COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, September 16, 2014 @ 7:30 pm
Municipal Administration Centre (Council Chambers)

Call to Order - Chairman, Warden Russell Boucher
Approval of Agenda
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1. Approval of Minutes:
   1) July 22, 2014 Minutes of Municipal Council

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2. Business Arising from the Minutes

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3. Public Hearing:
   - Order to Remedy Appeal, 3973 Dunmore Road (PID 10025419)

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4. Presentations:
   1) Solid Waste Regulations Review Stakeholder Consultation Input – Nicole Haverkort, Regional Coordinator/Educator, ERSWMC
   2) Municipal Boundary Review – Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

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5. Reports from Committees:
   - Committee of the Whole E-Poll, August 13, 2014
   - Committee of the Whole – September 9, 2014
   - Committee of the Whole – September 16, 2014

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6. Correspondence:
   1) Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation's Annual Report
   2) Cobalt – Thank you Letter
   3) Canada Post – Postal Services in St. Andrews
   4) Minister of Transportation – Five-Point Action Plan, Canada Post
   5) Old Highway 104/Trunk 7 and West Street Safety
   6) Road Name Change –Trunk 4
   7) Twinning Highway 104 West of Antigonish – Joe MacDonald
   8) Thank You Cards
   9) VON – Thank you Letter
   10) Antigonish 2014 Art Fair

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7. Road Name Changes:
   - rename Rose Lane in Bayfield to Jana Lee Lane
   - a western branch of Sea Spray Lane to Sandy Ranalds Road
   - an unnamed road in Williams Point to Douglas Lane

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8. Miscellaneous Business:
   Notice of Municipal Website re-Launch, October 1, 2014

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9. Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Committees, and Commissions

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10. Adjournment

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH
Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, July 22, 2014
7:40 to 8:50 pm

Present: ***Warden Russell Boucher, Chairperson***
Deputy Warden Owen McCarron
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Rémi Deveau
Councillor Angus Bowie
Councillor Bill MacFarlane
Councillor Pierre Boucher
Councillor Hughie Stewart

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Adam Rodgers, Municipal Solicitor
Joyce Levangie, Recorder
John Bain, Director – Eastern District Planning Commission
Sean Donovan, Administrator, Dangerous & Unsightly Premises, EDPC
Emily Hiltz, The Casket
Matt Draper, The Reporter
Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM
Gwendolyn & Wayne MacIntosh, Monastery
Bill Dinn, Coordinator, Emergency Measures Organization
Vera Rhynold, Assistant to Director of Finance
Gallery

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Warden Russell Boucher who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Warden Boucher called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

The following changes were made to the Agenda.
Under #3 – Add as 3) - Presentation – Bill Dinn, EMO
Under #8 – Add 3) - Road Name Changes Final Approval

Min #2014-106 (Approval of Agenda)
MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 17, 2014

Warden Boucher called for any errors or omissions to the Minutes of June 17, 2014 Meeting of Municipal Council three times.

Councillor MacLellan noted that on Page 3, #7 - should state that it is upgrading of the Big Marsh Road, not paving.

Min #2014-107 (Approval of Minutes – June 17, 2014)
MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that the Minutes of the June 17, 2014 Meeting of Municipal Council be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Horne reviewed the Public Hearing Protocol in accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act – See attached.*

NS Power Connections to Parked Recreational Vehicles – Eastern Antigonish MPS & LUB

Mr. John Bain, Executive Director, Eastern District Planning Commission gave a brief overview of the Planning Staff Report regarding Nova Scotia power connections for Parked Recreation Vehicles, Travel Trailers and Utility Buildings in the Municipality in general and specifically areas under the Eastern Antigonish Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law. (Report attached to the Minutes)

Amendments would be to add the use "Storage Building" to the Rural (R-1) Zone and the Island (IS-1) Zone. Planning Staff would also recommend that the building be required to be above the size requirement of an accessory building as defined in the NS Building Code Regulations.

Council Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Bain was thanked for his report.

There was no one present to speak against or in favor of the amendments.

Min #2014-108 (Amendments to the Eastern Antigonish MPS & LUB)
MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that Municipal Council approve, on Second Reading, an amendment to the Land Use By-Law for the Eastern Antigonish County Plan Area by including "Storage Buildings" in the Rural (R-1) Zone with specific requirements. Motion carried. (see attached amendments)

UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

Sean Donovan, Administrator, Dangerous & Unsightly Premises for the Eastern District Planning Commission appeared before Council with a list of properties that needs demolition/clean up Orders.

Mr. Donovan noted that all property owners were given notice of the orders and had an opportunity to appear before Council this evening.

1) Property of Christina Gerriora, Gwendolyn MacIntosh, Wayne MacIntosh, 923 Old Antigonish Road, Monastery NS , PID #01242304, AAN 01686747.

Min #2014-109 (Demolition Order)
MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that an Order be issued to Christina Gerriora, Gwendolyn MacIntosh, & Wayne MacIntosh giving sixty (60) days for the demolition of the buildings and 1 year for the cleanup of the property located at 923 Old Antigonish Road, Monastery, PID #01242304. Motion carried.

2) Property of Robert and Marlene Bayers, 986 Old Antigonish Road, Monastery NS, PID #01242213, AAN 01071033.

Min #*2014-110* (Demolition Order)
MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that an Order be issued to Robert and Marlene Bayers giving thirty (30) days for demolition and cleanup of the property located at 986 Old Antigonish Road, Monastery, PID #01242213. Motion carried.

3) Properties of Patrick Bennett, 984 Old Antigonish Road, Monastery NS PID #01282227, AAN 01071041 & PID #01282219, AAN 09103767.

Min #*2014-111* (Demolition Orders)
MOVED by Councillor Angus Bowie, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that an Order be issued for each property belonging to Patrick Bennett giving thirty (30) days for demolition and cleanup of the property located at 984 Old Antigonish Road, Monastery, PID #01242213 and also PID #01282219 (Across the street from 984 Old Antigonish Road). Motion carried.

4) Property of Frank and Margaret Bruno, Warf Road, East Tracadie NS PID #01253400, AAN 03449149.

Min #*2014-112* (Demolition Order)
MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that an Order be issued to Frank & Margaret Bruno giving thirty (30) days for demolition and cleanup of the property located at Warf Road, East Tracadie, PID #01253400. Motion carried.

5) Property of John & Catherine MacDonald, 3328 Highway 245, Maryvale NS PID #01299049, AAN 02710277.

Min #*2014-113* (Demolition Order)
MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that an Order be issued to John and Catherine MacDonald giving thirty (30) days for demolition and cleanup of the property located at 3328 Highway 245, Maryvale, PID #01299049. Motion carried.

6) Property of Florence Teasdale, 3280 Highway 245, Maryvale NS PID #01202803, AAN 02844257.

Min #*2014-114* (Demolition Order)
MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that an Order be issued to Florence Teasdale giving thirty (30) days for demolition and cleanup of the property located at 3280 Highway 245, Maryvale, PID #01202803. Motion carried.

Mr. Donovan noted that the property belonging to John Joseph and Maureen Vandervalk has completed the demolition and removal of the Mobile Home on their property.

EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION – Bill Dinn, Coordinator

Mr. Dinn appeared before Council seeking Council's approval of a revised Municipal Services Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement. (Agreement attached to the Minutes)

This Agreement would include all emergency issues other than a declared emergency.

There were amendments made to the agreement, therefore asking for signatures.

Min #2014-115 (Municipal Services Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement)
MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald that Council support the amendments to the Municipal Services Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement as presented. Motion carried. (See attached)

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the following:
1) Antigonish Heritage Museum for the County's support
2) Municipal Affairs – Changes for fiscal year 2015-16

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Report – Electronic Poll

Min #2014-116 (Website Redesign)
MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that the contract to redesign the Municipality's website be awarded to Simply Ducky. Motion carried.

Min #2014-117 (Beech Hill Road Water & Sanitary Servicing Project)
MOVED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that the Beech Hill Road Water and Sanitary Servicing Project be awarded to S.W. Weeks Construction Ltd. in the amount of $554,983.00. Motion carried.

Min #2014-118 (Strategic Plan)
MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Mary MacLellan that a request for proposals for the development of a strategic plan be posted. Motion carried.

Min #2014-119 (Letter of Agreement – Town of Antigonish – Streetlights)
MOVED by Councillor Rémi Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Hughie Stewart that a letter of Agreement be issued to the Town of Antigonish Electric Utility concerning proposed interim rates of $8.07 for 55 watt and $10.71 for 88 watt LED Streetlights. Motion carried.

Joint County & Town Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – July 16, 2014

Min #2014-120 (Application submitted by Cobalt Management Corporation)
MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that the Municipality work co-operatively with the Town of Antigonish Planning Advisory Committee on an application for development along the Town/County boundary from Cobalt Management Corporation, and that a letter be sent to the developer to this effect. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Report – July 22, 2014

Min #2014-121 (Amendments to the Fringe & Central MPS/LUB Concerning Power Connects)
MOVED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that the County approve the amendments to the Fringe & Central MPS & LUB concerning power connections as presented. Motion carried.

