



**MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 14, 2009; 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
MUNICIPAL BOARD ROOM**

Present: ***Councillor Donnie MacDonald, Chairperson***
Councillor Angus Bowie
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Kuli Malhotra, Project Manager, ICSP
Alan Bond, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Allison Duggan, Director of Finance

Regrets: Debbie Cormier, Deputy Clerk, Councillor Bill MacFarlane

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, *Councillor Donnie MacDonald* at 3:00 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes:

- The Meeting Minutes of the April 9th meeting were approved as circulated. There was no business arising from the Minutes.

2. Update on community consultation process:

- All District community consultations have been completed. Attendance numbers were shared at the meeting.
- Approximately 20 topics discussed at the sessions are consistent across the districts.
- A repeat session was held for the two Fringe areas. The second session also had zero attendance.
- A session is scheduled with the Paqtnkek First Nation community for June 2nd at the Heath Centre.
- The youth in schools will be engaged for identification of key priorities and development of a vision statement if time permits before schools close for the summer.

3. Next steps after the Community Consultation:

- Antigonish Regional Development Authority is helping with the compilation of the data from the community session based on the template provided to them. It is expected that the compiled data from the community consultation sessions will be available in mid-June.
- Based on the compilation, Kuli will prepare a draft document with Goals and Priorities. County Council will be requested at the June Council meeting to set aside three meeting dates in late June and July to discuss and confirm the goals and priorities.

- Vision for the County - it appears throughout the sessions, there is a consensus that the vision developed for the Town can be adopted, with some minor changes in language for the County rather than having two separate visions. The Committee agreed that this should be brought forward to the Council when they meet to firm up the ICSP Goals and Priorities.
- A final meeting in September presenting all the outcomes to residents is important.

The next meeting schedule for June 11th is being cancelled as mid-year progress report on ICSP will be provided to Council at the June 16th Council Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.