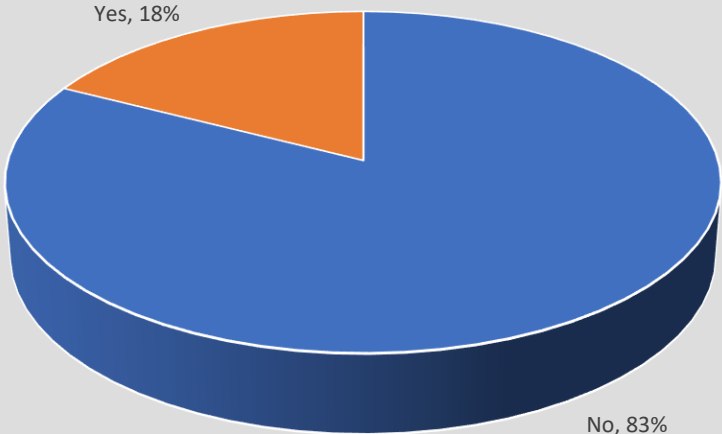
# ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

The following slides summarize questions that were included in the survey, but were unrelated to the economic analysis.

Is this your first trip to a SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA event?

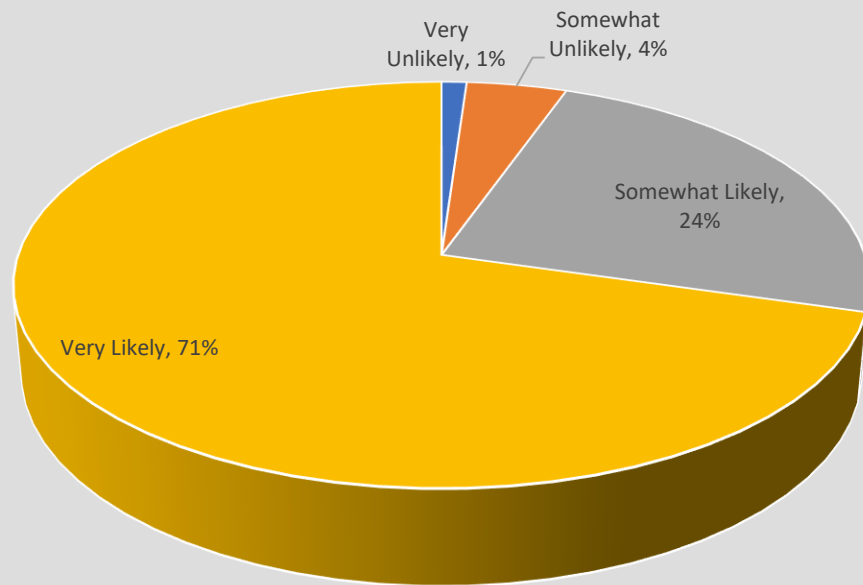


Is this your first time you heard of the SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA event?



# Returning to the Special Olympics

How likely is it that you will return to a SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA event?



# QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions concerning the findings in this report, please contact:

Thomas McGuire, CSTA EI Consultant  
902.482.1221 | [mcguire@grouapatn.ca](mailto:mcguire@grouapatn.ca)

If you would like to conduct an EI study using **steam pro<sup>2.0</sup>** on a future event, please contact [research@canadiansporttourism.com](mailto:research@canadiansporttourism.com)







## Antigonish District APP S/Sgt. Kimberly Hillier





# Agenda

- **District Overview**
- **Consultation Process**
- **Priority Planning**
- **Reporting**
- **APP Updates**
- **Challenges**
- **Questions**



## Antigonish District

- **22 Regular Members & 4 Detachment Assistants**
- **PPSA and MPSA**
- **~4700 calls/ year**





# Consultation Process

- On going communication with Stakeholders and our community members around concerns and trends leading to discussions on appropriate priorities for the fiscal year.
- **Consultation with:**
  - Chief, Council and an Elder from Paqt'nkek First Nation;
  - PAB meeting with invitation to local business owners;
  - Community via a Town Hall meeting;
  - Meetings with all Antigonish District employees to get their input.
  - Input from University faculty and students





## Consultation Process





# Priority Selections

- **Increasing Police presence and community engagement within the District;**
  - Monthly traffic focused interactions
  - Quarterly offender focused projects ( Warrants, CSO)
- **Enhance road safety;**
  - Education
  - Traffic plans
- **Crime reduction (drugs) in the District;**
  - District collaboration – Marihuana
  - Increased community awareness and engagement
- **Improving Member Wellness and Serving with Distinction.**



## Reporting on APP

- Ongoing communication with governing bodies (MLA, MP, Chief, Mayor and Warden);
- Police Advisory Board;
- Meet with Chief and Council, Town and County leadership.
- Community Awareness Monthly report;
- Regular updates to Antigonish District employees.





