

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 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 Adam Baden-Clay
Councillor Richelle MacLaughlin – by Zoom
Councillor Shawn Brophy
Councillor Wayne Melanson
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Sterling Garvie

Regrets: None

Staff Present: Shirlyn Donovan, CAO
Allison Duggan, CFO
Tammy Feltmate, Director of Public Works (Acting) and
Sustainable Communities
Marlene Melanson, Director of Recreation
Alisha Bowie, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Gallery (by Zoom and in-person)

Call to Order- Warden MacInnis

Warden MacInnis called the meeting to order at 5:29pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden MacInnis called for approval of the Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Consideration of the May 19, 2026 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Warden MacInnis called for any errors or omissions in the minutes of May 19, 2026. Hearing no concerns, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Continuing Business

Budget Deliberations

Mrs. Duggan presented the draft municipal budget for fiscal year 2026/2027. She went through each line of revenue and expenditure noted in the budget documents for the benefit of the committee, answering any questions as they came up. She then reviewed the internal borrowing repayment schedule, the proposed transfers from the reserves to cover specific projects or initiatives, and the proposed levy rates for streetlights and fire protection. No changes are proposed to the municipal tax rates for fiscal 2026/2027.

Staff then reviewed a pie chart that provides a visual representation of the breakdown of how the municipal budget is distributed amongst departments, including education and protective services. Questions followed regarding clarification about revenue for recreation. Staff then reviewed the request from St. FX made earlier in the year when they presented to the committee looking for support for proposed upgrades to their turf field and arena. Discussion followed.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the request from StFX University for \$150,000 to support facility and accessibility upgrades of the turf, track and main arena, to be paid out over three (3) years at \$50,000 per year.

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Moved and Seconded

That Committee of the Whole meeting adjourn at 6:31 pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Nicholas MacInnis

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO