



Committee of the Whole Report
January 2026

The Committee met on January 13, 2026.

The Committee discussed the Navigate Energy Net Zero Community Buildings Project.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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.

The Committee discussed the letter from Nicholas MacInnis, Warden, Municipality of the County of Antigonish, to the Honourable Tim Houston regarding the declining cell service in Antigonish County.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize the Warden and the CAO to reach out to neighbouring towns and municipalities to discuss the issue of declining and deteriorating cell service.

The Committee discussed By-law No. 56 – Tax Exemption By-law

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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 the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities and to copy our regional partners on the correspondence.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct staff to send a letter to current exempt organizations encouraging them to consider appealing their assessed values, if appropriate.

This concludes the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of January 2026, and I move its adoption.