

ATTENDING

Mayor Mike Trinacty, Chair
Deputy Mayor Adam Lutz
Councillor Derrick Jamieson
Councillor Ty Walsh
Councillor Johanna Kwakernaak
Councillor Chris Goddard
Jen Boyd, Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Walsh, Director of Finance
Aaron Dondale, Director of Public Works
Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

5 Members of the public

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Councillor Justin Serino

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

4. COUNCILLOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2025, PUBLIC HEARING WERE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

- *Clarification on Thomas Street in the new RR zone*

THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING WERE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

4. COUNCILLOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Goddard – enjoyed a meal on September 2nd with Joseph Whynot in celebration of Mr. Whynot's 60th birthday.

Councillor Jamieson – reported that Mr. Best thanked Council and Town staff for participating in the annual KMCC golf tournament. The event raised \$54,000.00

Deputy Mayor Lutz – extended thanks to the firefighters for their continued support of the Long Lake wildfire.

Councillor Walsh – extended thanks to Gala days volunteers and Town staff for a successful weekend. Also, congratulations to the school and students on the start of the new school year.

Mayor Trinacty – reminder of the Terry Fox run on Sunday, September 14th.

4. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

CAO Boyd reviewed the action items, highlighting the meeting presentations with the IMSA groups and provided an update on the MacIntosh Street project. Also, the results from the committee members' survey are currently being compiled, and a summary will be ready by the next Council meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. RFD028-2025: 2025/26 Sewer Fees

Finance Director Walsh reviewed the updated sewer rates that reflect the increase in the revenue requirements, which were approved in the 2025-26 operating and capital budgets. It was noted that the 27% average increase was still significantly less than neighbouring municipalities.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council approves the 25/26 Sewer Fees as presented in RFD 028-2025.

MOTION CARRIED

b. RFD029-2025: Winter Maintenance Contract Award

Public Works Director Dondale provided a detailed overview of the Winter Maintenance Contract, outlining the priorities identified in the RFD. A total of four proposals were received, of which three met the required criteria. It was recommended that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, based on an estimated work scope of 70 snow and ice events during the winter season.

It was noted that the primary rationale for contracting winter maintenance is that there are not enough funds set aside in the capital reserve to be able to pay for the

needed equipment replacements to continue the service in-house; therefore, debt would need to be incurred, which would subsequently delay future infrastructure projects, such as Foster Street upgrades, for a significant number of additional years.

The Town will continue to maintain a limited fleet of snow removal equipment, with staff responsible for key areas such as substations, the solar garden, and other designated sites. Staff will develop a contingency plan to address potential major snow events. Residents will be able to provide feedback on the winter maintenance through various methods of communication.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT Council award the work scopes as outlined in BER2025-003A and BER2025-003B to Rick Balsor Welding per occurrence as follows:

Priority 1	Ice Treatment	986.84
Priority 1	Snow & Ice Treatment	1,263.16
Priority 2B	Ice Treatment	385.97
Priority 2B	Snow & Ice Treatment	824.56
Priority 3	Ice Treatment	986.84
Priority 3	Snow & Ice Treatment	1,263.16
Priority 2A	Ice Treatment	885.96
Priority 2A	Snow & Ice Treatment	1,425.44
Priority 4	Plowing & Snow Blowing	486.84

An annual increase of 5% be applied for 2026/27, 2027/28, 2028/29 and 2029/30.

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c. Proposed NSFM Bylaw Changes

The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) has proposed sixteen changes to its bylaws. CAO Boyd highlighted two changes that, as a staff member who provides advice to Council, are a bit concerning. One change is to remove the right of elected officials to have staff present at member meetings – AGM or special meetings. The other proposed change is to remove the representative appointed by the Association of Municipal Administrators (AMANS) from the NSFM board. CAO Boyd encouraged Council to read through the other changes; there will be a vote on these at the NSFM conference in November.

d. Strategic Planning Update

Mayor Trinacty and CAO Boyd have interviewed two potential consultants, and their proposals are pending. Depending on availability, the first public session to gather input on strategic priorities is anticipated for October 8–9. Following this session, community members, staff, and Council will form working groups to address the

identified areas. It is expected that current Committee members will participate in the working groups, resulting in fewer committee meetings during this process.

It was agreed by consensus that if the consultant's proposal exceeds the budgeted amount of \$5,000 but under \$10,000 the Mayor and CAO can move forward without having to come back to Council for approval.

e. Celebration of Life for Don Regan

The Celebration of Life for Don Regan will be on September 18 at the Lions Hall beginning at 2 pm. It was discussed that the Town Hall would be dedicated in his memory, and a dedication plaque would be placed in the lobby of Town Hall. It was also suggested that the next new street be named after him. CAO Boyd will review the street naming bylaw.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED that the Town Hall building be dedicated in honour of the late Donald Regan and a dedication plaque be placed in the lobby.

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6. MAYOR'S REPORT – as circulated. Mayor Trinacty noted that the next Council Coffee Chat on October 7th will be on Strategic planning.

7. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:15 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Approved by Town Council, October 14, 2025
As recorded by Krista Longmire, Executive Assistant