County Connect

Stay informed. Stay involved. Stay connected.

SPRING/SUMMER 2025

Your CONNECTION TO

MUNICIPAL SERVICES.

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A Message to Residents of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish

Dear Residents,

Welcome to the first edition of County Connect under our new council. On behalf of all council members, I want to begin by sincerely thanking everyone across our communities for your support during last fall's municipal election. It has been a busy and productive start, and we remain committed to doing our very best for the residents we represent.

As Spring slowly makes its way to Antigonish County, we're entering what is traditionally a busy season. With forestry, farming, fishing, and construction industries ramping up, I want to extend my best wishes to everyone working in these essential sectors for a safe and successful season.

During the election campaign, one of the most frequently raised concerns was the persistent odor affecting areas in and around the Town and the County fringe. I'm pleased to report that the source of the issue was identified, and corrective measures have now been implemented.

Another topic that's top of mind for many is the ongoing trade dispute with our closest neighbors. While its outcome is uncertain, it's important to remember that opportunities for local economic development continue to exist. Antigonish County has one of the lowest commercial tax rates in the province and is experiencing steady population growth. These are strong foundations on which to build. In the face of external challenges, our focus will remain on fostering meaningful, local progress.

One such opportunity lies in the surge of domestic travel across Canada. To capitalize on this trend, the Municipality, in partnership with the Town of Antigonish, is launching a new tourism strategy. Our goal is to position Antigonish as a vibrant, year-round destination. By growing our tourism economy, we can support local businesses, create opportunities for entrepreneurs, and share all that our community has to offer with a broader audience. I'm optimistic that with a focused marketing effort, we will see significant economic benefits.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Sincerely,

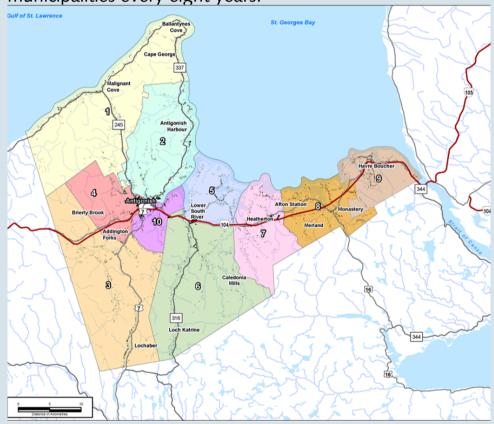
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Warden, Municipality of the County of Antigonish

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Boundary Review 2025

Antigonish County is divided into electoral districts. Currently there are ten districts, and each district is represented by a member of Council. The current district boundaries were set after the last review was done in 2014. Provincial legislation requires that a review of electoral boundaries and Council representation is done by municipalities every eight years.



Didn't the County Just Do a Boundary Review?

The process was started in 2023, but it was delayed because of the upcoming municipal election in May 2024. The review must now be completed before the end of 2025.

Boundary Review 2025

What Does a Boundary Review Involve?

A boundary review typically has two parts that answer the following questions:

- Part 1 Do we have the right number of districts for our community?
- Part 2 Are the boundaries of those districts drawn to make the districts as equal in the number of electors as possible?

The 2023/24 review process completed Part 1, with feedback from public surveys and open houses showing strong support for keeping ten districts.

We are now working on Part 2, to find the best way to adjust the boundaries so that each one is as close as possible to having the same number of electors (about 1300 per district).

How Can You Be Involved?

Later in the spring, the public will be asked for feedback on different options for adjustments to the district boundaries.

- This can include:
 - Surveys (both online and in print)
 - Public open houses throughout the community

For More Information

Keep an eye on the municipal website and social media, where information about the boundary review will be shared.

Active Transportation Corridor

Where are we now?

The Active Transportation (AT) Corridor is a multiuse pathway that will span approximately 5 km when fully completed. Phases 1 and 2, which run along Trunk 4 from the James Street intersection to the Church Street intersection, are now finished. The project is currently moving into Phase 3 — a two-year effort that will extend the pathway from Church Street to the Beech Hill Roundabout

Phase 3A - Summer 2025: Construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Church Street and Trunk 4.