Min #2014-122 (South-West Antigonish Area Advisory Committee)
MOVED by Councillor Hughie Stewart, SECONDED by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron that the County update the membership list for the South-Western Antigonish Advisory Committee to reflect the changes in participants since the list was adopted by Council in the fall of 2012.
Remove: George Murphy, Ian MacNeil, & Kelly MacIntyre
Add: John Quinn, Lochaber area resident.
Motion carried.

Min #2014-123 (List of Contractors for Municipal Business)
MOVED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the Municipality establish a standing list of contractors related to Demolition Orders. Motion carried.

Min #2014-124 (Antigonish Affordable Housing Society)
MOVED by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Angus Bowie that the Municipality sponsor an application for funding for the Antigonish Affordable Housing Society and act as a trustee if funds are awarded from the Canadian Alternative Investment Foundation. Motion carried.

Min #2014-125 (Water Rate Study)
MOVED by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that a Water Rate Study be initiated for the Fringe, Lower South River, St. Andrews and Gaspereaux water utilities and G.A. Isenor Consulting be contracted for this purpose. Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Rémi Deveau reported that he had attended:

- Crime Prevention on June 27
- Canada Day Celebrations
- Antigonish Go Arts

Councillor Donnie MacDonald reported that he had attended:

- Art Fair on June 27

Councillor Pierre Boucher noted he attended:

- Graduation, Antigonish East
- Lochaber Centre Opening

Councillor Hughie Stewart reported that he attended:

- Changing of the Guard for RCMP in Halifax, along with Warden Boucher
- Lochaber Centre Official Opening

Councillor Bill MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- Grad Ceremonies, Regional High School on June 26

ROAD NAME CHANGES

1) A Petition has been received from residents on an unnamed Private Road in William's Point. The residents are proposing Douglas Lane as first choice.

Min #2014-126 (Unnamed Private Road – Williams Point)
Moved by Councillor Bill MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Vaughan Chisholm that the proposed name for a currently unnamed Private Road in Williams Point be tabled and forwarded to the Eastern District Planning Commission & the NS Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal for comment. Motion carried.

2) A Petition has been received from residents of Sea Spray Lane, Arisaig. The residents are proposing Sandy Ranald's Road.

Min #2014-127 (Road Name Change – Arisaig)
Moved by Councillor Mary MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Rémi Deveau that the proposed name change for Sea Spray Lane in Arisaig be tabled and forwarded to the Eastern District Planning Commission & the NS Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal for comment. Motion carried.

3) The Eastern District Planning Commission and the NS Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal have been asked to comment on the 3 name/unnamed roads. Both Departments have accepted the names as follows:
   1) Unnamed Private Road, Georgeville to Northumberland Lane
   2) Road D-3, Bayfield to Rose Lane
   3) Unnamed Road, North Grant to Partridge Lane

Min #2014-128 (Unnamed Private Road , Northumberland Lane, Rose Lane, Partridge Lane)
Moved by Councillor Donnie MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that an unnamed Private Road in Georgeville be named Northumberland Lane; Road D-3 in Bayfield be named Rose Lane; and an unnamed Road in North Grant be named Partridge Lane. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Owen McCarron and seconded by Councillor Bill MacFarlane that the meeting adjourn to Committee of the Whole @ 8:50 pm.

Warden Russell Boucher ***Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer***

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Sean Donovan
Administrator,
Dangerous and Unsightly Premises
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July 24, 2014

R. J. MACISAAC CONSTRUCTION LTD
ATTN: Boyd MacIsaac
70 WEST STREET SUITE 1
ANTIGONISH NS CA
B2G 2X7

Reference: **Property of R.J. MacIsaac, 3973 Dunmore Road, Dunmore, NS, (PID) 10025419, (AAN) 09021744.**

Dear Mr. MacIsaac,

In response to a complaint received regarding the above referenced property, as Administrator of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises I visited the above referenced property on July 22, 2014 (See enclosed Pictures). A contracting business is located on the property. The property falls under the following "dangerous and unsightly" conditions defined in the *Municipal Government Act:*

1) The property contains ashes, junk, cleanings of yards or other rubbish or refuse or a derelict vehicle, vessel, item of equipment or machinery, or bodies of these or parts thereof.

You are therefore required to: **"Remove all debris, rubbish and combustible materials, and all other things that are unsightly, unhealthy or offensive to a person including any and all automobile tires, scrap metal and old machinery located at the far tip of the property closest to Dunmore Road (see attached pictures) and dispose of them properly in conformance with all applicable regulations and leave the site free and clean of debris."**

Given the state of the property please comply with the above order immediately. As stated in section 509(2) in the *Municipal Government Act* "a notice, decision, or other document is deemed to have been served on the third day after it was sent" and therefore is deemed to be served Monday July 28, 2014. Therefore, I plan to re-visit your property on September 1, 2014 to review your progress. **If there is no cleanup it is our intent complete the work and bill you for the costs**. You also have an option to appeal this Order to council within seven (7) days of deemed receipt of the Order.

