

## Asset Management, Committee of the Whole Meeting Highlights and Special Council Meeting– March 3, 2026 (Rescheduled from February 24, 2026)

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### ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

#### Delegations

- Paul Colton, District Director for the Eastern Zone, and Basil Pitts, Area Manager with the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works, reviewed the roads priority list with Council (included in the Asset Management agenda package). They answered questions from councillors about how the list is created and how priorities are determined. They also discussed topics such as equipment, dust control, and ditching so councillors have a better understanding of how the work is done and can share that information with residents.

Councillors also had the chance to raise concerns about specific roads and areas in their districts.

#### Continuing Business

- The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft 2026–27 Capital Plan. Members were reminded that this is a working document and will continue to change as budget discussions move forward. This is the second time the Capital Plan has been presented to Council, and updates may still be made before the budget is finalized next month.

#### New Business

- The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal about renewing the three-year cost-share agreement for subdivision (J-Class) streets. This allows municipalities to submit roads they would like the province to consider for upgrades or paving under the program as a 50/50 cost share. The Committee passed a motion to sign the agreement.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### Continuing Business

- Staff presented the quarterly update on the Municipality's Strategic Priorities. The update outlines the progress made on priority projects since the last report and highlights the next steps.
- Staff also provided an update on the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) initiatives. There are eight initiatives in total, and several are now complete or close to being finished. A full update is available in the Committee of the Whole agenda package.

### New Business

- Staff presented recommendations for the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Non-Profit Housing Grant. This grant program is one of eight initiatives under HAF and is intended to support non-profit housing projects. The first intake closed in November 2025, and two applications were received. Staff recommended awarding \$170,375.94 to the Antigonish Affordable Housing Society (AAHS) and \$29,624.06 to the Naomi Society. The Committee approved the motion to award the funding.
- The Committee discussed a presentation made by the Antigonish Affordable Housing Society (AAHS) at the February 10, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting. The discussion focused on AAHS's request for \$500,000 (\$100,000 over five years), as well as a property tax exemption for the proposed Sugarloaf development on Highway 337. The Committee passed a motion to deny the request for the property tax exemption. The decision regarding the \$500,000 will be discussed further during budget deliberations.
- The Committee discussed possible updates to the Noise By-law. The by-law was first introduced in 1996 and last updated in 2008. It currently applies only to the area surrounding the Town and not the entire County. The Committee discussed whether the by-law should be updated to apply to the whole County, apply to a different area, or remain as it is.

View the Noise By-law here: [A By-law Respecting the Control of Noise](#)