# Antigonish Monthly Reporting

*Antigonish RCMP Monthly Report for November 2023*

Occurrence and Crime Reporting- Calls for Service

| Type of file              | Town | County | Paqtnkek | Totals |
|---------------------------|------|--------|----------|--------|
| Crime against Person      | 4    | 10     | 9        | 23     |
| Crime against Property    | 12   | 12     | 2        | 26     |
| Impaired Driving          | 3    | 3      | 0        | 6      |
| Traffic Collisions        | 7    | 26     | 0        | 33     |
| Traffic Complaints        | 9    | 30     | 0        | 39     |
| Drug Complaints           | 0    | 0      | 1        | 1      |
| Other Municipal           | 4    | 1      | 0        | 5      |
| Mental Health/Wellness    | 12   | 7      | 3        | 22     |
| Other Criminal Code       | 12   | 13     | 3        | 38     |
| Assist Other Gov't Agency | 1    | 3      | 0        | 4      |
| Crime Prevention          | 1    | 3      | 0        | 4      |
| Break and Enter           | 0    | 4      | 0        | 4      |

Antigonish Detachment members responded to a total of 356 calls for service during the month of November including the categories noted above. A significant decrease from October 2023

Notable Events

November brought visits to schools and community events for Remembrance Day. Members marched in the parade and also participated in various events.

The Commanding Officer of H Division met with community members from Antigonish and Guysborough at the Tracadie Hall to discuss the crafting of a meaningful apology from the RCMP to the African Nova Scotian community surrounding the use of street checks and other potentially damaging encounters that community members may have had with the RCMP in the past.

Our members attended two pancake breakfasts at local schools and served up some delicious pancakes and laughs with the students.

Local members partnered with S/Cst Pellerine with Antigonish Bylaw to do crosswalk safety for Halloween with the STFX athletes.



Community Policing/School Resource Officer

CPO Activity – Has injured herself and was off-duty for the month of November however she attended the pancake breakfasts!







Photo credit – S/Cst John Pellerine

#### Impaired Driving Charges

No charges in November

#### Traffic Enforcement

November was focused on winter driving and winter road safety. No special projects completed.

Partner Agency meeting held at the RCMP Detachment to review pedestrian safety issues and determine if there is an educational piece that could be helpful in making driver and pedestrians more safety conscious while using the roadways.

# RCMP



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

## Increasing Police presence and community engagements in the District

### ➤ Attending community events and functions:

- African Nova Scotian Heritage month events
- Highland games
- Parades
- IWK races
- Summerfest
- School related functions
- Remembrance Day ceremonies



## Enhance Road Safety

### ➤ Enforcement

- Focused monthly projects
- 3 large scale projects per year

### ➤ Impaired drivers charged

- Increase enforcement to 50 (current year 29 for detachment)

### ➤ Check Points/Focused patrols

### ➤ Partnerships

- Commercial, Bylaw, Traffic Services



# Crime Reduction (Drugs) in the District

- **Street Crime Enforcement Unit is very active**
  - CDSA warrants
  - Intelligence gathering
  - Working with neighbouring units
- **CSO Checks**
  - Preventing recidivism by enforcing the conditions



## Improving Member Wellness and Serving with Distinction

➤ **Support workplace well being with at least one event per quarter:**

- Retirement/ transfer lunches;
- Detachment picture and pizza party;
- Fitness Challenge and nutritional snacks;
- Detachment BBQ;
- Food bank drives;
- Monthly birthday celebrations
- Investigator of the year

➤ **Serving with Distinction:**

- Investigative Excellence;
- Mentors and Supervisory experience;
- Dress and Deportment.

➤ **Support Opportunity for Growth (RM and PSE)**

- MCU understudy;
- SDP & MDP;
- Cross training of DAs;
- ERT, etc.



# Challenges

- **HR shortages for RM and DAs; GDPARM is dated and not indicative of policing needs**
- **Ensuring the priorities are indicative of trends and community needs**
- **Balancing special focused projects with call volume and frontline response.**

# RCMP



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

## Questions??



**MEMO FOR INFORMATION**

**TO:** Committee of the Whole  
**FROM:** SHIRLYN DONOVAN, CAO  
**SUBJECT:** MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE  
**DATE:** 11/02/2025

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In December 2024, staff were asked to prepare information for the committee detailing the Water and Sewer Infrastructure in the Municipality.

Staff created a comprehensive list of all infrastructure (including water and sewer):

- Operation of approximately 400 streetlights
- 18km of municipal roads
- 61km of sewer pipes
- 74km of water pipes

**WATER ACCOUNTS**

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Silver Birch Estates                 | 84          |
| Green Hill Estates                   | 115         |
| Oasis Mobile Home Park               | 18          |
| Church St. Extension                 | 22          |
| Mount Cameron/Hwy 337                | 299         |
| Greenwold/SRiver Rd/Williams Point   | 35          |
| Lochaber Rd                          | 220         |
| Post Rd/Somers Rd                    | 172         |
| Arbor Dr. Ext.                       | 20          |
| Thorne Ridge                         | 96          |
| Brierly Brook/Hwy 245                | 84          |
| Crockett Country                     | 76          |
| Cloverville Rd                       | 40          |
| Back Rd Brierly Brook                | 20          |
| <b>Total on Town Water System</b>    | <b>1301</b> |
|                                      |             |
| Gaspereau Lake                       | 36          |
| Lower South River                    | 457         |
| St. Andrews                          | 104         |
| <b>Total on County Water Systems</b> | <b>597</b>  |
|                                      |             |
| <b>Total Water Customers</b>         | <b>1898</b> |



**SEWER ACCOUNTS**

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Sewer Accounts - Town Sewer Treatment Plant    |             |
| 2  | 270         |
| 4  | 431         |
| 10   | 606         |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>1307</b> |
| Sewer Accounts - County Sewer Treatment Plants |             |
| 5  | 91          |
| 6  | 154         |
| 7  | 418         |
| 9  | 142         |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>805</b>  |
| <b>Total Sewer Accounts</b>                    | <b>2112</b> |

**MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

| Landfill Site   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Building or Structure                                     | Address              |
| Compost facility (excluding concrete foundation and slab) | 1356 Beech Hill Road |
| Storage Building and Shop                                 | 1356 Beech Hill Road |
| Compost Structure   | 1356 Beech Hill Road |
| Scale House and Office                                    | 1356 Beech Hill Road |
| Weigh Scales  | 1356 Beech Hill Road |
| Transfer Storage Station                                  | 1356 Beech Hill Road |
| Municipal Buildings                                       |                      |
| Building or Structure                                     | Address              |
| Municipal Building  | 285 Beech Hill Road  |
| Solar Panels (Roof Top)                                   | 285 Beech Hill Road  |
| Solar Field   | 285 Beech Hill Road  |
| Recreation Equipment Loan Shed                            | 285 Beech Hill Road  |
| Building or Structure                                     | Address              |
| Maintenance Building                                      | 261 Beech Hill Road  |

**RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE OWNED OR MAINTAINED**

|                             |
|-----------------------------|
| Scotiabank Mini Pitch       |
| St Marthas Connector Trail  |
| Harbourview Connector Trail |
| AT Corridor                 |

