THE TOWN OF ANTIGONISH

Committee of the Whole
October 6, 2026
Town Council Chambers

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

Regrets
Councillor Leon MacLellan

Also in Attendance
Randy Delorey, CAO
Melanie Fougere, Municipal Clerk
Shannon Long, Marketing and Communications Officer
Kyle Meisner, P. Eng., Director of Infrastructure and Engineering

Gallery (Online)

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

   Mayor Cameron called the meeting to order at 6:05 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.

   Mayor Cameron provided brief remarks regarding the recent Homecoming weekend and acknowledged the attendance and contributions of representatives from St. Francis Xavier University.

2. **Additions to the Agenda**

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   Councillor McKenna and Deputy Mayor Murray requested the addition of Lighting under Section 6.7 New Business.
   Motion: That the agenda be approved as amended.
   Moved by: Councillor Sullivan
   Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Murray

   Motion Carried.

3. **Conflict of Interest**

   Councillor McKenna declared a conflict of interest regarding Item 7.1, Naomi Society - Request for Letter of Support.

4. Consent Agenda Items

4.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 1, 2026
4.2 Proclamation: National Disability Employment Awareness Month
4.3 National Disability Employment Awareness Month Illumination Request (Information Only)

Motion: That Council accept the Consent Agenda as presented.
Moved by: Councillor McKenna
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Murray

Motion Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

6. New Business

6.1 E-Scooter, E-Bike, and Shared Micromobility Operating Policy

The CAO provided an overview of the proposed E-Scooter, E-Bike and Shared Micromobility Operating Policy and highlighted feedback received from neighbouring municipalities and the RCMP.

Council discussed:

- Whether e-scooters and e-bikes should be permitted on Active Transportation pathways;
- Whether the Town should permit one or multiple shared mobility operators; and
- Potential enforcement challenges, safety considerations, speed limits and parking requirements.

Council generally supported permitting e-scooters and e-bikes on Active Transportation pathways to maintain connectivity with County trails. Discussion also occurred regarding limiting the number of operators, parking locations for shared mobility devices, and ensuring appropriate operating speeds near pedestrians.

Staff will revise the draft policy and by-law based on Council's feedback and return with a final draft for Council's consideration.

6.2 E-Scooter By-Law

The E-Scooter By-Law was discussed in conjunction with Item 6.1.

6.3 Capital Infrastructure Update

Director of Infrastructure and Engineering, Kyle Meisner, presented an update on the Town's 2026-2027 Capital Program, including completed projects, projects currently underway, projects deferred due to staffing or scheduling constraints, and upcoming tender opportunities.

Mr. Meisner also provided an overview of ongoing work related to the Sewer Flow Study, Parking and Traffic Study, Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades, and asset management initiatives.
Council discussed priorities for the 2027-2028 Capital Program, including Bay Street, James Street, Hospital Way, traffic impacts, funding opportunities, and construction

scheduling. Staff were directed to further analyze project costs, funding opportunities, and construction implications before bringing recommendations forward during budget deliberations.

Council expressed interest in receiving a future presentation regarding the Town's asset management program and long-term infrastructure planning.

6.4 Dr. JJ Carroll Grant Recipients 2026 – Memorandum

A memo regarding the 2026 Dr. J.J. Carroll Grant recipients was provided for Council's information.

6.5 Recreation Committee Council Vacancy (1) – Memorandum

Mayor Cameron called for nominations to fill the vacant Council representative position on the Recreation Committee.

Discussion occurred regarding committee appointments and Council member workload. Councillor McKenna requested that the Town's Advisory Committee Policy be reviewed with respect to Council representation requirements.
Staff were directed to bring the matter forward for future consideration.

6.6 Rescheduling of the November 3, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting to November 2, 2026

Council discussed rescheduling the November 3, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to November 2, 2026, as most members of Council would be out of town attending the Fall NSFM Conference.

6.7 Lighting

Council discussed street lighting concerns in several areas of Town, including the Church Street/Sydney Street intersection and the St. Ninian Street Active Transportation Trail.
Members noted changes in illumination levels associated with LED streetlights and discussed the potential need for a community-wide lighting review to identify areas requiring improvement.

Staff were requested to consider lighting requirements in future infrastructure and Active Transportation projects.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Naomi Society – Request for letter of Support

Councillor McKenna declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussion.

Council reviewed a request from Naomi Society for a letter of support for its Second Stage Housing Project.
Council expressed support for the request and directed staff to prepare a letter of support.

8. Councillor & Committee Reports

Council received the October 6, 2026, Councillor and Committee Reports for information. Councillors provided additional verbal updates regarding recent committee activities and community initiatives, including the Police and Licensing Committee, Accessibility Committee, PARL fundraising efforts, healthcare fundraising initiatives, Arena Board operations, and upcoming committee meetings.

Recommendation from the Police and License Committee
Motion: That the Police and License Committee recommend that Town Council direct the CAO to send a letter to the Strait Regional Centre for Education (SRCE) requesting that designated school bus routes be identified.
Moved by: Councillor Roberts
Seconded by: Councillor Sullivan

Motion Carried.

Motion: That Council move In Camera at 8:04 p.m., pursuant to Sections 22(2)(a), 22(2)(c), 22(2)(e), and 22(2)(g) of the Municipal Government Act.
Moved by: Councillor McKenna
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Murray

Motion Carried.

9. In-Camera

9.1 Personnel Matters MGA Sec 22(2)(c)
9.2 Acquisition, sale, lease and security of Municipal Property MGA Sec 22(2)(a)
9.3 Contract Negotiations MGA Sec 22(2)(e)
9.4 Legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege MGA Sec 22(2)(g)

Council rose from the In Camera session at 8:51 p.m.

10. Adjournment

With no further business, Councillor Roberts moved for adjournment at 8:51 p.m.

Mayor Sean Cameron

Randy Delorey, CAO