If you have any questions regarding the above please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely

Sean Donovan

Administrator

Enc. Pictures
CC: Municipal Clerk Antigonish County

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August 1, 2014

By Email

Sean Donovan, Administrator
Eastern District Planning Commission
32 Paint Street
Port Hawkesbury NS B9A 3J8

Dear Mr. Donovan:

Property of R.J. MacIsaac, 3973 Dunmore Road, Dunmore NS
Our File Number: 4090633

This refers to your letter of July 24, 2014 to R.J. MacIsaac Construction Limited concerning its specialized formwork and construction materials. Your letter indicated that RJMI has a right to appeal your order but does not direct the method to appeal so please accept this letter as the appeal.

RJMI appeals as it disputes your assessment of whether the materials identified in the accompanying photographs fall within the statutory definition. By the use of the definition inserted in your letter it is clear that you have assessed the items as "derelict vehicle, vessel, item of equipment or machinery" as the remainder of the definition does not apply.

As you know, "Derelict vehicle, vessel, items of equipment of machinery" has a particular definition under the Municipal Government Act:

> (v) "derelict vehicle, vessel, item of equipment or machinery" includes a vehicle, vessel, item of equipment or machinery that
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> (i) is left on property, with or without lawful authority, and
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> (ii) appears to the administrator to be disused or abandoned by reason of its age, appearance, mechanical condition or, where required by law to be licensed or registered, by its lack of licence plates or current vehicle registration;

RJMI says the equipment in question is not disused or abandoned. It is in working condition and represents important specialized formwork and construction materials for the company's

business. I believe this information was passed on to you on site by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of RJMI.

RJMI would be pleased to discuss this matter further and looks forward to being advised of the details around the hearing of the appeal.

Please direct your response to my attention.

Yours truly,

Dennis J. James
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c. Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk Antigonish County
Client

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IN THE MATTER OF DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES LOCATED AT 3973 DUNMORE ROAD, DUNMORE, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH, NOVA SCOTIA

NOTICE

WHEREAS The Administrator, Dangerous and Unsightly Premises for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish has formed the opinion that the property located at 3973 Dunmore Road, Antigonish, Nova Scotia (PID 10025419), owned by R.J. MacIsaac Construction Ltd., is dangerous and unsightly;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act* 1998 S.N.S. c. 18 s. 346 provides that where a property is dangerous or unsightly, the council may order the owner to remedy the condition by removal, demolition or repair;

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on September 16, 2014 at 7:30 PM, Council will consider whether to issue an Order to Remedy Condition, instructing that you remove all debris, rubbish and combustible materials, and all other things that are unsightly, unhealthy or offensive to a person including any and all automobile tires, scrap metal and old machinery located at the far tip of the property closest to Dunmore Road from the property within thirty (30) days, failing which the Municipality will complete such work and recover the reasonable cost of same from you.

YOU ARE ENTITLED to appear on September 16, 2014 at 7:30 PM at Council Chambers, located at 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish, NS, and be heard before any Order is made.

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Sean Donovan- Administrator

Solid Waste Regulation Review Stakeholder Consultation Input

Region 2A – Eastern Region
Via - Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committee Members
151 Waste Management Rd, P.O. Box 111 Boylston, NS B0H 1G0

August 20, 2014

The following document comments on the 7 areas of change Nova Scotia Environment is proposing to the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulation followed by Q&A:

1. Product stewardship
2. Disposal bans and approval requirements
3. Used tire management program
4. Removal of the requirement for regional solid waste management plans
5. Clarity on the rules for energy from waste
6. Improve the enforceability of the solid waste regulation
7. Beverage container deposit-refund program

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1. Product stewardship

We (Region2A) encourage product stewardship and support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework within the regulation that will shift responsibility from the municipal tax payer to the brand owner of the product, a user pay system. This change should also result in the review of current EPR programs such as paint and electronics where a review will cause program improvements. Voluntary programs that currently provide direct funding to municipalities such as fluid milk packaging through the NS Dairies should be provided the opportunity to be separate from the printed paper and packaging agreement.

The EPR framework should include a requirement for industry to fund incidental EPR waste received by and managed at municipal waste facilities as garbage, recycling and organics inclusive of the package and product. This cost could be generated from waste audit data.

