

**Committee of the Whole  
January 6, 2026  
Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

Mayor S. Cameron  
Deputy Mayor A. Murray  
Councillor L. MacLellan  
Councillor, P. McKenna  
Councillor D. Roberts  
Councillor J. Pelly  
Councillor J. Sullivan

**Also in Attendance**

R. Delorey, CAO  
M. Fougere, Municipal Clerk  
K. Meisner, P.Eng., Director of Infrastructure and Engineering

Gallery (Online)

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

Mayor S. Cameron called the meeting to order at 6:06 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. Approval of the Agenda**

**2.1 Additions/Amendments**

**Motion:** That the Agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Roberts

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Murray

**Motion Carried**

**3. Conflict of Interest**

Councillor McKenna declared a conflict of interest for item 8.1.

**4. Acceptance of Minutes**

**4.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 2, 2025**

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on December 2, 2025, were accepted as presented.

## **5. Presentations/Flag Requests**

### **5.1 NSFMM Recognition Presentation**

Deputy Mayor A. Murray presented Mayor Sean Cameron with a plaque of recognition on behalf of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, recognizing 20 years of dedicated service to municipal government in the Province of Nova Scotia.

A photo opportunity followed.

### **5.2 Pan-African Flag Request**

Council received a request from the African Culture Heritage Awareness Association Committee (ACHAAC) Zone 7 to raise the Pan-African Flag from February 1 to 28, 2026. A copy of the request was included in the Council package. Council discussed the request and will consider it at the January Regular Council meeting.

## **6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Capital Update 2026-2027**

Director of Infrastructure Engineering, K. Meisner, P. Eng, provided a presentation on the proposed Capital Plan for 2026 and 2027. The presentation outlined planned projects and priorities based on Council's strategic priorities and the Town's current needs.

Key projects discussed included:

- Bay Street improvements (Phase 1: Haley Road to Railway Tracks; Phase 2: Railway Tracks to Town boundary)
- West/James Street upgrades
- Sewage Treatment Plant front-end upgrades
- Public Works equipment purchases
- Source test wells
- Sidewalk installation at Greening Drive
- Electric Grid Modernization

Council asked questions regarding project timing, construction impacts, sequencing, and funding allocations. K. Meisner noted that some projects will carry over into 2026/2027 to ensure completion. Updates were provided on construction scheduling, potential night work, and public communications.

The Mayor and Council thanked K. Meisner for his presentation.

## **8. Correspondence**

### **8.1 Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) – Feb 28, 2026**

Councillor McKenna recused himself from the table for this item as he declared a conflict.

Council received a request from the National Coldest Night of the Year event, in partnership with the local Naomi Society, to illuminate Town Hall in the event's signature

colors on Saturday, February 28, 2026. Council discussed the request and will consider a final decision at the January Regular Council meeting.

Mayor suggested forming a team to support the event, and a sign-up sheet will be circulated.

#### **9. Councillor Reports**

Councillor reports were circulated in the agenda package. By general consent, the reports were accepted as submitted and not read aloud.

The Mayor also noted the upcoming Public Hearing scheduled for January 13 and requested that it be widely advertised, including on the Town's website and through radio announcements.

#### **10. Committee Reports**

Committee reports have been submitted for inclusion in the Council's Committee of the Whole agenda package. These reports summarize recent activities, discussions, and updates from the various committees to which members of Council are appointed. Only reports received at the time of agenda preparation have been included.

##### **Councillor Roberts**

Councillor Roberts reported on the ACTS meeting held in December, during which Richie Conners, from Antigonish Community Transit Society (ACTS) provided an update from Happy Cities. The update included information on a proposed \$25.00 per-semester transit fee for students, intended to encourage use of the transit system.

##### **Councillor MacLellan**

Councillor MacLellan submitted a report, which was circulated in the agenda package.

#### **Council Recess and In Camera Session**

Council recessed at 8:29 p.m.  
Moved by: Councillor Roberts  
Seconded by: Councillor Sullivan

**Motion carried.**

At 8:40 p.m. Council moved to an In Camera session to discuss Contract Negotiations and Personnel matters under the Municipal Government Act.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Murray  
Seconded by: Councillor McKenna

**Motion carried.**

**11. In-Camera**

**11.1 Contract Negotiations (MGA Section 22(2)(e))**

**11.2 Personnel Matters (MGA Section 22(2)(c))**

Moved to come out of the In-Camera at 9:28 p.m.


Moved by: Deputy Mayor Murray

Seconded by: Councillor McKenna

**Motion carried.**

**12. Adjournment**

With no further business, Councillor Pelly moved for Adjournment at 9:28 p.m.



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Mayor Sean Cameron



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Randy Delorey, CAO