

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Asset Management Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 5:30 pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

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

Regrets: Councillor Gary Mattie

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

Others Present: Darryl Myette, SEL
Terry MacIntyre, CEO R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home

Call to Order – Warden Nicholas MacInnis

The meeting of the Asset Management Committee was called to order by Warden Nicholas MacInnis at 5:32pm.

Selection of a Committee Chair

Warden MacInnis called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Asset Management Committee. Deputy Warden John Dunbar was nominated for the position

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council appoints Deputy Warden John Dunbar as the Chair of the Asset Management Committee.

Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda

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

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations**Terry MacIntyre – Sidewalk Request for the New RK MacDonald Nursing Home**

Mr. MacIntyre introduced himself to the committee and provided an overview of the R.K. MacDonald Board and the new building project on the Church Street Extension. He noted that start-up for construction is expected in the spring, following the award of a contract currently under negotiations. Mr. MacIntyre then put forward a request for the Committee to consider the installation of a sidewalk extending from the Church Street Extension entrance at Trunk 4 to the new nursing home site. He noted that he would submit a formal written request.

The committee was then invited to ask any questions. A question was asked about whether there was an estimate for the proposed sidewalk, and it was noted that an estimate would be sought as a next step. A question was also asked about whether there was any outstanding debt on the existing facility, and Mr. MacIntyre explained that any remaining debt was being transferred to the new building.

Continuing Business

There was no continuing business.

New Business**Roads Priority List**

Ms. Schumacher provided members of the committee with an introduction to the Roads Priority List tool that was developed as a communication tool with the local Department of Public Works (DPW) Area Manager. The list provides a way for councillors to share what they are hearing as local representatives from their constituents with the provincial representatives to try to prioritize road work.

Questions of clarification were asked about the role of the list, and how it is taken into consideration by the DPW team as they prioritize their work plans and budgets. A request was made for previous lists to be circulated to allow councillors to see how long items have been on the list in their districts. A question was asked about consistency with reporting concerns raised by residents. Staff suggested always directing residents to report to the Province's Operations Contact Centre (OCC), but

how councillors follow-up for their constituents would be up to them to decide. Staff noted that presentations by DPW Area Manager to take place at Asset Management Committee meetings and would be an additional opportunity to raise concerns directly. Discussion followed. A suggestion was also put forward that if multiple concerns are raised about a provincial roadway, constituents could also be directed to contact their local MLA with their concerns.

Staff will send out the OCC number to the members of the committee when the list is sent out to be updated.

ICIP Community Buildings Net Zero Project

Ms. Feltmate provided an overview of the Antigonish Net Zero Community Buildings project, as an introduction to a presentation provided by Mr. Myette. Details were shared about the status of the various components of the project, budget, and project timelines. A question was asked about whether there would be an opportunity for community centres to add on in the future for future project to continue to improve efficiency. A question was also asked about the measurements that were provided to demonstrate the energy efficiency improvements. Discussion followed. The committee thanked Ms. Feltmate and Mr. Myette for the work that has been done as part of the project.

Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

Adjournment

Moved

That the Asset Management Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:50pm.

Motion Carried

Deputy Warden John Dunbar

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO