

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, September 22, 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 Richelle MacLaughlin
Councillor Shawn Brophy
Councillor Wayne Melanson
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Sterling Garvie

Absent: Councillor Adam Baden-Clay

Staff Present: Shirlyn Donovan, CAO
Beth Schumacher, Municipal Clerk
Cole MacIsaac, Director of Public Works

Call to Order- Warden MacInnis

Warden MacInnis called the meeting to order at 7:19pm.

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 September 8, 2026 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Warden MacInnis called for any errors or omissions in the minutes of September 8, 2026. Hearing none, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Continuing Business

Community Evacuation Plan

Mrs. Donovan spoke to the revised community evacuation plan, noting where the errors cited when the committee reviewed the document on September 8th have been corrected. Discussion about the opportunity of holding training sessions at community centres followed.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approved the Community Evacuation Plan as presented.

Motion Carried.

New Business

Fire Letter

Mrs. Donovan spoke to the memo included in the agenda package, for a write-off of taxes for a mini home that was destroyed by fire. A question was asked for clarification about mini homes and properties with respect to assessments and write-offs. A question was asked about whether the municipality could compel the owner to clean up the fire damage. Staff noted that they would follow-up regarding options.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal write-off the taxes for AAN 07202199, which was destroyed by fire, in the amount of \$212.21.

Motion Carried.

Reports from Inter-Municipal Boards, Committees, and Commissions

- Antigonish Heritage Museum Board – nothing to report. Next meeting on the first Monday of October.
- Antigonish Arena Association – nothing to report.
- Eastern District Planning Commission – a meeting was held on September 10th, where there was a discussion about the Coastal Protection Planning Project, and there is an upcoming EDPC information session for members of Council at PACs on October 15th.
- Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management – nothing to report. Next meeting is on September 24th.
- Pictou Antigonish Regional Library – nothing to report.
- RK MacDonald Nursing Home AGM on Thursday, September 24th. Executive meeting held last week. The new building project is on budget and on schedule, with recognition of Antigonish County representative (Fran Haley), as well as Terry and Camilla for all of their hard work on that Board.

- Helping Healthcare in Antigonish– notified the group that the County was going to be signing on for another 3-year term. Their coordinator reviewed the summer events, as well as those that are identified for the fall and winter. They are looking at opportunities for moving the theatre night event to the spring.
- Antigonish Affordable Housing Society – nothing to report.
- Antigonish County Adult Learners Association – nothing to report.
- Antigonish Community Transit Society – the new route report is being presented at the Joint Council meeting on September 23rd.
- Antigonish Regional EMO – nothing to report
- Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities –Fall conference November 3-6 in Halifax.

Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

Adjournment

Moved and Seconded

That Committee of the Whole meeting adjourns at 7:33 pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Nicholas MacInnis

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO