



Committee of the Whole Meeting

October 14, 2025

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Warden Lois Landry, Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, Councillor Brian Marchand, Councillor Amanda Mombourquette,

Staff: Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Kathleen Jeffrey, Director of Finance, Shannon Mury, Director of Community Development and Recreation, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

Regrets: Councillor Shawn Samson, Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works

1. Call to Order

Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Opening Acknowledgement

The Warden read the following acknowledgment:

We are proud to acknowledge that we are gathered today on Unama'ki, the Land of Fog, a part of Mi'kma'ki, the unceded traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people since time immemorial. We honour and thank the Mi'kmaq for sharing their land and home with us.

3. Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda)

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

4. Review of Minutes – September 9, 2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the minutes of the September 9, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as presented.

Motion carried.



5. Presentation

- a) Keith MacDonald, CAO, and Morgan Murray, Director of Culture and Community Development, Municipality of Inverness – Re: Inverness County Asylum Commemoration Project

Morgan Murray and Keith MacDonald presented the Inverness County Asylum Commemoration Project presentation.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to defer the \$9,000 funding request to budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council authorize the signing of the joint project request for provincial support, and acknowledge the Municipality's role in the Inverness Asylum by passing a resolution, engaging the IDEA Committee in its preparation.

Motion carried with three (3) in favour and one (1) opposed. (Nay – Councillor Brian Marchand)

6. New Business

- a) Grant Application:

- i. Framboise Community Centre – Re: Grant application for the Tier 1 Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$700

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to rescind the motion made on June 24, 2025 (Action Item No. 590), which granted \$1,000 to the Framboise Community Centre.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Framboise Community Centre grant request for the Tier 1 Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$700 and be allocated as follows: \$350 from the District 5 Fund and \$350 from the Regional Fund.

Motion carried.



7. Warden, Re:

b) Review of Warden's Council Report

i. September 2025

For information only.

8. CAO, Re:

a) Administration Operations Report

For information only.

b) Low Income Property Tax Exemption Program – Deadline Extension

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve an extension to the application deadline for the 2025 Low Income Property Tax Exemption Program to December 31, 2025, and that qualified applicants who have paid their property taxes in full receive their exemption amount by rebate cheque.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to refer the Low Income Property Tax Exemption Program to the By-law/Policy Committee to change the application deadline to December 31.

Motion carried.

9. Community Acknowledgements

For information only.

10. Correspondence

a) Action Required

i. n/a

b) For Information Only

i. MOCR to the Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse (CDÉNÉ), Re: Letter of support for Celebration Isle Madame

ii. MOCR to Blaise Sampson, Re: Letter of congratulations on the Nova Scotia Strong Award



- iii. Letter from the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM), Re: Advocacy for sustainable funding for public libraries
- iv. Letter from the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Re: Municipal Modernization (2025) Act - Summary of Amendments
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to refer the MGA amendment, "Tax reductions due to natural disasters", to the By-law/Policy Committee for further discussion.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to refer the MGA amendment, "Allowing tax sale payments to be made electronically", to the By-law/Policy Committee for further discussion.

Motion carried.

11. Unfinished Business, Re:

- a) Cost-Shared Road Paving, J-Class Roads 2026-27

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to add Touesnard Lane to the list.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that an application be submitted to the Province for cost-shared paving of the following J-class roads in order of priority: Kings Road, Rockdale; Touesnard Lane, River Bourgeois; Forgeron Road, West Arichat; Sampson Road, L'Ardoise; and Lobster Plant Road, Cape Auget.

Motion carried.

12. Review of Cheques Issued Re:

- a) September 2025

For information only.



13. Review of Action Items

a) Action Items

For information only.

14. Items Added to the Agenda

n/a

15. 15 Minute Question Period - (902) 226-9885

There were no questions.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Chairperson

Municipal Clerk