<u>Phase 3B – Summer 2026</u>: Construction of a new bridge over the West River, along with the extension of the multiuse pathway from the new Church Street Roundabout to the Beech Hill Roundabout









Active Transportation - Corridor Conversion

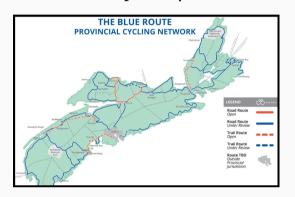






Active Transportation and the Blue Route

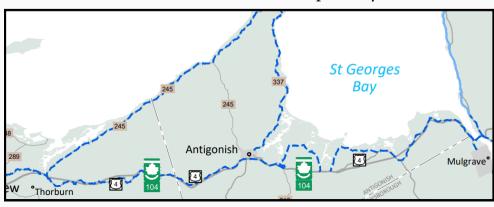
Blue Route: Connecting Nova Scotia with one continuous, comfortable, convenient, cycling route network. (blueroute.ca) This includes a combination of paved shoulders, cycling lanes, trails, multi use pathways and low traffic roads.





Antigonish County is excited to have the Blue Route be a part of our AT network!

- Overtime, the 'Cape George loop' will become a part of the Blue Route. Beginning this summer, the roadway from Hwy 337 west to Marl Road will have paved shoulders.
- In addition, overtime a large portion of Trunk 4 will also have paved shoulders and be a part of the Blue Route. This route will include the AT Corridor multiuse pathway.



MAKE YOUR MOVE

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Make your move at work, at school, and around our communities to help play a role in creating a healthier, happier, livable Antigonish Community!

Your next move is yours to choose!

MYMA encourages you to take a few minutes everyday to move - simple, natural, everyday movements - It's a lifestyle and moving makes you feel good!



- Are you interested in movin more while at work? Connect with us!
- Are you interested in more active routes to school? Connect with us!
- Is your community interested in one of our fun, pink, signs? Connect with us!
 - Learn how to Activate Your Neighborhood (activateyourneighbourhood.ca). A guide to help you reimagine, rethink, and repurpose, spaces in your neighborhood to encourage more movement and social connections.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT IN MOVEMENT!







Connect with us!

info@makeyourmoveantigonish.ca www.makeyourmoveantigonish.ca @makeyourmoveantigonish







ANTIGONISH COUNTY RECREATION SUMMER EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM



WAYS TO MOVE

Kids and adult bicycles, scooters, helmets, paddle boards, and PFDs in sizes from youth to adult.



OUTDOOR LAWN GAMES

Bocce ball, washer toss, horse shoes, connect 4, jumbo yahtzee, bean bag toss, disc slam, spike ball, and more...



ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT

Adaptive canoe equipment, Hippocampe, Triad TMX Tricycle, Mobi Chair, Terra Wheel, LJ-A's (adaptive life jackets)



MISCELLANEOUS

Sports in a bag, Nordic walking poles, yoga mats, parachutes and more...

OUR EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM IS FREE. FOR MORE INFO
OR QUESTIONS ON BORROWING EQUIPMENT CONTACT:

902-863-1141 | email: recreation@antigonishcounty.ca Visit our website at https://recreation.antigonishcounty.ca

Antigonish Scotiabank Mini-Pitch **Community Guidelines**

INCLUSIVE PLAY

Be respectful and share the space with others.

PITCH USE

- Open for free play
- · Limit play to 1 hour if others are waiting
- Special events require approval from **Antigonish County Recreation**

PLAY SAFE

- Use at your own risk.
- No climbing on equipment or rough play.
- Children under 10 must be supervised.

KEEP IT CLEAN

- No food or drinks
- · Use bins for trash & recycling
- No smoking, vaping, alcohol, or drugs

Have fun and play safe!

Located at 104 Appleseed Drive Please report any damage or concerns to Antigonish County Recreation 902-863-1141



GRAND OPENING

SATURDAY JUNE 7th

DETAILS TBA





GRAND OPENING

Antigonish Scotiabank Mini Pitch

LET'S PLAY! Come celebrate the grand opening of the Scotiabank Mini Pitch with a full day of free family fun! Everyone is welcome — let's kick things off together!

DFTAILS:

Saturday, June 7 (Rain Date: June 8)

- 12:00-1:00 PM Sensory-Friendly Hour
- 1:00-4:00 PM Games, Activities & Fun
- 2:00 PM Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

WHFRF:

104 Appleseed Drive, Antigonish



Hosted by MYMA — Make Your Move Antigonish Helping our community stay connected and keep moving!



MAKE



Free BBQ.

Rouncy Castles Mini Pitch Play Demos

X Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Face Painting

★ Special Guests

J DJ Music & Good Vibes!

CONTACT COUNTY REC FOR MORE INFO: 902.863.1141







Antigonish County Recreation Summer Day Camps 2025



Get ready for a summer of fun with our Recreation Department's exciting lineup of day camps! Kids of all ages can enjoy a variety of action-packed activities including games, arts and crafts, outdoor adventures, and more. It's the perfect way to stay active, make new friends, and create unforgettable memories all summer long! More details available late April on our website and Facebook page.

