

Committee of the Whole
September 1, 2026
Town Council Chambers

Present

Mayor Sean Cameron
Deputy Mayor Andrew Murray
Councillor Leon MacLellan
Councillor Patrick McKenna
Councillor Diane Roberts
Councillor Juanita Pelly
Councillor Jack Sullivan

Also in Attendance

Randy Delorey, CAO
Melanie Fougere, Municipal Clerk
Shannon Long, Marketing and Communications Officer
Kate MacInnis, Director of Community Development
Kyle Meisner, P. Eng., Director of Infrastructure and Engineering.

Gallery (In Person & Online)

1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgment

Mayor Cameron called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. and provided a land acknowledgement recognizing that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people and that we are all treaty people.

2. Additions to the Agenda

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The Mayor requested the addition of Item 6.3, Golf Fore Health and Item 6.4, Certificates for Recognition, to the agenda.

Motion: That the agenda be approved as amended.

Moved by: Councillor McKenna

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Murray

Motion carried.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Acceptance of Minutes

4.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 2, 2026

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held June 2, 2026, were accepted as presented.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Virtual Council Meeting Policy

Mr. Delorey reviewed a memorandum circulated to Council and noted that an amendment to the policy was required. The proposed policy requires two days' notice for virtual meetings, which would preclude emergency meetings as contemplated under the MGA. Emergency meetings would continue to be held in person where quorum can be achieved.

Committee members agreed to amend Section 3, *Special Meetings of Council*, by removing the reference to "Emergency" on page 7 of the policy.

Recommendation: That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council adopt the Virtual Council Meeting Policy, as amended.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Murray

Motion carried.

6. New Business

6.1 Antigonish Regional Emergency Management (AREMO) Evacuation Plan

Recommendation Motion: That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council adopt the AREMO Evacuation Plan.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Murray

Motion carried.

6.2 Town of Antigonish Technology Use – Policy

The policy was circulated in Council's meeting package. The CAO noted that several municipalities fall under Strait IT and that, while the Town has not previously had a Technology Use Policy, the Board felt it would be a best practice to establish one proactively.

Recommendation Motion: That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council adopt the Town of Antigonish Technology Use Policy.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded by: Councillor Sullivan

Motion carried.

6.3 Golf Fore Health

Mayor Cameron advised that Council has typically entered a team in the Golf Fore Health tournament in previous years. Staff will review and determine whether the Town will enter a team. The registration fee is \$1,200. The event is scheduled for September 11, 2026.

The Municipal Clerk will follow up and report back to Council.

6.4 Certificate of Recognitions

Mayor Cameron discussed potential recipients for future Certificates of Recognition. Council expressed support for recognizing community members and retirees at a future Regular Council Meeting.

7. Correspondence

7.1 British Home Child Day Sept 28th – Illumination Request

This item was received for information. Staff will illuminate the Town Hall lights in blue in recognition of British Home Child Day.

7.2 Letter from Strait Area Chiefs, Mayors, Wardens re: Cell Service

Council expressed general support for the request and agreed that a letter of support be prepared.

7.3 International ArtsGames Committee's (IAC) – Global Initiative

Correspondence regarding the International ArtsGames Committee's Global Initiative was included in Council's package. Councillor McKenna spoke to the request and suggested staff obtain additional information.

Mayor Cameron advised that he had spoken with a representative and plans to meet virtually to gather further information regarding the initiative.

K Meisner joined the meeting at 6:57 pm.

8. Councillor & Committee Reports

Councillor and committee reports submitted in advance were included in Council's meeting package.

Councillor Roberts advised of an upcoming Police and License Committee meeting scheduled for September 24.

Deputy Mayor Murray reported that committee activity had slowed during the summer months and advised that a Beautification Committee meeting would be scheduled in the near future.

Councillor Sullivan provided an update from the Infrastructure Committee meeting held on August 11, including the status of the GRID Mod Project, Active Transportation Trail, screener project, source water wells, and Bay Street project. Discussion followed regarding construction management, contractor performance evaluations, traffic control measures, and project scheduling.

Councillor McKenna provided updates regarding Pictou Antigonish Regional Library (PARL) fundraising activities and the Accessibility Committee, noting that a meeting is anticipated in late September or early October.

Councillor MacLellan advised that the Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC) will host a seminar for councillors on October 15 regarding the role and function of the Commission.

Councillor MacLellan also discussed infrastructure concerns related to a sewer servicing matter on Fairview Street.

Council discussed residential development activity and road line painting within the Town.

Mayor Cameron provided updates regarding recent and upcoming community events, meetings, and regional initiatives, including student house visits, the Jerome McCarron Pavilion, Music on Main Street, the Eastern Exhibition, the Atlantic Mayors' Congress, and upcoming meetings with community and government partners. The Mayor also shared correspondence received from the Imagination Library program and L'Arche Antigonish.

9. Adjournment

With no further business, Deputy Mayor Murray moved for adjournment at 7:40 p.m.



Mayor Sean Cameron

Randy Delorey, CAO