



## Committee of the Whole Meeting

January 13, 2026

Location: Council Chambers

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

Staff: Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Kathleen Jeffrey, Director of Finance, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

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 opening 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 Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

4. Review of Minutes – December 2, 2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the minutes of the December 2, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as corrected.

Motion carried.

5. Presentation

a) Andy Thompson, Community Developer, Aging Well Nova Scotia, Liam Cook, Retrofit Navigator, Navigate Energy, Re: Net Zero Community Buildings  
Andy Thompson and Liam Cook presented the Empowering Rural Communities presentation.



Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct staff to further explore the Net Zero Community Buildings Project, potentially issuing a call for expressions of interest to determine if any halls are interested, and other ways the Municipality can contribute.

Motion carried.

6. Warden, Re:

- a) Review of Warden's Council Report – December 2025

For information only.

7. CAO, Re:

- a) Administration Operations Report

For information only.

8. Community Acknowledgements

For information only.

9. Correspondence

- a) Action Required

i. n/a

- b) For Information Only

- i. MOCR letter to the Honourable Fred Tilley, Minister of the Department of Public Works, Re: Letter of support regarding the Town of Mulgrave's request to include Route 344 in current provincial paving plans
- ii. MOCR letter to the Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of the Environment, Climate Change, and Nature, Re: Request for Ministerial Assistance – Emergency Boat Launch Ramp, St. Peter's Canal (Ocean Side)
- iii. Letter from the Honorable John. A MacDonald, Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs, Re: Code of Conduct for Municipal Elected Officials Regulations (Code of Conduct)
- iv. Letter from Nicholas MacInnis, Warden, Municipality of the County of Antigonish, Re: Letter to the Honourable Tim Houston regarding the declining cell service in Antigonish County



Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to authorize the Warden and the CAO to reach out to neighbouring towns and municipalities to discuss the issue of declining and deteriorating cell service.  
Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business, Re:

a) By-law No. 56 – Tax Exemption By-law (Action Item 575)

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to authorize the Warden to write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, requesting adjustments to the Municipal Government Act to enable municipalities to provide tax rebates and incentives to residential affordable housing developers, and further to request that this become an advocacy item for Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities and to copy our regional partners on the correspondence

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct staff to send a letter to current exempt organizations encouraging them to consider appealing their assessed values, if appropriate.

Motion carried.

11. Review of Cheques Issued Re:

- a) November 2025
- b) December 2025

12. Review of Action Items

- a) Action Items

For information only.

13. Items Added to the Agenda

n/a

14. 15 Minute Question Period - (902) 226-9885

There were no questions.



15. Adjournment

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

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Chairperson

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Municipal Clerk