**WATER AND SEWER BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

| <b>Sewage</b>  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Building or Structure</b>   | <b>Address</b>                               |
| Pomquet Wastewater Treatment Plant                                   | 1046 Monk Head Road, Pomquet                 |
| Lift Station #1  | 922 Taylor Road, Pomquet                     |
| Lift Station #2  | 619 Taylor Road, Pomquet                     |
| Lift Station #3  | 1353 Monks Head Road, Pomquet                |
| Havre Boucher Wastewater Treatment Plant (includes Kohler generator) | 1808 Wharf Road, Havre Bocher                |
| Lift Station #1  | 57 Old Wharf Road, Havre Bocher              |
| Lift Station #2  | 1288 Cape Jack Road, Havre Boucher           |
| Lift Station #3  | 12191 Highway 4, Havre Boucher               |
| Heatherton Wastewater Treatment Plant                                | 205 Heatherton Village Road                  |
| Lift Station #1  | 155 Summerside Road, Heatherton              |
| Lift Station #2  | 351 Summerside Road, Heatherton              |
| Lift Station #3  | 190 Heatherton Village Road, Heatherton      |
| St. Andrews Wastewater Treatment Plant                               | 47 Blacksmith Valley Road, St. Andrews       |
| Lower South River Wastewater Treatment Plant                         | 5306 Dunmore Road, Lower South River         |
| Lift Station #1  | 4780 Highway 316, Lower South River          |
| Lift Station   | 4276 South River Road, Antigonish            |
| Lift Station   | 85 William's Point Road, Antigonish          |
| Lift Station   | 13-1 Beech Hill Road                         |
| Lift Station   | Parkhurst Subdivision, 17B MacInnis Way      |
| Lift Station   | 20 Parkway Court, Antigonish                 |
| Lift Station   | 340 Highway 337, Mount Cameron               |
|  |  |
| <b>Water</b>   |  |
| <b>Building or Structure</b>   | <b>Address</b>                               |
| Water Booster Station  | 1769 Brierly Brook Road                      |
| Water Booster Station (Underground)                                  | 2114 Highway 104, Brierly Brook              |
| Water Treatment Plant (Included Kohler Generator)                    | 2893 Ohio East Road                          |
| Reservoir (Excluding contents of underground tank)                   | 2893 Ohio East Road                          |
| Booster Pump Station (includes Kohler generator)                     | 45 Blacksmith Valley Road, St. Andrews       |
| Water Booster Station  | 3039 Highway 4/Post Road                     |
| Water Treatment Plant (old)  | 5076 Highway 104, Lower South River          |
| Reservoir (excluding contents of reservoir)                          | 5076 Highway 104, Lower South River          |
| Well #4  | 5162 TC Highway 104, Lower South River       |
| Well # 6   | 5162 TC Highway 104, Lower South River       |
| Pumphouse  | 5162 TC Highway 104, Lower South River       |
| Water Booster Station  | 5759 Highway 7, West River                   |
| Water Tower  | 58 Market Street                             |
| Wrights River Aquifer  | 70 Henry Lane, sylvan Valley                 |
| Water Pumphouse (well#3) Includes Kohler generator                   | 89 Angus MacQuarrie Drive, Lower South River |
| Water Treatment Plant  | 94 Angus MacQuarrie Drive, Lower South River |
| Electronic Computer systems - Scada equipment in water plant         |  |

**VARIOUS ASSETS/FLEET**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 1999 | Sterling Street Sweeper                       |
| 2005 | Trackless Tractor with Sander                 |
| 2004 | it28 Loader CAT                               |
| 2005 | Mini Caterpillar Excavator                    |
| 2009 | Dewatering Truck                              |
| 2009 | MANAC Trailer                                 |
| 2009 | MANAC Cargo Trailer                           |
| 2009 | Komatsu HM350 Rock Truck                      |
| 2011 | LWL Flatdeck Trailer                          |
| 2012 | CARGM Utility Trailer (Bikes)                 |
| 2014 | 924 CAT Loader                                |
| 2014 | Canoe Trailer                                 |
| 2015 | Freightliner Recycling Truck                  |
| 2016 | Freighliner 108SD Plow                        |
| 2016 | RAM 2500                                      |
| 2016 | CAT D5K2 Dozer                                |
| 2018 | Freightliner                                  |
| 2018 | Utility Trailer                               |
| 2019 | RAM 1500                                      |
| 2019 | Kubota Loader                                 |
| 2020 | Ram 1500 Quad Cab 4x4                         |
| 2020 | Frieghtliner M2106 Garbage                    |
| 2021 | Frieghtliner M2 Recycling                     |
| 2022 | GMC Sierra                                    |
| 2022 | RAM   |
| 2023 | Frieghtliner M2106 Garbage                    |
| 2023 | Trackless Tractor                             |
| 2023 | 317-07 CAT Excavator                          |
| 2023 | RAM 1500                                      |
| 2024 | Chev Silverado                                |
|      | Volvo Excavator                               |
| 2006 | S12r Screener- green @ Transfer Stn           |
|      | Hammer Head Horizontal Grinder @ Transfer Stn |

## GETTING YOU CONNECTED

Your Building Site Quote



### JOB DETAILS

Charges for anchor and guy install on existing pole, and new pole, anchor and guy install to facilitate customer requested streetlight install with TCP.

#### Customer Name

MUNICIPALITY OF ANTIGONISH CO

#### Site Address

81 POMQUET RIVER RD #LIGHT POMQUET, NS

#### Mailing Address

285 BEECH HILL RD BEECH HILL NS

#### Phone Number

Owen McCarron 9029681290

#### Work Order Number

7297994

#### Feeder Number

#### Planned/Designed By

Derek Muir

#### Quote Preparation Date

16-Dec-24

#### Quote Valid Until

14-Feb-25

#### Quote Prepared By

Chris Saunderson

#### Email Address

easternplanningcoordinator@nspower.ca

### COST BREAKDOWN

#### Cost of Line

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Total Length of Line                    | N/A |
| Nova Scotia Power Line Allowance        | N/A |
| Total Length of Line Funded by Customer | N/A |
| Cost Per Meter                          | N/A |

#### Total Cost of Line

\$ -

#### Additional Costs

|   |           |                 |
|---|-----------|-----------------|
| Labour  | \$        | 393.80          |
| Material  | \$        | 659.94          |
| Contractor Costs  | \$        | 995.54          |
| Engineering Assessment for Water, Highway or Railway Crossing | \$        | -               |
| Municipality Permits  | \$        | -               |
| Other Services  | \$        | -               |
| Customer Owned Asset(s) Fee                                   | \$        | -               |
| Restoration   | \$        | -               |
| <b>Total Additional Costs</b>                                 | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,049.28</b> |

#### TOTAL (HST of \$307.39 Included)

\$ 2,356.67

This estimate assumes regular working hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm) unless otherwise noted.

**The total price is an estimate only. Upon completion of the job, actual costs & applicable taxes will be reviewed and, if necessary, you will be billed accordingly.**

Additional costs such as rock breaking, civil work, or non-NSP costs are not included.

### HOW TO PAY

#### Cheque or Money Order

Payable to Nova Scotia Power Inc., Attn: Planning Coordinator and submitted to:

PO Box 610, Sydney, NS B1P 6H8

Courier Address: 369 Keltic Drive, Sydney, NS B1L 1B8

#### Credit Card Payments

Respond to this e-mail with a phone number and time you can be contacted between the hours of 7:00 am and 4:00 pm.

A vendor fee of 1.75% of your total balance will be applied.

#### Payment with PO

If you are part of our Credit Approval List, you can pay with a PO. Under \$2000.00, Under \$2,300.00 including tax, we can accept email approval. Please reply to this email stating that you accept the quoted charges. Please include a mailing address in your email.

### CUSTOMER TO DOS

Please call our Customer Care Centre (1-800-428-6230) upon completion of each of the required items, so that we can begin work promptly.

In the event that something changes with your project, please contact our Customer Care Centre. We'll return to your building site to re-scope.

#### Pay Fee

Payment of the estimated amount is required before we can schedule your work.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

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## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Committee of the Whole  
**FROM:** DARYL MYERS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
**SUBJECT:** SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE – DEWATERING TRUCK  
**DATE:** 11/02/2025

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### RECOMMENDATION

**That the 2009 International Dewatering Truck 7000 Series that was deemed surplus be sold to Ron Chisholm for the bid price of \$61,220.00.**

### BACKGROUND

The purchase of the dewatering truck was approved by Municipal Council in September 2008, with its official launch in January 2010. The pumper unit in the truck no longer works and attempts to repair it have been unsuccessful. The unit was deemed surplus, and early in the new year an advertisement noting the sale of the dewatering truck as surplus equipment was posted on the municipal website. A deadline of January 31, 2025 at 2:30pm was noted for bids.

