MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 25, 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 (by Zoom) Councillor Shawn Brophy Councillor Wayne Melanson Councillor Gary Mattie Councillor Harris McNamara Councillor Sterling Garvie
Regrets:	Councillor Richelle MacLaughlin
Staff Present:	Shirlyn Donovan, CAO Beth Schumacher, Municipal Clerk
Others Present:	Gallery (by Zoom)

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Call to Order- Warden MacInnis

Warden MacInnis called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden MacInnis called for approval of the Committee of the Whole meeting agenda. A number of additions were requested:

- Discussion regarding brush cutting by NSDPW
- Non-tarped garbage loads travelling to the transfer station
- Collection Truck Purchase

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Consideration of the June 23, 2026 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Warden MacInnis called for any errors or omissions in the minutes of June 23, 2026. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

In-Camera Items

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee move into an in-camera session to discuss Contract Negotiations at 5:36pm.

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee adjourns the in-camera session at 5:56 pm.

Motion Carried

The following motion came forward from the in-camera session:

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council award the tender for the Wastewater Treatment Facility – System Assessment and Pre-Design to RVA in the Amount of $99,100 + HST.

Motion Carried

Members of the Committee discussed representation on the liaison committee as noted in the community benefits agreement. Where edits were suggested for the agreement, the motion to approve the community benefits agreement was not made.

New Business

CACL Funding Request

Mrs. Donovan spoke to a funding request that was made by CACL, to contribute to their legacy fund. They have requested $50,000 annually for five years. Staff is suggesting that CACL come in to present to Council at a future meeting to provide more details.

Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition Barn Funding Request

Mrs. Donovan spoke to a request made by the Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition for support in their capital campaign for the new barn that they just constructed. She noted that the Town has contributed $20,000 as a platinum sponsor. Discussion followed.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council support the funding request for the Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition Barn Rebuilding Capital Project in the amount of $20,000 as a platinum sponsor.

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Motion Carried.

Helping Healthcare Antigonish – Memorandum of Understanding

Mrs. Donovan noted that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County, Town, and Hospital Foundation regarding Helping Healthcare in Antigonish expires soon, and a renewal of this MOU is before Council for consideration. Mrs. Donovan noted that part of the renewal is looking at updating the name in the MOU from *Community Navigation and Physician Retention Services Association* to *Helping Healthcare Antigonish* to allow for the official name change with the Joint Stocks Registry.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Antigonish, the County of Antigonish, and the Hospital Foundation regarding Helping Healthcare Antigonish.

Motion Carried.

Additions to the Agenda

Brush Cutting Concerns with Nova Scotia Department of Public Works

Deputy Warden Dunbar expressed a concern with the lack of brush cutting on roads, with particular mention of the Heatherton Guysborough Road just off the Heatherton Village Road. He has not had any progress with reaching out to NSDPW and asked if other councillors are having similar concerns. Discussion followed.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council send a letter to Minister Thompson, Minister Morrow, and Minister Tilley regarding the need for brush cutting through the County, specifically on the Heatherton Guysborough Road.

Motion Carried.

Non-Tarped Garbage Loads Travelling to the Transfer Station

Councillor Garvie expressed ongoing concern with vehicles losing garbage while travelling to the transfer station because they have not been tarping their loads. Concern for pedestrian and vehicle safety if items fall off of moving vehicles were shared. Staff noted that they could request the RCMP or compliance to give warnings to discourage this unsafe practice. Opportunities for education and signage were also discussed.

Collection Truck Purchase

Mrs. Donovan explained that staff had budgeted $660,000 for a new garbage truck. She noted that Ms. Feltmate met with companies that are part of the CANOE procurement pool to identify a vehicle that could be delivered by Christmas time. The new truck identified is below the cost approved by Council in the 2026/27 capital budget. Public Works is recommending to reserve / pre-order to truck noted in the motion to ensure delivery by the end of the year. A question was asked about whether contracting out garbage services was evaluated. Staff noted that they had not been directed to explore that option, and the existing contract with Circular Materials subjects to the Municipality to certain obligations.

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Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council reserve the 2026 Freightliner 114SD Tandem Axle Chassis and the LaBrie Expert Manual Comingle Side Loader 35 yard mounted on approved chassis plus the safety add-ons for a total of $496,130 + HST.

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Moved and Seconded

That Committee of the Whole meeting adjourns at 6:36 pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Nicholas MacInnis

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO

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