FUN ON THE RUN * AGES 4-12 * 8:45AM - 4:00PM

- East Antigonish Education Centre: July 14-17 (Mon.- Thurs.)
- St. Andrew Junior School: July 14-17 (Mon.-Thurs.)
- Mini Trail Community Centre: July 21 -24 (Mon.- Thurs.)
- Heatherton Community Centre: July 28-31 (Mon.- Thurs.)
- Arisaig Community Centre: August 5-8 (Tues.- Fri)
- Havre Boucher Community Centre: August 11 14 (Mon.- Thurs.)
- St. Josephs Community Centre: August 11 14 (Mon.- Thurs.)
- St. Andrew's Community Centre: August 18-21 (Mon.- Thurs.)



GO! BACK TO NATURE * 8:45AM - 4:00PM LOCATION: LOCHABER COMMUNITY CENTRE



- Go! Back to Nature Jr. Age 5-7: July 21 24 (Mon.- Thurs.)
- Go! Back to Nature Sr. Age 8+: July 28- 31 (Mon. Thurs.)

MOVIN' AND GROOVIN' * AGES 3-6 LOCATION: ST ANDREW JUNIOR SCHOOL



- Movin' and Groovin: July 7- 10 (8:30am 11:30am)
- Movin' and Groovin: July 7- 10 (12:00pm 3:00pm)

KIDVENTURE * (AGES 5-7) * 8:45AM - 4:00PM LOCATION: ST ANDREW JUNIOR SCHOOL

• Kidventure: July 7- 10 (Monday - Thursday)



BEACH WEEK * AGES 4-12 * 10:00AM - 4:00PM

• Pomquet Beach Week: August 5 - 8 (Tuesday- Friday)



REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 7TH AT 12:00 NOON



Register online @ mysporthub.ca
Create your family profile before registration opens!
902-863-1141



Antigonish Community Transit is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing accessible, reliable, and sustainable transportation for all residents of Antigonish Town and County.

Exciting changes for the fixed route coming soon!

Book-a-ride

Trips within Antigonish town limits

Trips up to 5 km - \$5Trips from 5km to 15km - \$8 Trips over 15km – \$8 for the first 15km then .75¢ per km

Set rates for local areas are as follows.

All are one-way fares.

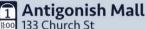
Heatherton/Bayfield - \$10

Pomquet/South Side Harbour - \$8

Monastery - \$15

Linwood/Havre Boucher - \$20







Highland Housing 86 St Ninian St







Keating Centre 1100 Convocation Blvd



Atlantic Superstore 26 Market St



Walmart



50 Market St



Appleseed Court 23 Appleseed Dr



Pleasant St.

Hawthorne St & Pleasant St



Shamrock Acres 14 Shamrock W

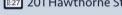


Sylvan Valley Apt.

12 Sylvan Valley Rd



11 Hawthorne Variety 201 Hawthorne St





JJ Carroll House
20 Orchard Terrace



Antigonish Manor
138 College St



People's Place Library

283 Main St





Canadian Tire Gas Bar 165 Main St



The Maples
31 Smiths Wy



Parkland (Shannex) 153 NS-337



St. Martha's Hospital 25 Bay St



The Sunflower 194 Main St



Sobeys 151 Church St

For more information and full rate details, please visit the Antigonish Email: antigonishcommunitytransit@gmail.com | Phone: 902-867-0411

HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND



The Federal Housing Accelerator Fund has awarded a total of **\$2.3 million** to the Municipality of the County of Antigonish and the Town of Antigonish

The **HAF** aims to bring changes at the municipal level to make it easier to build more homes both now and in the future. The County has committed to take 8 actions, while the Town will undertake 5 actions.

Three (3) of these actions are joint efforts between the Town and the County





Town and County are joining forces to tackle housing issues by working together on several key areas.

- We are focusing on water management to ensure that there is enough supply for new developments, and we are coordinating planning efforts to make sure growth is sustainable and well-organized.
- Additionally, we are improving transportation options to better connect communities and make it easier for people to get around.

By collaborating in these ways, we aim to create more affordable and accessible housing for everyone in the community.

Denise Dunn

Housing Accelerator Fund Coordinator

Contact

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HELP US BUILD



WHATS THE PLAN?

The Town and County have worked together to develop Nalikitquniejk, Antigonish Equity, Anti-Hate, and Anti-Racism Plan which was submitted to the Province on April 1, 2025.

WHY IT MATTERS?

Lets work together to create a welcoming, safe, and inclusive place for everyone.

GET INVOLVED



- Share your ideas



Plan an event or workshop



Spread the word





Antigonishcounty.ca

Stronger Together

The County of Antigonish is looking for community members to join two committees starting in Fall 2025:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Joint Equity, Anti-Hate, and Anti-Racism Committee

We welcome individuals with lived experience, strong ideas, and a passion for building a more accessible, inclusive, and anti-racist community.



Committee Goals:

- Make Antigonish more accessible and inclusive for all.
- Prevent hate and discrimination.
- Support those affected by inaccessibility and racism.
- Foster safety, dignity, and respect in our community.

Interested? Looking for more information: Contact Tammy Feltmate:

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Help Shape a More Inclusive Antigonish!

DOG CONTROL BYLAW

Antigonish County is a great place to have a dog. Are you a responsible dog owner?

Responsible dog ownership in Antigonish County:

- Being familiar with, and following, the Municipality's Dog Bylaw.
- Keeping your dog on your property and not letting them run loose off your property.
- Cleaning up your dog's waste.
- ✓ Not letting your dog be a nuisance by barking continuously.
- Not allowing your dog to chase people or their pets as they walk or cycle past your property.

If your dog is off your property, it must be under your care and control with a leash. This keeps everyone - including your dog - safe and comfortable.

Summer Reminders for Dog Owners

2 Rules for the Beaches

• In accordance with the Nova Scotia Beaches Act all dogs must be kept on a leash where a sign or notice is posted by the Province, and owners are required to pick up after their pooch.

A Hot Cars Can Kill

 For a dog, harmful and even life-threatening effects can occur in a short time in a hot car. Dogs can't release heat by sweating, as humans do, so their internal body temperature rises more quickly.

View the full Dog Bylaw on our website or request a copy at the Municipal Office. The County now works with the SPCA for the administration of the Dog Bylaw.

The Dog Control for the County can be reached at: 902-863-9501



Explore Antigonish



Cape George Concerts

<u>Cape George Lighthouse</u> Sunday, July 6, 6-8PM

<u>Cape George Wharf</u> Sunday, August 3, 6-8PM

Follow Lighthouse Cape George on Facebook for updates.



"Chez nous à Pomquet" – Pomquet Come Home Days!

A weekend of celebration and fun from August 1st to 4th, 2025.

Follow Pomquet Come Home Days on Facebook for updates and schedule.

Lobster Palooza

"Join us on the wharf for a lobsterific good time"

June 15th, 2025 Ballyantynes Cove Wharf



160th Highland Games July 6-13, 2025

FREE DAY PASSES TO CELEBRATE 160 YEARS OF THE HIGHLAND GAMES!

More details at antigonishhighlandgames.ca



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OPEN YEAR ROUND

20 East Main Street, Antigonish, NS, B2G 1M8 www.antigonishheritage.ca



Arisaig Lobster Interpretive
Marine Life Centre

Exhibits featuring the history and culture of the area, touch tanks, activities for the kids and live lobster







140 Arisaig Point Rd., Arisaig NS Opening for the season on May 9, 2025



TRACADIE & DISTRICT FIRE DEPT 3rd ANNUAL

SHOW AND SHINE

CARS, TRUCKS, MOTORCYCLES & SNOWMOBILES

JULY 12th, 2025 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Trophy Presentation at 2pm

Exit 37, 10205 Highway 4, Monastery

Followed by a 19+

OLD TIME ROCK N ROLL DANCE with music by ROUTE 16

Dance admission \$15 - Government ID Required

9pm _ 1 am

at Monsignor Donnelly Hall, Tracadie

Canteen

Food & Drinks with homemade Strawberry Shortcake & Coffee

For Car Owners

Dash Plates - First 100 Cars Up to 30 Trophies

Car Show Admission

\$5 Per Person, Children Under 12 Free No dogs or bicycles

For Everyone

T-Shirts 50/50 Draw Live Music 10am -2pm

For More Information Contact

ernestwilliams@eastlink.ca or kelsey_mattie@hotmail.com

Tracadie United Baptist Church

Established in 1787 by Thomas Brownspriggs, a Black Loyalist, Tracadie United Baptist Church — a historic Black church in Tracadie, N.S. — is celebrating its 238th anniversary this year.





