

Asset Management, Committee of the Whole Meeting Highlights – April 28, 2026

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ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Continuing Business

- The Committee approved the 2026–2027 Capital Planning budget. This budget includes projects like building an accessible washroom at the mini-pitch, upgrading and expanding water and sewer systems, purchasing new Public Works equipment, and making other infrastructure improvements.

New Business

- The Committee approved buying a new truck from MacDonald Chrysler for \$58,751 + HST. It will replace an older Public Works vehicle. The new ¾-ton truck has more towing power and can be used to move equipment, pull trailers, and support community events.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Delegations

- Wynne Sandler, with Antigonish Coalition to End Poverty (ACEP) presented. She described the group's work in the community and shared local statistics on poverty and food insecurity in Antigonish. The Committee agreed to keep advocating for ACEP's work. Learn more about ACEP and Livable Basic Income on their website (www.endpovertyantigonish.ca)
- Beth Latwaitis and Aida Arnold with the Antigonish Art Fair/Arts House shared information about programs and opportunities for the community, as well as details about upcoming events. The Art Fair will take place at Chisholm Park every other Friday evening starting June 26, 2026. For updates, follow their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/AntigonishArtFair>

Continuing Business

- Policy Review - The Committee reviewed revisions made to Policy 14 – Council Remuneration Policy and approved amendments as recommended. View the policy here: [Policy 14: Council Remuneration](#).

New Business

- Policy Review - Tax Exemption Policy for Low-Income Tax Payers (Policy 15). The Committee reviewed the policy that reduces the property tax for low-income residents. Currently, households earning less than \$40,000 can receive up to \$300 off their tax bill. The Committee approved a recommendation to keep the income limit at \$40,000 and increase the maximum tax reduction to \$325 starting in the 2026/27 fiscal year.

This tax exemption is available annually for residents, and applications for a tax exemption will be received up to December 31st of each year. You can view the policy here: [Policy 15 - Tax Exemption Policy for Low Income Tax Payers](#)