



TOWN OF ANTIGONISH
INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN
TOPICS, GOALS AND STRATEGIES
DRAFT (OCTOBER 20, 2008)

No.	ICSP Topic	Goal / Objective	Proposed Strategy/Action	Pillar	Priority level	Time Frame
1	Regional and Provincial Collaboration	Maximize benefits for residents of both municipalities, Town and County, municipalities in the region and the Province through collaboration	Work toward updated agreements with the County (Water and Sewer) and on other outstanding areas; Propose Town/County joint committee to work on commonalities and develop a common vision. Continue to work with the region's municipalities to identify common challenges and prepare a course of action.	All Pillars	1	2009-2025
2	Emergency Measures plans, facilities, equipment	Have plans and procedures in place for continuity of the Town and its citizens in case of crisis.	Prepare Pandemic and Business Continuity plans; Enhance EMO Hazard Response plans.	All Pillars	1	2010-2012
3	Sustainable Performance Indicators	Enable the Community to measure and benchmark performance in the environmental, economic, social and cultural pillars of sustainability.	Study to conduct analysis and establish baseline indicators as part of a comprehensive database and on-line information system of sustainable performance indicators	All Pillars	2	2010-2012
4	Advancement of Youth	Increase community engagement of youth.	Development of youth recreation options for programs (e.g., teen dance, afterschool programs, tutoring services, leadership, cultural dance, nature hiking, canoeing, L'Arche Youth Programs, Educational Expeditions). Increase recreation areas for teenagers (i.e., skatepark, outdoor rink, outdoor basketball courts).	Cultural, Social	1	2010-2025
5	Education	Kuli -- not sure what this Goal/Objective means:Foster education and establish state-of-the-art local information zone for public	Establish a new library that can serve the growing needs of citizens.	Cultural, Social	1	2010
6	Heritage Buildings	Promote the retention and enhancement of heritage buildings; apply placemaking and urban design principles	Develop and implement a Heritage Promotion Strategy, review building list for possible heritage property designations and interpretive panels.	Cultural	2	2010-2015
7	Ethnic diversity	Raise profile of other ethnicities while maintaining local distinctiveness and ensuring both are valued and protected.	Research into current perceptions and acceptance of other cultural groups. Create community activities around the appreciation of other cultures (e.g. Antigonish Multi Cultural Fest)	Cultural	2	2010-2025
8	Tourism - Festivals and Events	Maintain continuity and enhance current festivals and events. Foster increased appreciation for culture and arts.	Inventory festivals and events and develop a plan to enhance and sustain them; foster cultural appreciation through musicals, theatre, concerts, performances.	Cultural, Social, Economic	2	2010-2025

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9	Tourism - Destination & Marketing	Increase knowledge of Antigonish area and its attractions and promote sustainable tourism	Conduct a destination audit and consider establishment of a Destination Marketing Organization for the Antigonish area. Maintain and increase emphasis on museum, eco-tourism, events and family attractions.	Economic, Cultural	1	2010-2015
10	Economic Development	Encourage a broad range of economic activity within the community; support a strong central commercial district.	Strengthen the economic development strategy with the Regional Development Authority	Economic	1	2009-2011
11	Economic Infrastructure Enhancement	Improved way-finding, circulation and parking in support of the Commercial core.	Planning Study leading to policy development and infrastructure improvements including resurfacing of main arteries for the purpose of economic sustainability of the commercial core.	Economic, Cultural	2	2010-2025
12	Destination Antigonish	Highlight Antigonish as a high-quality destination for livability.	Work with all major stakeholder's within the community (County, RDA, StFX etc) to develop strong marketing campaigns for the livability of area, education and work/business ventures.	Economic, Social	1	2010-2025
13	Asset-based economic growth opportunities	Identify economic spinoff opportunities from existing assets in the communities such as the University and GASHA.	Identify opportunities for business growth in key sectors: education, healthcare, energy, agriculture, IT services, tourism.	Economic	2	2009-2025
14	Support local procurement	Encourage community support for purchase of local products.	Raise public awareness of the benefits of local procurement. Facilitate local purchasing programs.	Economic	1	2009-2025
15	Downtown vitalization	Capture and maintain 'uniqueness' of downtown core and enhance attractiveness of neighbourhoods	Maintain a downtown core with various shops, restaurants and service providers selling products and services that meet the needs of the local population and tourists; conduct a planning study leading to policy development	Economic	3	2015-2025
16	Green living	Develop a social 'norm' of green living	Develop and implement educational strategy, tools and incentives to promote sustainable living.	Environmental	1	2010-2015
17	Climate Change adaptation	Identify potential impacts from sea-level rise and temperature fluctuations including impacts on flood-prone areas.	Conduct storm surge/sea level rise risk assessment and coastal zone mapping/modeling; prepare action plan; map areas, assess risk using precipitation records, develop an applicable strategy for protection.	Environmental, Economic, Social	2	2012-2015
18	Energy planning (conservation and greenhouse gas reduction)	Encourage energy conservation; annual reduction in municipal energy expenditures	Conduct municipal energy audit; retrofit older buildings for energy efficiency; develop staff awareness program and community awareness program; investigate feasibility of alternative energy sources in municipal buildings	Environmental	1	2010-2012
19	Pesticide Reduction	Reduction/elimination of cosmetic pesticide use	Prepare a cosmetic pesticide reduction plan and policy/by-law; education programs	Environmental, Social	1	2009-2012