We appreciate the collaborative approach that has been taken with this consultation review process and urge provincial departments to continue to collaborate with the regions/municipalities. It is essential that this approach continue. Our region and municipalities want to be consulted with and involved throughout the process including the development of a guidance document that will form the basis of industry EPR plans. When Industry submits an EPR plan to the province that impacts municipal operations in any way it should be vetted with municipal stakeholders through Regional Chairs.

The Regulation should identify the requirement for the steward to meet the minimum standard service delivery. A document is being created by municipal stakeholders for government and industry to consider when developing EPR plans. It will be submitted separate from the consultation. The purpose is to identify the minimum base line service delivery that industry must identify through their EPR plan.

Municipalities should not be financially burdened by EPR. They should have the first right to manage the waste that they collect/receive and the first right to refuse an EPR program for their municipality if it

doesn't suit the needs of the municipality. Further to this, municipalities must have the opportunity to continue with their current level of service which could exceed the minimum identified by the document stated above. This flexibility is important to maintain the level of service and convenience residents and other sectors are accustom to, therefore it is imperative that there be opportunity for the service provider (the municipality) to negotiate funding opportunities direct with industry associated with standard costs and development. Standard costs include all waste management costs related to administration, collection, education and enforcement. It is also imperative that EPR programs don't impede a municipality's right to manage all municipal waste, especially the materials they currently manage through their municipal infrastructure and contracts. All waste materials currently managed by municipalities should remain within their control utilizing existing municipal infrastructure. The exceptions are Safety Flares currently managed exclusively by the RCMP and pharmaceuticals and sharps (including syringes). Additional drop-off sites may be considered to improve convenience but existing infrastructure must be used first. Convenience is paramount. We don't want Nova Scotians running to more locations then they already are to properly dispose of waste.

Role of RRFB Nova Scotia (RRFB):

RRFB should be responsible for consistent messages for provincial programs and for collaborating with the stewards and municipal stakeholders to bring the information to one place. They should continue to fund the pillars of our waste diversion programs identified as Administration/Coordination, Education, Enforcement and Operations. Also to collaborate with and provide municipalities with incentive funding programs that support diversion – like diversion credit funding, and other funding programs to support regional/municipal waste diversion program goals. If RRFB Nova Scotia is identified as the administration of the provincial program operated through the depot network or other provincial network then they should receive and funnel applicable funding to municipalities. For programs like Printed Paper and Packaging (PPP), where the municipality is collecting and administering the program the funding should be provided direct from industry to the municipality.

Role of Nova Scotia Environment (NSE):

NSE is responsible to collaborate with stakeholders to move programs forward. They must also ensure stakeholders are compliant with the Regulation which requires financial incentives/resources go to regions/municipalities from RRFB Nova Scotia or direct through EPR to ensure they succeed in achieving targets. This also requires monitoring programs for financial sustainability and markets to consider ban suspension.

2**. Disposal bans and approval requirements**

Wording is required within the Regulation that makes the property owner, generator, hauler and disposal facility equally responsible for the appropriate management/disposal of ban materials. This would also require a definition for each.

Each ban material should have a guidance document that identifies the exceptions and must also consider the quantities and types of materials that are collected by municipalities as bulky waste. The

proposed material bans below should be phased in over time and become effective as stewardship programs are approved for Nova Scotia.

- Packaging
- Printed Paper
- Products containing mercury
- Batteries
- Vehicle fluid products and the containers
- Oil, oil filters, oil containers
- Paint and coating products (as currently regulated) and their containers
- Paint thinners and their containers
- Single use Pressurized Containers
- Safety flares
- Pharmaceuticals and sharps, including syringes **& Veterinarian/Agricultural Sharps**
- Domestic pesticides and their containers
- Small quantity fuels and their containers e.g. camping oil, lighter fluids etc.
- Tar and roofing patch and their containers
- Adhesives (in containers greater than 1 L)
- Electronic waste (as currently regulated)
- Microwaves
- Floor model printers
- Photocopiers
- Mattresses and box springs
- Carpet and plastic/synthetic flooring
- Pressure treated timbers
- Clean wood
- Drywall/wallboard
- Asphalt Shingles
- Textiles
- Non-Packaging Expanded Polystyrene

It is understood that bans are a macro tool to cause change, not an absolute. We agree with this approach. Following the consultation and approved changes to the regulation we want NSE to meet with region/municipal stakeholders to identify a common sense standard for the province, and then collaborate with each region and private C&D facility to develop a plan to achieve a standard with increased expectations over time.

We request a ban opt-out or suspension clause within the Regulation. It is necessary to protect interests when markets fail and there is no reasonable option to divert the banned material.

Random waste audits are necessary to strengthen the requirements on disposal operators. These audits should be funded through EPR.

