MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2026
7:30pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Councillors Present:
Warden Nicholas MacInnis
Deputy Warden John Dunbar
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Adam Baden-Clay
Councillor Shawn Brophy
Councillor Wayne Melanson
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Sterling Garvie

Absent:
Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Richelle MacLaughlin

Staff Present:
Shirlyn Donovan, CAO
Beth Schumacher, Municipal Clerk
Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities

Also Present:
Corey LeBlanc (by Zoom)
Gallery (by Zoom)
Matt Draper, XFM News

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Call to Order- Warden MacInnis

Warden MacInnis called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

Approval of Agenda

Warden MacInnis called for approval of the Council meeting agenda.

Min # 2026-123
Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Consideration of the September 8, 2026 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden MacInnis called for any errors or omissions in the minutes of September 8, 2026. Councillor Garvie noted that in Motion 2026-120, the vote count should be 8 in favour, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

Min # 2026-124
Moved and Seconded

That the minutes of September 8, 2026 be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegation

CACL Legacy Fund – Donald Chisholm, Jeff Teasdale

Members of the Legacy Fund Advisory Committee made a presentation to Council, requesting that the Municipality consider making an investment to the fund. The intention of the fund is to help for the long-term financial support of the organization.

The specific ask of the Municipality is an investment of $250,000 over 5 years, at $50,000/year.

Members of Council expressed their support for the organization, and what it adds to the community. A question was asked about the fund target, and how the interest earned on the fund would support the organization and capital investments. The Warden noted that the request is coming in the middle of the fiscal year, and further discussion at a future meeting is anticipated, to allow staff to provide the committee with a summary of room in the current budget and for planning for the upcoming year.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports

September 22, 2026 Asset Management Committee Report

Min # 2026-125
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council rejects all tenders and direct staff not to proceed with awarding the contract for the Mini Pitch washrooms.

Motion Carried

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September 22, 2026 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2026-126
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approved the Community Evacuation Plan as presented.

Motion Carried

Min # 2026-127
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council write-off the taxes for AAN 07202199, which was destroyed by fire, in the amount of $212.21.

Motion Carried

September 23, 2026 Joint Council Committee Report

No motions came forward from this report.

October 13, 2026 Audit Committee Report

Min # 2026-128
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approve the audited financial statements for 2025/2026 financial year as presented.

Motion Carried

October 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2026-129
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council awards the 2026/2027 Municipal Accessibility Fund year one, as recommended b the Accessibility Committee, to provide $15,000 to the Antigonish Royal Canadian Legion Branch 59 and $15,000 to SASHA, to enhance and increase accessibility at their entrances and access points to their buildings.

Motion Carried

Min # 2026-130
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council award the tender for the Supply and Installation of Sanitary Sewer Liner to Eastern Trenchless for a cost of $65,720.20 + HST.

Motion Carried

Min # 2026-131
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council grant an easement to CAW Developments for PID 10033173.

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Motion Carried

Min # 2026-132
Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council purchase 50 acres of PID 01313022 from RK Holdings for a purchase price of $100,000 + HST.

Motion Carried

Reports from Council Members on Outside Boards, Conferences, and Community Activities

- Deputy Warden Dunbar shared that the NSFM conference is taking place from Nov 3-6 in Halifax. He noted that the Museum Board met earlier in the month, and his report highlighted the Peace by Chocolate Shed popularity, September being very busy for visitors but quiet for events, and that later in the month there will be a ceilidh and Hallowe'en event. For the Arena Board he reported that they received grants and a lot of work has been done to renovate the building. St. FX KMC issues now mean that the arena is very busy. Exhibition successful and cleanup went well.
- Councillor MacLellan shared that she attended a Library meeting where they discussed financial conditions at the library and programs. She read through a list of the different programming available at the local branch. She also provided an ACALA meeting summary, with an explanation of the bursary awards that were recently awarded.
- Councillor Melanson gave an update from the Police Advisory Committee meeting that took place on October 8th.
- Councillor Garvie shared an Eastern Region Solid Waste Management meeting update, noting that the data call submissions are in, and sharing information about depots looking to fill gaps for collection of items for circular materials.
- Councillor Baden-Clay provided a reminder of the planning workshop on October 15th in Port Hawkesbury at the Civic Centre
- Councillor Brophy shared that the RK Board will be meeting on the 29th.
- Warden MacInnis shared that the Antigonish Rivers Association holding their fundraiser dinner later in the month, and that the event is sold out.

Motions

There were no motions.

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

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Adjournment

Min # 2026-133
Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council meeting adjourns at 8:21pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Nicholas MacInnis

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO

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