HIGH OCTANE EXCITEMENT



MAPLE LEAF CLASSIC JUNE 28







IWK SUPER RACE WEEKEND JULY 16-19







SUMMER SIZZLER









BACK TO SCHOOL SPECTACULAR SEPTEMBER 6









Event Info at www.RiversideSpeedway.ca

902.863.2410

THE FASTEST 1/3 MILE IN THE EAST

Be #FLOODREADY ALL YEAR ROUND

Flooding can happen anywhere in Canada, any time of the year. To be #FloodReady this spring, add these tasks to your seasonal list of home maintenance.

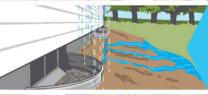
Spring Checklist



Clean eavestroughs and downspouts.



Clear debris from outdoor drains.



Make sure meltwater drains away from your foundation.



Install a rain barrel to collect runoff.

Don't wait for the water!

Take steps to protect your property.

Canada.ca/Flood-Ready (



Public Safety Canada Sécurité publique Canada Canada





At the St. Martha's Regional Hospital Foundation, we are thankful to be able to continue to provide funding to our community hospital.

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we are able to fund ground-breaking education, cutting-edge research and innovative medical equipment to support better patient care. This ensures St Martha's can maintain, but also offer new services that keep patients from travelling to Halifax, Truro or Sydney.

We ask that you consider making a pledge or donation to the Foundation.
Together we can support our community and ensure our hospital is prepared
for whatever the future holds!

Sign up for our monthly news letter! https://www.smrhfoundation.com/monthly-newsletter

Visit our website:

www.smrhfoundation.com
Find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/StMarthasFoundation

We're on Instagram
@smrhospitalfoundation



Get your monthly 50/50 tickets!

www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/nshf/16





McHappy Day Antigonish & Port Hawksbury **May 8th**



Chip in Fore St. Martha's Golf Tournament Sept 5th



989 XFM Hospital Help Day Oct 29th

FireSmart Community Prep Day - Wildfire Community Preparedness Day May 3, 2025

With hotter, drier weather and deadfall from past hurricanes, our communities are at higher risk for forest fires. Join the 4 Valleys Fire Department for a 1-Hour Self-Guided Prep and help protect your home & neighbourhood from wildfire risk!

- ✓ <u>Clear Debris</u> Rake and remove pine needles, dry leaves & combustible materials from around homes (1.5m-10m radius).
- ✓ Move Firewood Keep woodpiles at least 10m from structures.
- ✓ Clean Roofs & Gutters Remove leaves, needles, and debris.
- ✓ <u>Prune Trees</u> Trim low-hanging branches up to 2m from the ground.
- ✓ <u>Secure Structures</u> Store items under decks in enclosed spaces; install ember-resistant screens.
- Assess Properties Use the FireSmart Begins at Home app & work with neighbours.
- Plan Evacuation Routes Identify two exit routes & practice drills.
- ✓ <u>Improve Visibility</u> Ensure house numbers are visible from the street.
- ✓ <u>Help Neighbour</u>s Assist those with mobility challenges in FireSmarting their homes.
- Remove Flammable Plants Clear junipers & cedars within 1.5m of homes.



4 VALLEYS FIRE

DEPARTMENT

Severe weather events are becoming more frequent and unpredictable. From wildfires to storms, being prepared can make all the difference.

Prepare today for a safer tomorrow!



Protect documents and valuables



Fill your emergency kit



Secure your home from a flood



Wildfire "Risk" Season CHECK BEFORE YOU BURN

Burn Restrictions updated daily at 2pm https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/





During wildfire risk season (March 15 to October 15), no domestic brush burning, or campfires are allowed between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, except industrial permits.

Burning is allowed between 2:00pm and 8:00am the following day

Burning is ONLY allowed between 7:00pm and 8:00am the following day

Burning is NOT Allowed

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Your Voice, Your Community: We Need Your Input!

The Municipality of the County of Antigonish is creating a new communications strategy — and we want your voice at the center of it! Share how you'd like to stay informed and connected.

- Love flipping through the County Connect?
- Prefer texts over emails?
- Want certain information to be easier to find?

Take the Communications Survey to share more today — it only takes a few minutes. Better communication means a stronger, more connected community.

Participate and Be Entered to WIN a \$25 Sobeys Gift Card!

Your entry could be selected as a lucky winner of 1 of 4 \$25 Sobeys Gift Cards! You can fill in the survey in any of the following ways:

- · Scan the QR code below, or
- Visit https://shorturl.at/pBDnx, or
- Pick up a paper copy at your local library or at the Municipality's office at 285 Beech Hill Rd, Antigonish, NS B2G 0B4

Survey closes May 30th, 2025.

Gift card winners will be randomly selected and notified on June 5th, 2025.



Scan me to take the survey!