

**Epoll Meeting**  
**July 23, 2021**  
**Via Email**

**Present**

Mayor L. Boucher  
Deputy Mayor A. Murray  
Councillor S. Cameron  
Councillor W. Cormier  
Councillor M. Farrell  
Councillor D. MacInnis  
Councillor D. Roberts

Deputy Clerk D. Wilson

The Deputy Clerk called the meeting to order and noted it was a duly called Epoll meeting.

Details were provided a motion was put forth:

**Background:**

The Town has committed \$78,000 in the 2021-2022 budget for a downtown beautification and revitalization project. Town staff are working on an ACOA application to the Canada Community Revitalization Fund that would allow us to leverage the \$78,000 to acquire more funding support, which would allow us to take on more substantial projects that will have a greater overall impact on our Main Street. The project elements focus on creating consistency in our downtown décor to establish a strong community identity for Antigonish, enhancement of our sustainable beautification practices, encouragement for more active transportation, strengthening of our community partnerships, promotion of inclusion and accessibility, support for local tourism and building a stronger sense of place that is vital for residents and visitors.

The project scope outlined in the application includes:

- Purchase and install of new benches
- Purchase and install of new bike racks
- Purchase of sustainable planters
- New garbage and recycling bins for Main Street
- The redevelopment of the picnic area at Columbus Field, which includes landscaping and the installation of accessible picnic tables.
- Purchase and install of accessible picnic tables for Chisholm Park
- Creation of a gateway garden to Main Street at the 'Welcome to Downtown' sign at Chisholm Park
- Design and installation of 2 major public art installations
- Using a few planters for the creation of a pollinator garden
- Using more planters for the Get the Town Growing project

The following organizations have provided their support to this project by providing a letter of support to go with the application:

- Antigonish Chamber of Commerce
- Municipality of the County of Antigonish
- StFX Service Learning Butterfly Project
- Member of Parliament Sean Fraser
- Get The Town Growing

**Motion:**

That Town Council approve the submission from staff of \$166,213.20 to the ACOA Canada Community Revitalization Fund for the Town of Antigonish downtown beautification and revitalization project.” Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.