

**Regular Council Meeting  
September 15, 2025  
Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

Mayor S. Cameron  
Councillor L. MacLellan  
Councillor A. Murray  
Councillor J. Pelly  
Councillor J. Sullivan  
Councillor P. McKenna

**Regrets**

Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

**Also in Attendance**

R. Delorey, CAO  
M. Fougere, Deputy Clerk  
M. Barkhouse, Director of Corporate Services  
S. Long, Director of Community Development  
K. Meisner, P. Eng., Director of Infrastructure and Engineering  
M. Williams, Marketing and Communications Officer

**Media**

Members of the Gallery

**1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement**

Mayor S. Cameron called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people and recognized that we are all treaty people.

**2. Approval of Agenda as Amended**

Amendments to the Agenda:

**Addition:** Item 4.4 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Flag Request

**Removals:** Item 4.2 – Proclamation – Seniors for Climate (completed); Item 7.3 – Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition – Request for Financial Support

**Motion:** To approve the Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Councillor McKenna

Seconded by: Councillor Murray

**Motion Carried**

**3. Acceptance of the Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – August 18, 2025

3.2 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting – September 2, 2025

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 18, 2025, and the Special Council Meeting of September 2, 2025, were accepted as presented.

#### **4. Presentations/Proclamations/Flag Requests**

##### **4.1 Certificate of Appreciation – Oona Landry**

Council recognized Ms. Oona Landry for her outstanding dedication and over 30 years of service with the Town of Antigonish Beautification Committee. Councillor A. Murray presented Ms. Landry with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her long-standing contributions. In addition, Councillor Murray presented a hand-drawn artwork he created on behalf of the Beautification Committee to honour her efforts. A photo was taken with Council members and several past Beautification Committee members to commemorate the occasion.

##### **4.2 Proclamation – Seniors for Climate Day**

This item was previously proclaimed at the September 2nd Committee of the Whole Meeting and has therefore been removed from the agenda.

##### **4.3 Cadets Day – Flag Request**

Flag request received from the 285 Royal Canadian Army Cadets and the 875 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.

**Motion:** That Council approve the flag raising request for 285 Royal Canadian Army Cadets and the 875 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.

Moved by: Councillor McKenna

Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

**Motion Carried**

##### **4.4 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Flag Request**

Flag request received from Town Staff.

**Motion:** That Council approve the Town's flag raising request for the Truth and Reconciliation Flag to be flown on the afternoon of September 29 and remain up until October 2, to recognize both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30 and Nova Scotia Treaty Day on October 1.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded by: Councillor McKenna

**Motion Carried**

#### **5. Business from Committee of the Whole**

##### **5.1 Capital Projects – Bay Street & West Street**

K. Meisner provided a brief update on upcoming capital projects, including Bay Street, West Street/James Street, and the Sewage Treatment Plant front-end upgrades. Council discussed project timelines, tendering, and communication planning.

**Motion:**

That Phase 1 of the Bay Street project proceed along with the West Street tender.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded by: Councillor McKenna

**Motion Carried**

Council noted that Phase 2 of Bay Street is anticipated to go to tender in January 2026, with no impact to CHIF funding eligibility.

**6. Business from the Minutes**

**6.1 Water & Sewer Update**

K. Meisner provided an update on the 2025 odour issue at the Sewage Treatment Plant, noting improvements from the previous year and outlining temporary mitigation efforts. Infrastructure upgrades and completion of the screening project by next summer are expected to further reduce odours.

Updates were provided on the Screening Equipment Tender, the awarded Sewage Flow Study, and ongoing Source Water and Conservation initiatives. Council commended staff for their management of tenders, capital projects, and conservation efforts.

The Mayor suggested partnering with St. Francis Xavier University to promote proper flushing practices and provide educational materials to local businesses.

Recess: 7:55 p.m.

Reconvened: 8:08 p.m.

**7. Correspondence/Sponsorships**

**7.1 Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library -Annual Report**

Councillor McKenna, the Town's representative on the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Board, provided an update on the Annual Report, noting that October is Library Month and that several initiatives are underway across the library system. The Mayor highlighted that the Antigonish Branch continues to lead the region in patron visits and noted that the newly revamped Pictou Library, now co-located with the deCoste Centre, looks fantastic.

**7.2 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Concert – Request for Financial Support**

**Motion:** That Town Council approve a contribution of \$1,000 from the Council Discretionary Fund to support the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Concert.

Moved by: Councillor McKenna

Seconded by: Councillor Sullivan

**Motion Carried**

**7.3 Genwell Human Connection Movement Workshop – Request for Financial Support**

After discussion, Council agreed to remove this item from the agenda. No motions were made.

**7.4 Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition - Request for Financial Support**

This item was removed from the agenda at the start of the meeting. Mayor noted that it will be brought back at a future meeting when additional information is available.

**7.5 2025 Paqtnkek Traditional Powwow (Information Only)**

A request was received for support of the 2025 Paqtnkek Traditional Powwow. This item was provided for information purposes only, as it falls under the Town's sponsorship program. No motion was made.

**8. Staff Reports**

Council discussed various staff reports. Comments were made on the Good Neighbours program, noting reduced participation and simpler packages this year.

The Mayor recognized the contributions of the Acting Marketing and Communications Officer, M. Williams who is leaving her term with the Town to pursue a new position elsewhere. He congratulated her on her work and noted that she will be missed by the Town.

It was moved by Councillor MacLellan to go In Camera at 8:31 p.m.

**9. In-Camera**

**9.1** Contract negotiations; MGA Sec 22 (2) (e)

**9.2** Personnel Matters; MGA Sec 22 (2) (c)

**10. Adjournment**

Council moved out of the In Camera session at 9:52 p.m., and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Sean Cameron



Randy Delorey, CAO