It is expected that the approval of the proposed C&D materials bans will level the playing field for municipal and private sites. For consistency we encourage a change in the approval process that requires all C&D applications to receive final approval from one head office rather than NSE regional offices. Also within the approval, all C&D facilities should be required to report the tonnage of non C&D waste received and sent to a MSW landfill for disposal and the name of the landfill it was sent to.

Municipalities will require funding /resources to improve and implement C&D programs. This is necessary to properly sort and store materials that can be processed for market. Funding programs should be developed (or brought back such as the original MAP program) that provide equal opportunity to all municipal operations that require assistance with site upgrades as well as new infrastructure, equipment and human resources. Funding avenues should also continue to those that would like to pursue research and development and innovation projects.

3. Used tire management program – We have no issue with including off-road tires so long as there is a periodic 3rd party review that investigates the efficiency of the program and recommends other

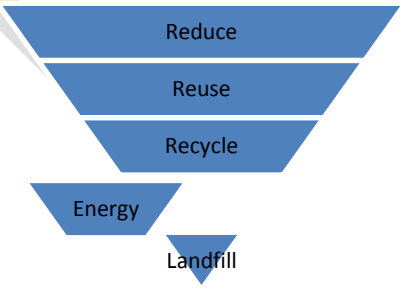
opportunities for diversion. Bicycle tires should be accepted through the recycling program at no charge as a means to divert the tires and not interfere with active living.

4. Removal of the requirement for regional plans – Agree with the deletion of the requirement for regional plans. The regulation should reference the Regions as they operate today. Region 2A includes the municipalities of:

- County of Antigonish;
- Districts of Guysborough & St Mary's; and
- Towns of Antigonish & Mulgrave

We support a regional structure for information sharing and decisions. The regulation should identify both Regional Chairs and Regional Coordinators.

We agree that the regulation should change to state the 300 kg/capita target is a provincial goal.



5. Clarity on the rules for energy from waste – we agree with the pollution prevention hierarchy as proposed here. Further consultation and clarity is required with respect to diversion as it relates to waste to energy and mixed waste streams.

6. Improve the enforceability of the solid waste regulation – We disagree with the proposed changes in this section and the downloading of responsibilities as it removes a minimum base level response provincially for litter abatement and response to illegal dumping and burning. Consider maintaining both as a provincial responsibility and use a policy or guidance document to develop a response hierarchy that will help NSE and municipal enforcement officers effectively collaborate and respond depending on risk.

With respect to litter, since it is mainly packaging along the roadside, it is possible that some funding could be generated through PPP to afford a provincial litter program. This could support efforts at a provincial and municipal level, including proper sorting bins along roadways. Another option is to move the responsibility of litter abatement to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

7. Beverage container program – We agree, the fee structure should closely reflect with other provinces which identify the deposit/refund and the container recycling fee (CRF) separate on the receipt to more accurately reflect the cost to manage the program. Also for simplicity, the CRF or Environmental Handling Fee (EHF) should be the same for each container type. Understanding that this harmonized CRF will have an established process defined in a standard in the regulation where it will be reviewed and set on a regular basis (no more than 1 time per year).

<u>Questions & Answers:</u>

1. Does the list of products proposed under a stewardship framework make sense? As the list would be phased in over time, what is a suitable time frame for implementing this policy shift for Nova Scotia?

Items for stewardship…

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Region 2A – Eastern Region Solid Waste Management

Yes the list of products for stewardship makes sense so long as municipalities:

- are not financially burdened;
- have the first right to continue managing the materials obligated for stewardship;
- the first right to refuse to manage the materials; and
- the program achieves the current level of convenience or another reasonable option that is decided upon with municipal stakeholders.

This will provide municipalities with the opportunity to continue curbside collection, if that makes sense; or drop off program at a waste management facility or other suitable location. Some exceptions apply that are currently only managed by municipalities as incidental or special waste such as flares, ammunition, sharps and medications. These items should continue to be managed direct by industry.

Further if an EPR program is not operated by municipalities than the EPR framework must identify the need for collaboration on compensation for incidental quantities managed by municipal facilities and education resources to direct the public to proper disposal locations. For example, E-Waste is managed through a network of approved EPRA depots, however municipalities continue to receive programs materials in garbage. Since they are banned, salvageable units are captured from the waste stream for diversion to an approved site. They are also collected from illegal dumpsites. We want to be compensated by the industry steward for these and other recovery activities. The EPR program for paint currently operated by Product Care is an existing model that recognized the need for our municipal facilities to continue with a consistent level of public service as one-stop shops. EPR items do not have to be turned away to another facility which often results in illegal dumping, we can accept the program materials in totes that are provided and compensation is provided for storage and the product.

