

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Planning Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 24th, 2025, 6:00 pm

Municipal Administration Building

285 Beech Hill Road

Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

In Attendance: Councillor Mary MacLellan, Chair
Deputy Warden John Dunbar
Councillor Richelle MacLaughlin
Mike MacEachern

Staff Present: Shirlyn Donovan, CAO
Alisha Bowie, Administrative Assistant
John Bain, Director, EDCP
Andrew Jones, Senior Planner, EDCP
Mikayla Tait, Planner, EDCP
Heike Bruckner, Assistant Planner, EDCP
Hetvi Joshi, Planner, EDCP

Regrets: Ron Pumphrey
Fred Allen

Others Present:

Call to Order – Chair, Councillor Mary MacLellan

The meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair, Councillor Mary MacLellan, at 6:03pm.

Approval of Agenda

Councillor MacLellan called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of the October 6th, 2025 Minutes

Councillor MacLellan asked if there were any errors or omissions in the minutes of the October 6th, 2025 meeting.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the minutes of the October 6th, 2025 meeting be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Discussion Items

Antigonish Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Amendments Consultation Summary

Ian Watson of Upland presented on the findings. Presented the Public engagement results. There was discussion on Park land designations, it was decided that the committee would look at Park land at a later date.

It was agreed that the 1st reading will be sent to council December 9th, the Public hearing will be held in January.

Moved and Seconded

That Planning Advisory Committee for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish recommends that Council give First Reading and Schedule a Public Hearing for amendments to:

- *the County of Antigonish Municipal Planning Strategy;*
- *West River Antigonish Harbour Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law;*
- *Central Antigonish Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law;*
- *Eastern Antigonish Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law;*
- *Keppoch Beaver Mountain Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law;*
- *County of Antigonish Local Improvements By-law; and*
- *County of Antigonish Subdivision By-law,*

regarding the Antigonish Housing Accelerator Fund, as outlined in pages 15 to 32 of the report dated October 6, 2025, and as amended to correct the definition of “accessory dwelling unit” and to remove change number three to the Municipality of the County of Antigonish Subdivision By-law.

Motion Carried

Other Business Arising

There was no business arising.

Adjournment

Moved

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:45pm.

Motion Carried

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO