

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 5:30pm
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 Richelle MacLaughlin
Councillor Shawn Brophy
Councillor Wayne Melanson
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Sterling Garvie

Regrets:

Councillor Adam Baden-Clay

Staff Present:

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO
Beth Schumacher, Municipal Clerk
Allison Duggan, CFO
Marlene Melanson, Director of Recreation
Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities
Daryl Myers, Director of Public Works (by Zoom)

Others Present:

Gallery (online and in-person)

Call to Order- Warden MacInnis

Warden MacInnis called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden MacInnis called for approval of the Committee of the Whole meeting agenda. Ms. Schumacher requested an addition to the agenda, for an item for Personnel Matters under In-Camera Items. Deputy Warden Dunbar put forward Streetlight Request Follow-up as another agenda item to be added.

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

In-Camera Items

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee move into an in-camera session to discuss Contract Negotiations Personnel Matters at 5:36pm.

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee adjourns the in-camera session at 7:22 pm.

Motion Carried

Recess for Council Meeting

The Committee was recessed for Council at 7:22pm for Council.

Call to Order to Resume Meeting

Warden McInnis called the Committee of the Whole meeting back to order at 8:28pm.

Consideration of the March 4, 2026 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Warden MacInnis called for any errors or omissions in the minutes of March 4, 2026. Hearing none, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Continuing Business

Fiscal 2025/26 Financial Update to November 30, 2025

Mrs. Duggan provided members of the committee with an overview of the financial statements for the municipality up to November 30, 2025, with a comparison to the budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026. She reviewed the budget, both revenue and expenses, line by line for the benefit of the committee. A request was made to have staff provide a summary of how the deed transfer tax has changed over the last five years, to give an idea of housing sale activity in the community.

Mrs. Duggan then spoke to the status of different capital projects in the budget, including the reserves. She also spoke to the debenture and debt repayments that the municipality has in the budget. Mrs. Duggan was thanked for her presentation.

Adjournment

The remaining items on the agenda were deferred to the next meeting.

Moved and Seconded

That Committee of the Whole meeting adjourn at 9:25 pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Nicholas MacInnis

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO

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