

**Regular Council Meeting  
May 19, 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  
M. Barkhouse, Director of Corporate Services  
S. Long, Marketing and Communications Officer

**Media**

Gallery (online)

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

Mayor S. Cameron called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. 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**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.3 Rain Barrels – Councillor Roberts
- 8.5 VON (Victorian Order of Nurses) – Councillor Roberts
- 8.6 Highland Society – Mayor Cameron

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

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded by: Councillor McKenna

**Motion carried.**

**3. Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts on interest were declared.

**4. Acceptance of Minutes**

- 4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – April 21, 2026
- 4.2 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting – April 20, 2026
- 4.3 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting – April 23, 2026
- 4.4 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting – May 5, 2026
- 4.5 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting – May 6, 2026
- 4.6 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting – May 11, 2026

Minutes were accepted as presented.

**5. Consent Agenda Items**

**5.1 Access Awareness Week Flag Request**

**5.2 Pride Flag Request**

**Motion:** That the consent agenda items be approved as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Roberts

Seconded by: Councillor Pelly

**Motion carried.**

**6. Business from Committee of the Whole**

**6.1 James River Watershed Stewardship Board (JRWSB) Policy**

CAO, R. Delorey, advised that amendments have been made to the policy since its initial adoption by Council. The revised policy was circulated in the Council package.

**Motion:** That Council adopt the James River Watershed Stewardship Board and Source Water Protection Advisory Committee Policy.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded by: Councillor Roberts

**Motion carried.**

Direction was provided to staff to draft a policy addressing virtual attendance at meetings.

**7. Business from the Minutes**

**7.1 Approval of the Water Utility Budget**

The proposed Water Utility Budget was circulated in the Council package for review. It was noted that, while the budget had been considered during prior budget deliberations, a formal motion for approval had not been made.

**Motion:** That Council approve the Water Utility Budget as presented.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded by: Councillor Pelly

**Motion carried.**

**7.2 Selection of the RFP – Performance Evaluation of the CAO**

Council considered the results of the RFP process for the CAO performance evaluation.

**Motion:** That Council approve JD Strategy as the successful proponent to undertake the CAO performance evaluation process.

Moved by: Councillor McKenna

Seconded by: Councillor Pelly

**Motion carried.**

### **7.3 Rain Barrells – Councillor Roberts**

Councillor Roberts inquired about the availability of rain barrels locally, noting difficulty locating them for purchase. The CAO advised that rain barrels must be purchased prior to applying for the rebate, noting that the Town has received a number of applications to date, approximately a dozen.

It was further noted that if local retailers are sold out, additional stock may be ordered.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 Volunteer of the Year Award – Nominations**

A memo regarding the 2026 Volunteer of the Year selection process was circulated in the Council package. Council reviewed the two nominations received.

**Motion:** That Council select Elliott Anderson as the Town of Antigonish 2026 Volunteer of the Year.

Moved by: Councillor Pelly

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Murray

**Motion carried.**

It was suggested that future items of this nature could be referred to the Recreation Committee for review, with recommendations then brought forward to Council.

### **8.2 Bay Street / Eastern Main Street Mid-Block Crosswalk – Memo**

A memo regarding the proposed mid-block crosswalk on East Main Street was circulated in the Council package.

No further discussion took place.

### **8.3 Public Presentations – Memo**

A memo regarding a proposed process for scheduling community presentations/delegations was circulated in the Council package. The Mayor spoke to the rationale for the proposed changes.

Council discussed the proposed approach, including the use of Special Meetings on an as-needed basis, overall meeting efficiency, and ensuring a consistent process for presenters. It was noted that presentations related to grant applications would not be scheduled for Council where the presentation aligns with an active grant application.

Council agreed to proceed with the proposed approach on a one-year pilot basis.

### **8.4 Paving/Infrastructure Request – Court St (Councillor McKenna)**

Councillor McKenna introduced an item requesting feedback from Council regarding a paving concern on Court Street.

**Motion:** That Council approve the inclusion of the deteriorated sections in front of 80 and 82 Court Street in the Town's paving and patching program for 2026.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Roberts

Seconded by: Councillor Pelly

**Motion carried.**

### **8.5 Victorian Order of Nurses (VON)**

Councillor Roberts advised Council that she attended an event with representatives of the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) and conveyed their appreciation for the support Council has provided over the years.

### **8.6 Highland Society**

The Mayor noted an informal meeting he attended with some members of the Highland Society regarding signage at Chisholm Park and the potential reinstatement of the Antigonish Sign identifying the "Highland Heart of Nova Scotia".

Council discussed signage, including alignment with Town branding, representation of Mi'kmaw identity, and options for redesign. Direction was suggested for staff to explore potential design options and report back.

**Motion:** That the Town investigate into the design of the one sign located coming directly into the town that reflects the broader community and traditionally the highland heart of Nova Scotia.

Moved by: Councillor Sullivan

Seconded by: Councillor McKenna

Motion defeated.

Councillor Sullivan proposed an amendment to the motion that the Town investigates a redesign of the sign at Chisholm's park that it reflects the heritage of our community the Highland Heart of Nova Scotia.

The amendment died for lack of a seconder.

The question was then called on the main motion.

Motion defeated.

Following further discussion, Council agreed to defer the item for further consideration at a later meeting.

**9. Correspondence**

**9.1 Royal Canadian Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner - May 30, 2026**

Information was circulated in council's package.

**Motion:** That Council approve the purchase of a table for the Royal Canadian Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at a cost of \$200.00.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan

Seconded by: Councillor McKenna

**Motion carried.**

**9.2 Antigonish Imagination Library (Informational)**

**9.3 Raising the Villages - Regional Well-Being Conference (Informational)**

**9.4 May 22 World Preeclampsia Day – Illumination Request (Informational)**

**9.5 2nd Dr. Agnes Calliste Black Community Recognition Awards Dinner (Informational)**

**Motion:** That correspondence items 9.2 to 9.5 be received for information.

Moved by: Councillor McKenna

Seconded by: Councillor Pelly

**Motion carried.**

**10. Staff Reports**

Council discussed various items within the Staff Reports.

Discussion included scheduling a future meeting to review community grants, staffing updates, and operational items such as line painting, street sweeping, and facilities maintenance. Clarification was provided by staff on current timelines and resources.

Additional discussion included by-law enforcement activity and scoreboard signage considerations at the Regional Turf Field. Direction was provided for staff to review the scoreboard signage.

**Motion:** That the Staff Reports be accepted as presented.

Moved by Councillor Pelly

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Murray

**Motion carried.**

**11. Adjournment**

With no further business, Councillor Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.



Mayor Sean Cameron



Randy Delorey, CAO

**Special Council Meeting  
May 20, 2026  
Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

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

**Also in Attendance**

R. Delorey, CAO

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor S. Cameron called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

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

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Murray

Seconded by: Councillor Pelly

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** That Council move to an in-camera session at 5:02 p.m. pursuant to Section 22(2)(e) of the Municipal Government Act (Contract Negotiations).

Moved by: Councillor McKenna

Seconded by: Councillor Pelly

**Motion carried.**

**3. In-Camera**

**3.1 MGA Section 22(2)(e) – Contract Negotiations**

**Motion:** That Council move out of the in-camera session at 6:52 p.m.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Murray

Secodned by: Councillor MacLellan

**Motion carried.**

Council rose from the in-camera session at 6:52 p.m.

**4. Adjournment**

With no further business, Councillor Pelly moved for adjournment at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Mayor Sean Cameron

  
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Randy Delorey, CAO