MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Special Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 2026
7:30pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Councillors Present:

Warden Nicholas MacInnis	Councillor Shawn Brophy
Deputy Warden John Dunbar	Councillor Wayne Melanson
Councillor Mary MacLellan	Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Adam Baden-Clay	Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Richelle MacLaughlin (by Zoom)	Councillor Sterling Garvie

Regrets:
None

Staff Present:
Shirlyn Donovan, CAO
Beth Schumacher, Municipal Clerk

Also Present:
Corey LeBlanc (by Zoom)

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Call to Order- Warden MacInnis

Warden MacInnis called the meeting to order at 9:41pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden MacInnis called for approval of the Council meeting agenda.

Min # 2026-90
Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Consideration of the June 9, 2026 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden MacInnis called for any errors or omissions in the minutes of June 1, 2026. Hearing no concerns, the minutes were considered accepted as presented.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

Correspondence

Hon. John A. MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs – One Year Notice

Mrs. Donovan provided Council with a summary of the correspondence outlining requirements regarding various legislation, regulation, and administrative action that would have the effect of decreasing revenue to municipalities or increasing their expenditures. Councillor McNamara shared his concerns regarding the impact to local fire departments.

Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice – Bail Reform Act

Mrs. Donovan read out the letter from Minister Fraser, noting that the Bail Reform Act is now law.

Committee Reports

June 17, 2026 Joint Council Report

Mrs. Donovan read this report for the benefit of Council. No motions came forward from this report.

June 23, 2026 Audit Committee Report

Mrs. Donovan provided a verbal report from this committee. No motions came forward from this report.

June 23, 2026 Asset Management Committee Report

Min # 2026-91
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council award the contract for pre-design and construction oversight for the Antigonish County Emergency Services Centre to Strait Engineering Limited at a maximum price of $119,339 + HST.

Motion Carried

Min # 2026-92
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council enter into a long-term lease agreement of 99 years providing a $60, 000.00 one-time payment in addition to annual rent of property taxes owing on PID10118768. The long-term lease includes PID's 10118768 and 10118750 for the use of the land to construct a connector multiuse path.

Motion Carried

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Min # 2026-93
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the purchase of a Cub Cadet Z 60" deck at Antigonish Rent-All for $9,549 + HST.

Motion Carried

June 23, 2026 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2026-94
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council provide a sponsorship of $5,000 to the Antigonish Music Festival taking place August 7-8 2026, to support the promotion, marketing, and delivery of the core festival programming.

Motion Carried

Min # 2026-95
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council appoint Nasif Shah as By-law Enforcement Officer for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish for the purpose of enforcing the By-law Respecting the Responsible Ownership of Dogs, Noise By-law, Kennels By-law, Special Events By-law, Civic Addressing By-law, and the By-law Respecting the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste.

Motion Carried

Min # 2026-96
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council provide a sponsorship in the amount of $5,000 to the Music on Main events 2026.

Motion Carried

Min # 2026-97
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council send a letter to the Minister of Health, as well as the Strait Areas Chiefs, Wardens, and Mayors, enquiring about the notice of the upcoming closure of the foot clinic at St. Martha's.

Motion Carried

Min # 2026-98
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council make the Make Your Move Antigonish Community Coordinator position permanent in the Recreation Department.

Motion Carried
In Favour (6): Councillors MacLellan, Baden Clay, MacLaughlin, Brophy, Melanson, and Warden MacInnis
Against (3): Councillors McNamara, Mattie, and Deputy Warden Dunbar
Abstention (1): Councillor Garvie

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Motions

Min # 2026-99
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the purchase of a 2-acre parcel of PID 10104131 for $150,000 and will cover the costs related to the subdivision of the property.

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

Min # 2026-100
Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council meeting adjourn at 9:49pm.

Motion Carried

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Warden Nicholas MacInnis

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO