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**For Immediate Release**

**Contract Awarded for Town of Antigonish Intersection Upgrade**

**(Antigonish, Nova Scotia)** – Antigonish Town Council announced that B.D. Clifton Contracting Ltd. has been awarded the tender for the Hawthorne & Main Street Intersection Upgrades. At a Special Council meeting on Monday, February 4, 2019, Council approved the intersection project, which will be completed by B.D. Clifton Contracting Ltd. for \$560,115 plus tax.

After reviewing the three-tender submission, B.D. Clifton Contracting determined to be the lowest bid submitted to the Town for the intersection project. The lowest bid was then further assessed for various cost saving items within the scope of work and as a result B.D. Clifton Contracting Ltd. worked with Town staff to revise their bid to meet the preliminary budgeting requirements for Council's final review and approval.

The breakdown of costs associated with bid and the scope of work approved by Council includes:

- Traffic Light System - \$186,000
- Asphalt Work - \$175,000
- Sidewalk Work - \$93,000
- Storm Sewer - \$75,000
- Water Utility - \$31,000

A timeline for the intersection project has the construction work scheduled to begin in May 2019, following Spring Convocation at St. Francis Xavier University, and will wrap up before the Antigonish Highland Games in July.

“Staff from the Town met with business owners who will be directly impacted by the work being done in this area of Main and Hawthorne Street and timelines were adjusted to address any concerns,” said Jeff Lawrence, Chief Administrative Officer with the Town of Antigonish. “Once complete, this project will clarify main route directions feeding into Main Street, upgrade our existing infrastructure, and increase pedestrian and driver safety which has been an ongoing concern in this area of Town.”

The intersection updates will include: new traffic lights; lane widening that will accommodate tractor trailers; service upgrades, including a new fire hydrant in front of Whidden Campground; a new traffic island; new sidewalk; shorter cross-walks; raised curb work; and asphalt servicing.

“The upgrades to this intersection will greatly improve the traffic flow in this area of Main Street, increasing efficiency and safety for motorists entering and leaving the downtown core of Antigonish. Pedestrians are also ensured a safer route due to shorter cross walks and better signage to indicate right of ways and reduced traffic congestion,” said Lawrence.

The Town is committed to publishing notices on social media, its website, and on local radio leading up to and during the construction work. Once the construction begins, motorists and pedestrians will be encouraged to take alternate routes or plan for delays when entering the work area.

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