Two bids for the truck were received:

- Ron Chisholm \$61,220.00
- Mackenzie Environmental \$19,500

Staff is recommending that the 2009 International Dewatering Truck 7000 Series that was deemed surplus be sold to Ron Chisholm for the bid price of \$61,220.00

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**MEMO FOR INFORMATION**

**TO:** Committee of the Whole  
**FROM:** SHIRLYN DONOVAN, CAO  
**SUBJECT:** FEBRUARY 2025 STAFF REPORT  
**DATE:** 11/02/2025

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**ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

- EMO priority areas in 2025 include supporting fire chiefs with establishing the Antigonish Area Fire & Rescue Training Centre, reviewing regional fire mapping/coverage, review Hazmat response capability for AREMO area.
- The Municipality received provincial funding through the Beautification and Streetscaping Program to install Gateway Signage for Secondary Highways - A design company has provided mock-ups for replacing missing or damaged gateway signs at key entry points into Antigonish County, including Highway 245 (Knoydart), Highway 7 (Lochaber), and Trunk 16 (south of Monastery).
- Communications Strategy - An RFP for a Communications Strategy was issued in December 2024, with 11 proposals received by January 17, 2025. An internal committee reviewed the submissions and are recommending a consulting firm to evaluate current communication practices and develop a strategy to improve transparency, accountability, and engagement with staff, council, and the community.
- Councillor Profiles - Councillor biographies will be added to the Municipal Website. A reminder email with profile questions has been sent, and councillors are encouraged to complete and return them. The final write-ups will be prepared internally and sent to councillors for approval before being published on the website.
- CAO attended:
  - Meetings with Nova Scotia Department of Public Works
  - Monthly meeting with StFX, Town and County
  - Active Transportation Information Session
  - HAF meetings
  - TMR Radio Training
  - RK MacDonald Steering Committee Meeting
  - AREMO Planning Committee Tabletop Exercise
  - AREMO Advisory Committee Meeting
- Preparations are underway for a regular Joint Town and County Joint Council meeting, to take place on Wednesday, February 19th.
- Municipal Council Strategic Priority Setting will be taking place February 24 and 25.
- The Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) initiatives have seen movement forward on several milestones. The proposal for both the Town and County planning related

initiatives has been awarded, project kick off meeting held with an interim findings meeting scheduled for February 14, 2025. The next steps will be to bring draft findings to the respective Planning Advisory Committees prior to public engagement.

- The Community Transit initiative will see a final report for recommendations on next steps for Antigonish Community Transit Society (ACTS) fixed route improvements by the end of February. The HAF, along with provincial government funding, will assist with the implementation as per the ACTS board recommendations. More details on recommendations, financial requirements and requests for Council (should there be any), will be presented by an ACTS representative after their board meeting on the matter.
- The Modernization of the Permitting Process milestone of creating a working group for input on proposed process and new online portal will soon be formed. If Councillors have member suggestions from the developer community, please email Denise Dunn, Housing Accelerator Fund Coordinator, with the details.
- Director of Sustainable Communities is attending FCM Sustainable Communities Conference with Deputy Warden Dunbar, in Fredericton NB from Feb 10-13<sup>th</sup>. Theme of this years conference is *Build Connections, Future Proof your Community and Embrace Solutions that work*. We also have a colleague from Coady International institute attending exploring options for working together in the region. A full report will be shared after conference.
- Energy - Net Zero Community Buildings Project is wrapping up. After update at COW a meeting was held in St. Joesph's on Jan 31 to trouble shoot the issue with NSP account and panel production. A plan is in place and hopefully all will be sorted in the next couple of weeks.
- Director of Sustainable Communities, Tammy Feltmate will be hosting an Energy Learning session for Council on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm tentatively. You will have all received a calendar invite to hold the time. This will review the County's past and current projects, provide some tools for general knowledge and look at introduce current options.
- OHS & W
  - Annual safety day will be in early March, a date to come. Scheduling is a challenge this month with a large number of competing sessions and meetings.
  - OHS& W meetings occurred, no incidents to report. A welcome and overview is going to new Council reps Councillor McNamara and Councillor Brophy as alternate.

- Work continues on Equity, Anti hate and Anti racism plan due April 1, 2025. Will provide an overview to Council and draft in coming weeks. Initial draft is being reviewed by AMANS support staff and provincial team members.
- Murals- Mural for district 4, Councillor Brophy's district will be hosted at the mini pitch and unveiled at the opening. The artist team is working on the mural at this time. An image will be shared with Council as soon as it is completed before installation. Mural was installed at Heatherton and Area Community Centre early December, Deputy Warden Dunbar attended. We will discuss future locations in early March with Council.
- RFP for redesign of front entrance of 285 Beech Hill will be released for a second time the week of February 17<sup>th</sup>, Staff will send a copy to all council before releasing to share the information. This item is budgeted for design in this budget and numbers will be discussed for build/ retrofit during budget conversations and considerations. Main objectives are to maximize accessibility, energy management and storm/ weather mitigation on front entrance.



## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

- Finance staff imported and balanced the 2025 Tax Roll from PVSC onto Diamond Municipal Solutions (14,971 parcels of land).
- Approximately 1,800 Water bills have been prepared and stuffed in envelopes waiting to be mailed.
- Two Finance department staff are board members on the County's Occupational Health and Wellness committee which meet monthly.
- Finance Department has been focusing on cross training within the department on targeted tasks.
- Finance Staff have been utilizing some training opportunities with Central Square (Diamond Software Product).
- Director of Finance is working with the CAO on the compensation review for council and staff.
- Finance department is on the AMTC board and is sharing responsible for maintenance of their website.
- Ongoing day to day operations (collections, reconciliations, payroll, property tax and utility customer maintenance, bill payments, monthly HST remittances, etc.).
- Member of the Finance Department is a board member for Strait IT. Board meetings occur monthly.
- Finance staff support the Antigonish Arena in the role of financial accounting (day to day accounting, year end audit preparation, HST remittances, reconciliations, etc.).



- Finance Department is preparing for Budget F25/26.
- Finance staff working with a total nine municipal units through an intermunicipal partnership to assess current hosting solution of the County's property taxation, utility billing, financial software program.

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### Antigonish Scotiabank Mini-Pitch

- Soft opening the Mini-Pitch to school children and community. Promoted through social media, radio, and print.
- Interviews by the press: The Reporter, Guysborough Journal, Sport Quarterly
- Finalizing details on Mini-Pitch art installation
- Working on facility usage guidelines.
- Acquisition and install on signage at the mini-pitch

### EDIA Navigator Initiatives

- Supporting newcomers in participating in community youth sport
- Building partnerships to offer sport programming for at-risk youth : connecting with Dr JH Gillis High School Wellness Centre, Town & County Recreation, YREACH and YMCA
- Collected data on struggles faced by community groups in accessing school gymnasiums in Antigonish Town and County
- EDIA training

### Other Programs and Services

- Learn-to-Swim Program
  - Completed first set of swim lessons since pool re-opened. (November 2024 – January 2025.)
  - Winter session of swim lessons opened and filled quickly. Session began on February 5/25.
  - Assisted with the organization the organization of the swim portion of the Antigonish Multisport program.
  - Collaborating with StFX Aquatics to offer swim instructor courses, and acquire new equipment for our aquatics programing.
- Equipment loan program is very busy. The department has received a record number of requests for skated this season.
- Mini Recreation Grant program has opened with a deadline to apply: 12:00pm noon, Thursday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Make Your Move at Work just launched a Feb Challenge to encourage staff to add some simple moves to their workday.

- Free Saturday swims and Sunday skates are still going strong with lots of participation.

#### Active Transportation

- Looking to apply to the Connect2 funding opportunity to explore an AT project that will look to construct a connector path.
- Recreation department has begun discussions with EDC on how the department could support and advocate for enhanced 'active living' through our planning documents.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

- Winter operations continue

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**MEMO FOR INFORMATION**

**TO:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
**FROM:** MEGAN MACINNIS, STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COORDINATOR  
**SUBJECT:** ***GATEWAY SIGNAGE ON SECONDARY HIGHWAYS***  
**DATE:** FEBRUARY 11, 2025

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The County secured \$25,000 through the Beautification and Streetscaping Program, which will be matched by the municipality to fund several projects. These include a mural at the Antigonish Scotiabank Mini-Pitch, enhancements along the AT Corridor, and the replacement of missing or damaged gateway signage on secondary highways.

The new 5x7 signs will be installed at key entry points into Antigonish County, including:

- Highway 245 (Knoydart)
- Highway 7 (Lochaber)
- Trunk 16 (south of Monastery).

Vibe Marketing and Design Group was hired to design new signage along entry points that can be viewed in the attached mock-up.

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**Antigonish**  
**COUNTY**

60 INCHES

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