Other items…
Hot and cold drink cups if not captured through PPP. Gaming gear should be added to the e-waste program. Also consider including upholstered furniture as the components are similar to mattresses and box springs. Rope and netting should also be considered as they cause problems in the landfill by twisting around the tracks on equipment. Will bait boxes be included as packaging? It would also be great if Clean Farms or another organization would provide a program for silage wrap recycling.

Timing…
The stewardship framework should be developed in consultation with municipal stakeholders and implemented as soon as possible, within the year following approved changes to the regulation. This is necessary to sustain our current programs, also to grow and develop new diversion programs. Many of the proposed items for EPR are already part of a program that has them diverted from the waste stream or they are related products such as the oil container. Packaging & Printed Paper, HHW including pressurized containers and E-waste should be first on the list, followed by mattresses and box springs, carpet and synthetic flooring. The framework for EPR light should also be developed as soon as possible to support C&D operations with upgrades and innovation at our facilities.

1-3 years –PPP, some HHW, Paint Cans, Pharmaceuticals & all sharps, Electronics and Textiles
3-5 years – Mattresses and box springs, and other HHW
5-10+ years – asphalt shingles, drywall/wallboard, clean wood, and pressure treated timbers

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We agree that the clean wood, asphalt shingles and drywall from demolition wooden structures would be last.

2. In a product stewardship framework, what should the role of manufacturer/producer, brand owner, distributor, retailer, consumers, municipalities and private recycling operators be?

Manufacturer/producer – Design for environment and be responsible for the end of life of their product. Also provide product specification changes to the Province that will impact health or recyclability of the product. They should also be responsible for special communication requirements regarding the distribution, reuse, recycling, recovery, treatment or disposal of a product.
Brand Owner – To join a larger organization of like products that submits a plan to the province and consult with NS municipalities. Also to prepare annual data and reports to be required as part of the plan. Pay for agreed to costs associated with the program including administration, collection, transportation, disposal, education, and enforcement including waste audits plus incidental costs for designated program materials received at transfer stations and landfills as garbage.

Distributor – Track the quantity of material shipped into the province to measure outcomes. Notify the province of any new product on the market that is distributed to NS that by definition would fit into a stewardship program.

Retailer – Promote and be in compliance with the recycling program of the product. Also to collect and remit fees paid by the consumer where applicable. The retailer may also be obligated to a return to retail program.

Consumers – Pay applicable fees and responsibly dispose of the product at end of life.

Municipalities – Stakeholders with a collection role and a waste management facility owner/operator role for all currently collected/received municipal solid waste from both the residential and ICI sectors. Municipalities are directly involved with the management of municipal solid waste, so they need to be directly involved as a stakeholder during initial conversations with the province and industry. They want to have an opportunity to continue to provide the service and also the first right of refusal. Provide data through the datacall survey.

Private Recycling Operators – Report their tonnages received and tonnages marketed from residential and ICI establishments in Nova Scotia. Allow for random audits of waste streams.

Haulers – Should be accountable for source separation requirements. The hauler should be required to provide a manifest with list of clients for each load of waste received by a facility.

Generator – Residential and ICI generators of waste should be accountable for source separation requirements.

Should this be different for different products?

No, all products should follow the same process. Each industry group should be required to collaborate with regions/municipalities prior to NSE approval no matter the product or level of municipal involvement.

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3. Should the stewardship framework and material bans apply to all Nova Scotians, residents and businesses alike?

Yes, municipalities manage residential and ICI waste through their waste management systems, so we are requesting that the stewardship framework include waste generated by residential and ICI sectors. The ban list has always been provincial in scope from all landfills (C&D and MSW). Although the ban list is provincial in scope each ban material has exceptions to be recycled and market challenges. Therefore it is necessary that the regulation identify that the ban is not an absolute and reference an 'exception clause' which consist for a guidance document to be developed by the department for each ban material that will clearly identify the exceptions. The regulation should also identify that a particular ban can be suspended by the Minister if the market fails or becomes financially unsustainable. Also recommend that the stewardship framework require industry to be responsible for the processing and marketing of their materials and pay the cost for stewarded items that are disposed in landfill due to markets and financial unsustainability. This should encourage innovation and design for environment.

4. What is the appropriate timing for implementing disposal bans on construction and demolition materials like wood, wallboard/drywall, asphalt shingles and expanded polystyrene insulation?

New bans should be implemented to coincide with stewardship expectations. If the stewardship is not achieved then the ban should not activate. This should also hinge on the completion of guidance documents to be developed by the department in consultation with municipalities that'll clearly identify needs for accessible processing and sustainable market. Also with respect to C&D, the regulation should identify an allowance for regional variations to the level of compliance. As mentioned above, this would include an exception clause that will identify exceptions to the rules that permit landfill as an option for ban materials.