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20	Municipal road and transit infrastructure	Ongoing infrastructure improvements and improved road safety	Develop and Implement Infrastructure Mangement Plan, Repacement of East Main Bridge, Prepare plan of action for new emergy route to hospital	Economic, Social	1	2009-2025
21	Municipal water supply watersheds, including aquifers feeding individual wells.	Develop a source water protection plan; protect natural watercourses; lower water misuse and waste.	Conduct an inventory and risk assessment, whichever municipality they serve; collaborate with any other municipalities involved in water supply; develop strategy for protection, if appropriate; develop stream rehabilitation program; complete water metering for all residential, commercial and industrial buildings.	Environmental, Economic, Social	2	2010-2015
22	Preservation of biodiversity and wildlife habitat.	Protect critical wildlife ecosystems.	Do inventory and risk assessment for wetlands; develop strategy for protection, if appropriate; map ecologically sensitive areas; develop an environmental awareness plan for the community.	Environmental	2	2015-2025
23	Promotion of Sustainable Lifestyles	Working in collaboration with residents, organizations and experts, build awareness and share alternative solutions to lower the footprint of Antigonish.	Support existing initiatives of community organizations and the Framework for Antigonish as a Leading Sustainable Community to achieve this goal.	Environmental, Social	2	2008-2015
24	Waste Management	Reduction in volume of waste produced and exploring new approaches.	Enhance the solid waste disposal strategy; increase public awareness (reduction, recycle, reuse), encourage provincial standards and ownership.	Environmental	3	2009-2020
25	Storm water management and control	Ensure effective utilization of available water sources	Develop and implement storm water management strategy and infrastructure improvements; storm drainage improvements.	Environmental	2	2012-2015
26	Sustainable Energy	Lower dependence on Fossil-fuel based energy	Continue to explore alternatives: Wind power development; hydro development; solar; geo-thermal; district heating (co-gen) for municipal operations including power utility and sewage treatment plant.	Environmental, Economic	1	2009-2025
27	Sustainable Planning and Development	Encourage a mix of land uses and building types within the community.	Full revision of the Municipal Planning Strategy/Land Use By-law; investigate feasibility of LEED approach to community planning.	Environmental	2	2009-2015
28	Sustainable Procurement (municipal)	Purchase of sustainable products and services	Develop and implement a sustainable procurement plan for the municipality.	Environmental	1	2009-2012
29	Sustainable Transportation	Increase public's access to sustainable transportation options.	Examine the feasibility of a town/county public transit system, allowing for transportation between communities.	Environmental, Social, Economic	2	2009-2015
30	Community Partnerships	Promote awareness and strengthen existing community partnerships.	As well as engaging existing partnerships, identify new partnerships to work on advancing sustainability and prosperity of the area.	Social	1	2009-2025

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31	Recreation facilities	Increase the quality of existing facilities bringing them to Provincial/established standards.	Identify and implement a preventative maintenance plan; work with community user groups on long range plan, conduct an annual playground safety audit.	Social	1	2009-2015
32	Volunteerism	Encourage, promote and celebrate value of volunteer work/opportunities for all citizens.	Explore opportunity to develop an information forum in a central location for people to explore volunteer opportunities. This can be achieved through traditional and online media as well as housed in a downtown location. Recognition will be given through awards.	Social	3	2009-2025
33	Active lifestyles	Promote active lifestyles and social environment, promote healthy outdoor living to all.	Promote through various community efforts such as implementation of community garden; promotion of trails and facilities for diverse interest groups; carry out an active transportation study for new walking and biking opportunities; develop a community open/green space strategy.	Social	2	2009-2025
34	Accessible Facilities	All public facilities should be accessible.	Do inventory and assess municipal and other buildings open to the public; develop strategy for making municipal buildings accessible, if appropriate; develop awareness program for other public buildings.	Social	2	2010-2015
35	Affordable Housing	Encourage a variety of housing types including affordable housing.	Review housing needs; develop a strategy for provision in MPS, if appropriate.	Social	1	2010-2025
36	Demographics	Proactive response to changing demographics.	Develop a plan of action to manage the impact of demographic changes	Social	3	2009-2025
37	Emergency Services	Maintain high quality of public safety and emergency services.	Conduct an inventory of existing equipment and revise maintenance plans, establish a neighbourhood safety program.	Social, Economic	2	2009-2015
38	Equality of Access	Increase access to Town Recreation programs for underprivileged individuals.	Conduct an inventory of shortfall on Town Recreation programs and facilities in order to identify mechanisms to enhance accessibility for underprivileged and physically disabled individuals.	Social	1	2009-2025
39	Open, green, and public spaces	Maintain and protect a variety of public open spaces for current and future generations	Inventory and map existing open spaces, identify potential new open spaces and prepare a long-term strategy to enhance, link, and expand public green and open spaces	Social	3	2010-2015
40	Food Security	Lower dependence on imported food and increase dependence on local and organic food.	Work with the County to encourage rural areas to ensure sustainable agricultural lands for food production.	Social, Environmental	2	2010-2012