

**Special Council Meeting
June 15, 2026
Town Council Chambers**

Present

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

Also in Attendance

R. Delorey, CAO
M. Fougere, Municipal Clerk
K. MacInnis, Director of Community Development

1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgment

Mayor S. Cameron called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: That the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Pelly

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Murray

Motion carried.

3. New Business

3.1 Town of Antigonish Community Grants 2026-2027

Council resumed its review of the 2026–2027 Community Grant applications, continuing from the Special Council Meeting held on June 2. The previous meeting was adjourned due to time constraints, and this session was convened to complete the remaining review.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Pelly declared a conflict of interest regarding the funding application submitted by L'Arche Antigonish and withdrew from the discussion and vote related to that application.

Councillor McKenna declared a conflict of interest regarding the funding application submitted by Naomi Society and withdrew from the discussion and vote related to that application.

Councillor Roberts declared a conflict of interest regarding the funding request by the Antigonish Affordable Housing and withdrew from the discussion and vote related to that funding request.

Following review and discussion, Council approved the allocation of funding under the 2026–2027 Community Grants Program. The approved grant recipients are listed below.

ACALA	\$3,400.00
Antigonish Affordable Housing Society	\$4, 400.00
Antigonish Art Fair & Arts House	\$20, 500.00
Antigonish Challenger Baseball	\$3,000.00
Antigonish Culture Alive	\$5,500.00
Antigonish Emergency Fuel Fund	\$5,000.00
Highland Society	\$17,100.00
Antigonish Imagination Library (ABC for Kids Society)	\$7,200.00
Antigonish Seniors' Care Van	\$1,000.00
Antigonish Creative Dance Association	\$4,000.00
Antigonish Malayali Association	\$500.00
Antigonish Skatepark Association	\$2,100.00
Antigonish Tourism Association	\$15,000.00
Antigonish Visitor Information Centre	\$7,100.00
All-of-us Society ASAP Artist Run Center	\$2,500.00
CACL Antigonish	\$8,000.00
Ceol Ar Chridhe School of Celtic Music Society	\$1,000.00
Children's Place Daycare	\$11,000.00
DEANS (Coastal Nova Scotia)	\$8,200.00
Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition	\$5,000.00
Festival Antigonish	\$17,500.00
Heritage Association of Antigonish	\$1,250.00
Positive Action for the Keppoch Society	\$10,000.00
L'Arche	\$5,000.00
Lochaber Growers Co-operative	\$4,000.00
Naomi Society	\$4,000.00
Nova Spiritus Society	\$3,000.00
Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue	\$3,500.00
STFX Art Gallery	\$4,000.00
Pickleball Antigonish Society	\$1,500.00

Discussion took place regarding the Children's Place funding request and the potential development of a policy that would allow non-profit organizations to apply for tax relief. Councillor McKenna expressed support for staff exploring such a policy for Council's future consideration.

Extra Requests

STFX University	\$85,000.00 (2027-2028 Budget)
Antigonish Culture Alive & Festival Antigonish	\$10,000.00
HOW Club	\$945.02
Antigonish Affordable Housing	\$250,000.00 (50,000 x 5 years)
CACL Antigonish	\$8,000.00

Motion: That Council accept all of the Community Grants as indicated on the spreadsheet to the total amount of \$185,250.00.

Moved by: Councillor McKenna

Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

Motion carried.

Motion: That Council approve \$945.02 to go towards the property taxes payable to the HOW Club to be paid to the appropriate organization.

Moved by: Councillor Roberts

Seconded by: Councillor McKenna

Motion carried.

Motion: That Council accept all allocations from page two, including St. Francis Xavier University and Antigonish Affordable Housing in the total amount of \$18,945.02, minus \$945.02 from the HOW Club which was approved on the previous motion.

Moved by: Councillor McKenna

Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

Motion carried.

4. Adjournment

With no further business, Deputy Mayor Murray moved for adjournment at 6:55 p.m.



Mayor Sean Cameron



Randy Delorey, CAO