



**MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2009; 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
MUNICIPAL BOARD ROOM**

Present: Donnie MacDonald (Chair), Mary MacLellan, Alan Bond, Kuli Malhotra, Debbie Cormier, Lindsay Lyghtle (Eastern District Planning Commission), Ashley Boucher (Antigonish RDA)

Regrets: Angus Bowie, Bill MacFarlane

The meeting was called to order by Donnie at 3:00 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes:

- The Meeting Minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting were approved as circulated. There was no business arising from the Minutes.

2. Public Consultation:

- Newspaper Ads: Ads will appear in the Casket and the Reporter. The size of the ad in the Casket was too small in the first round. It will be enlarged for the next time it runs which will be two weeks from now. Next week there will be an ad in the Reporter.
- Radio Ads: As of next week, the radio stations will have PSA's. Kuli noted that Council Members have been very proactive in getting notices placed in the parish bulletins. In addition, 2,250 flyers have been distributed.
- In terms of listservs, the Antigonish RDA, Chamber of Commerce and the Antigonish Sustainable Development listservs have been approached. An e-mail has been sent out to StFX Communications Dept. to distribute internally as well.
- Kuli will contact Rose Julian to discuss consultations with the First Nations and also a person for the Acadian community.
- The schools will be engaged through the Recreation Department.

3. Planning for sessions:

- The schedule for the Community Consultation sessions was reviewed and discussed. In terms of booking locations, there will be situations where rent will have to be paid. Each session will be planned for 30 people.
- Kuli will have a laptop and presentation. The idea is not to present but rather to have a visual, or examples for reference. This will assist as well with the timing.
- Format and co-facilitation: The format for the Community Consultation sessions was then discussed. It was agreed that the Councillor will introduce Kuli at each session. The attendees will be split into four teams each representing a pillar under the ICSP. Each group will be provided with a flip

chart to take notes. The Councillor, Kuli and the ARDA person will provide support to the groups.

- The ARDA will transcribe the comments coming out of each team.
- The examples of information available under each pillar in slide format will be made available to Council Members in advance.
- All Council Members will be asked to attend a meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the facilitation of these consultation sessions. This meeting will follow the County's Finance Committee Meeting.

4. Update on Staff Session:

- On March 5<sup>th</sup>, a session was held with staff. Each Department was represented at this session. Everyone is now familiar with what the ICSP is and how they can take part in it.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.