

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

Asset Management Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 5:30 pm
Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Present were: Warden Owen McCarron
Deputy Warden Hugh Stewart
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Bill MacFarlane
Councillor Harris McNamara
Councillor Shawn Brophy

Staff Present: Glenn Horne, CAO
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk
Shirlyn Donovan, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
Tammy Feltmate, Director of Sustainable Communities

1. Call to Order – Chairman, Councillor Bill MacFarlane

The meeting of the Asset Management Committee was called to order by the Chair, Councillor MacFarlane, at 5:29pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Councillor MacFarlane called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of April 19, 2022 Asset Management Minutes

Councillor MacFarlane called for any errors or omissions to the minutes of the previous meeting.

Moved and Seconded

That the Asset Management minutes of April 19, 2022 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Continuing Business**a. NS Department of Public Works Budget Discussion**

Mr. Horne spoke to the information supplied when a request was put forward to the NS Department of Public Works for a budget for transportation operations in the area. Mr. Horne noted that staff will be meeting with NS Department of Public Works staff to discuss roads concerns later in the week. Councillor MacDonald noted that the request should be returned to the provincial transportation team to see if more details can be provided on the distribution of funds and the percentage of the total roads budget being allocated in the County.

Councillor Brophy shared that some of the suggestions previously made by Council have been incorporated into operations, such as leaving the graders in the community when areas further out from the shop are being done and running the operator between the shop and the work site. Councillors noted that the reason for wanting to see the budget figures is to help Council better advocate to ensure adequate maintenance funds are allocated to the community.

6. New Business**ICIP Project Updates****Net Zero Community Buildings Project**

Ms. Feltmate provided members of the Committee with an overview of the Net Zero Community Buildings Project. A funding announcement is expected to be taking place on May 25, 2022, after which time the buildings that are included in the project will be made public. An agreement will be signed with Council's approval, and handouts of the work expected to be taking place at each building were provided to members of the Committee. On behalf of Council, Councillor MacFarlane thanked Ms. Feltmate for all of the work done on the project.

Moved and Seconded

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council authorize the Warden and CAO to sign the ICIP funding agreement for the Net Zero Community Buildings Project.

Motion Carried

Active Transportation Update

Ms. Melanson provided members of the Committee with an overview of the Active Transportation Project. A funding announcement is expected to be taking place on May 25, 2022. The anticipated phases of work to be done in each phase was shared for the Committee's information, as well as the overall links with the Active Transportation projects connecting through the Town of Antigonish.

A question was asked about the proposed crossing on Highway 337 at Mount Cameron at the Bethany Gardens entrance. Ms. Melanson noted that staff will be meeting with DTIR staff to discuss further information put forward as part of the request for that crossing. Ms. Melanson and the Recreation Team were thanked for all of the work that has been done on the project.

7. Additions to the Agenda

West River Bridge Sidewalk

Councillor MacFarlane raised a concern with the proposed active transportation amenities incorporated into the design of the new bridge being constructed over the West River on Trunk 7, being a 2-metre at-grade shoulder instead of a sidewalk. The province has indicated that there won't be a change in width of the bridge, and other options would have to be pursued. A suggestion was made to look at the external bridge design on Braemore Avenue in the Town. Discussion followed.

8. In Camera Items

This subject matter falls within Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act as a matter that a committee may discuss in a closed session. It is recommended a motion be made to initiate an in-camera session.

Moved and Seconded

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned to an In-Camera Session to discuss the Acquisition, Sale, Lease, and Security of Municipal Property, Personnel Matters, and Contract Negotiations at 6:08pm.

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded

That the in-camera session adjourns at 6:15 pm.

Motion Carried

9. **Adjournment**

Moved

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 6:15pm.

Motion Carried

Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Glenn Horne, CAO

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