MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Asset Management Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 5:30 pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

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Present were:	Warden Nicholas MacInnis Deputy Warden John Dunbar (Chair) Councillor Mary MacLellan Councillor Adam Baden-Clay Councillor Richelle MacLaughlin Councillor Shawn Brophy Councillor Wayne Melanson Councillor Gary Mattie Councillor Harris McNamara Councillor Sterling Garvie
Regrets:	None
Staff Present:	Shirlyn Donovan, CAO Beth Schumacher, Municipal Clerk Cole MacIssac, Director of Public Works Blaise MacDonald, EMO Coordinator
Others Present	Lynne Delorey, Antigonish Tourism Mike MacEachern Gallery (online)

Call to Order – Deputy Warden Dunbar

The meeting of the Asset Management Committee was called to order by Chair, Deputy Warden Dunbar, at 5:31pm.

Approval of Agenda

Deputy Warden Dunbar called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

In-Camera Items

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee move into an in-camera session to discuss the Acquisition, Sale, Lease, and Safety of Municipal Property at 5:32pm.

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee adjourns the in-camera session at 6:20 pm.

Motion Carried

Review of the September 22, 2026 Asset Management Committee Minutes

Deputy Warden Dunbar called for any errors or omissions in the Asset Management minutes of September 22, 2026. Hearing no concerns, the minutes were considered approved as presented.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

Continuing Business

There was no continuing business.

New Business

Road Name Change: D-24 Road to Margarets Lane

Ms. Schumacher spoke to the petition approved by the Civic Addressing Coordinator, requesting to rename D-24 Road in Heatherton to Margarets Lane.

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee recommends that Municipal Council renames the private laneway off of Trunk 4 in Heatherton currently known as D-24, as shown on the attached map, to “Margaret’s Lane”.

Motion Carried

J-Class Roads Submissions for 2027/2028

Mrs. Donovan spoke to the memo provided, in which staff is recommending that three roads are submitted to the Province for consideration for the J-Class Road Cost Sharing programme for F2027/28. She noted that staff drove and looked at the J-Class Roads in the community. Councillor MacLaughlin made reference to the Auditor General’s Report on Road Maintenance, and felt that it gives the municipality some weight when putting forward their recommendations and asked for a bigger discussion about the report at an upcoming meeting.

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Moved and Seconded

That the Committee recommends that Municipal Council put forward the following roads for J-Class Road cost-sharing for the 2026-2027 fiscal year: Somers Road (Section 001:Trunk 4 to end of pavement), Tamara Drive, Macken Road

Motion Carried

Outdoor Rink Proposal

Mrs. Donovan spoke to a proposal that has come forward from the Tourism Association earlier in September, and became timelier with the emergency closure of the Keating Centre ice surfaces due to the ice plant fire at the end of that month. Mrs. Donovan noted that the staff at the arena have stepped up to accommodate hockey schedules, but that the recreational skating opportunities for the community are reduced because of the limited ice surface availability.

She shared that with the Mini Pitch washroom funding being available after that tender was not approved, there could be an opportunity to develop something on the second mini pitch pad, with additional funding going to other community-run rinks in Heatherton, Linwood, and Cape Jack. Mrs. Donovan shared pricing that was quoted to pave the second mini-pitch surface, discussions regarding staffing partnerships with the Town, and asked whether the committee wanted staff to proceed in exploring this opportunity.

Discussion followed regarding support for the other community rinks, and how they could benefit from this initiative. Where the rinks in Districts 7, 8, and 9 are volunteer-run, there was a concern with the cost of the rink proposed at the mini-pitch if the skating season is only a month long. Further questions were asked about the location, seasonality, and past attempts to have outdoor rinks in the community. Staff was directed to reach out to the other rinks in the county to see what they are looking for in terms of support.

Moved

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves the paving of the second Mini Pitch surface for the quoted price of $28,700+HST.

Motion Carried
6 in favour, 4 opposed

Additions to the Agenda

There were no open-session additions to the agenda items.

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Adjournment

Moved

That the Asset Management Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Motion Carried

Deputy Warden John Dunbar

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO

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