

**Regular Council Meeting
February 17, 2026
Town Council Chambers**

Present

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

Also in Attendance

R. Delorey, CAO
M. Fougere, Municipal Clerk
S. Long, Marketing and Communications
M. Barkhouse, Director of Corporate Development
K. MacInnis, Director of Community Development

Gallery (online)

1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement

Mayor S. Cameron called the meeting to order at 6:45 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

2.1 Additions/Amendments

Councillor MacLellan requested the addition of one In-Camera item under contract negotiations. (Item 11.1)

Deputy Mayor Murray requested the addition of a second In-Camera item under Personnel Matters. (Item 11.2)

Mayor Cameron advised that Item 5.1 would be moved within the agenda.

Motion: That the Agenda be approved as amended.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Murray

Seconded by: Councillor McKenna

Motion carried.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Acceptance of Minutes

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – January 19, 2026

4.2 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting – February 3, 2026

The above minutes were accepted as presented.

5. Presentations / Proclamations

5.1 Recognition - 2025 Engineers Nova Scotia Award Recipient

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

5.2 Amyloidosis Awareness Month March 2026– Proclamation

Mayor read a proclamation aloud and claimed Amyloidosis Awareness as the Month of March 2026 in the Town of Antigonish.

6. Business from Committee of the Whole

6.2 CWL Funeral Reception – Financial Support

Motion: That Town Council approve a donation to the Catholic Women’s League (CWL) in the amount of \$100.00 for the funeral luncheon for the late Liz Chisholm, former Town Councillor, with funds to be allocated from Council’s Discretionary fund.

Moved: Councillor McKenna

Seconded: Councillor MacLellan

Motion carried.

6.3 Sympathy & Gifts Policy

Motion: That Town Council approve amendment to the Town’s Sympathy Gifts Policy to update section 5 to increase the financial limit from \$50.00 to \$100.00.

Moved: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded: Councillor Pelly

Motion carried.

Motion: That Town Council approve amendment to the Town’s Sympathy Gifts Policy to update section 1.1 definition of “employee” to include “current contractors paid directly by the Town of Antigonish”.

Moved: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded: Councillor Roberts

Motion carried.

6.4 9th Annual Business Ability Banquet – CACL

Motion: That Town Council approve sponsorship of the CACL Annual Business Ability Banquet at a cost of \$2000.00 from Council’s Discretionary funds.

Moved by: Councillor Roberts

Seconded by: Councillor Pelly

Motion carried.

Following the motion, Council discussed scheduling adjustments to accommodate attendance at the event.

- Committee of the Whole Meeting: Council agreed to move the Committee of the Whole meeting to Monday, March 2, 2026 for this month only.
- Regular Council Meetings: Mayor Cameron inquired whether Council wished to permanently change the regular Council meeting date. Council agreed that going forward, regular Council meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month instead of the third Monday.

All members of Council indicated their intent to attend the banquet, and a table of eight will be reserved.

6.5 A Taste of Solidarity: Community Women's Day Tea at Coady – March 8, 2026

Motion: That Town Council approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Community Women's Day Tea at Coady with funds to be allocated from Council's Discretionary fund.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Murray

Motion carried.

7. Business from the Minutes

No items carried forward.

8. New Business

8.1 Water Utility Budget

Motion: That Council approve the 2025-2026 Water Utility Budget as presented and recommend by the Audit Committee.

Moved: Councillor Pelly

Seconded: Councillor Roberts

Motion carried.

8.2 Electric Utility Budget

Motion: That Council approve the 2025-2026 Electric Utility Budget as presented and recommended by the Audit Committee.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Murray

Seconded by: Councillor Sullivan

Motion carried.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Puck for Purpose Annual Banquet

Motion: That Council approve \$400.00 to purchase a table for the Pucks for Purpose with funds to be allocated from Council's Discretionary fund.

Moved by: Councillor Sullivan

Seconded by: Councillor McKenna

Motion carried.

10. Staff Reports

Council discussed items contained within the Staff Reports included in the agenda package. Members of Council asked several questions of staff regarding parking enforcement, pothole repairs, the Town's snow removal operations, and recruitment for a Powerline Technician. Staff provided responses and updates.

11. In-Camera Session

Motion: That Council move In-Camera at 7:21 p.m. pursuant to Section 22(2)(e) and Section 22(2)(c) of the Municipal Government Act.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded by: Councillor McKenna

Motion carried.

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

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

Council rose from the In-Camera session at 8:45 p.m.

12. Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Mayor Sean Cameron



Randy Delorey, CAO