Further EPR light is acceptable for C&D materials if it involves a program that encourages municipalities and private sector to participate by setting reasonable regional goals and encourages proposed best management practices for more difficult to manage materials. A ban for an EPR light product should only be considered once industry has demonstrated a commitment to assist with resources to improve access to material processing and market development. Similar to the PPP program in Ontario, we suggest that each of the proposed material industries be required to support diversion initiatives in the province until markets and processes are developed to financially sustain the diversion program for their product.

Timing…
Best management practices could be shared starting in year one with an expectation for immediate funding from the program to encourage C&D diversion. With respect to C&D bans should not be considered until at least five years and should be phased in over a 5 to 10 year period when sustainable markets and access to reasonable processing exists.

Stakeholder Committee…
Expectations of industry and facilities should be set by a committee with municipal representatives, etc. This committee should be identified in the regulation or guidance document for C&D materials bans. Facilities will need time and resources to build storage pads and shelter following best management practices. Understanding this, the committee could set site specific targets to achieve in a reasonable

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amount of time dependant on the current operation, including material generation (volume), level of effort to sort for market, distance to market and available processing. A one size approach will not fit all.

Are there other materials you think should be banned from landfill?

- Gaming Gear through EPRA, also the other items mentioned for EPR if an EPR program is approved for NS.

5. The proposed changes present both opportunities and challenges for operators under approval with NS Environment; do you have any specific suggestions for maximizing these opportunities and reducing challenges associated with the regulation?

Continue to consult with regions/municipalities on every piece. Recognize that there are differences and that it'll take time to become more consistent provincially. A plan would assist with this. Provide municipal facilities with equal opportunity to manage every material that they currently receive through waste management programs. The cost for incidental waste should be funded through EPR programs. It'll be a challenge to implement new ban programs so it's important to provide municipalities with equal opportunity to apply for funding to assist with capital/infrastructure costs required to upgrade and to transition to new material bans. MAP as it currently exists provides less than $20,000 total to our five municipalities. Not enough to support C&D upgrades.

6. What other actions should be taken to support waste diversion goals for Nova Scotia and foster the sustainability of the recycling system?

All C&D facility approvals should be reviewed at one head office for final approval. The approval should consider the current waste management system for the region where it is intended to operate and the bylaws of the municipality. No new facilities should be permitted until the review and regulation changes are complete. Provincial departments such as TIR, Education, Health & Wellness and Tourism should uphold the regulation and support efforts through compliance and education where appropriate. If they are not already, NSCC should be teaching the requirement for waste separation with each trade. We should work towards consistent programs. We need time and funding to make this happen but we're up for the journey with the NSE and other stakeholders.

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Revising Our Path Forward:

A public discussion paper about solid waste regulation in Nova Scotia

We want your input on the way solid waste is regulated in Nova Scotia.

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All Nova Scotians can help to make a cleaner, greener, and more economically sustainable province for the future. The Nova Scotia Government is committed to working towards provincial waste diversion goals. However, government cannot do this alone. We need the help of industry, communities, and all Nova Scotians.

What is Nova Scotia proposing to change?

Nova Scotia Environment is proposing changes to the provincial solid waste regulations to keep the programs efficient and sustainable, to provide a high level of environmental protection, and to create economic opportunities in our province.

The department is proposing to make changes in seven areas:

- Product stewardship
- Disposal bans and approval requirements
- Used tire management program
- Removal of the requirement for regional solid waste management plans
- Clarity on the rules for energy from waste
- Improved enforceability of the solid waste regulation
- Beverage container deposit-refund program

Today's strategy is almost 20 years old.

The status quo is not sustainable.

It is important to note that not all of the proposed changes would be immediate. In some cases, if enacted, they would change the way solid waste is managed by making the rules clearer on energy from waste and how the regulations are enforced. Other changes would be phased in over time, such as a framework for product stewardship that would see some stewarded materials introduced in 2015, with more products coming online in the following years. The details of each plan are explained below.

How did Nova Scotia Environment get here?

Nova Scotia Environment has been working with industry, municipalities, and our stakeholders over a number of years to identify changes that are needed to the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulation.

Nova Scotia's Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulation and Strategy were released in 1995. In 2007, a new ambitious goal for the province to dispose of no more than 300 kg per person per year by 2015 was set in the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act and the Environment Act. The strategy renewal process that began in 2008 concluded with the release of *Our Path Forward in 2011*. A core deliverable of *Our Path Forward* was to review the regulations.

Seven key areas of the regulations have been identified for potential amendment. These key areas address concerns heard from stakeholders during the entire strategy renewal process and were further refined based upon on-going discussions with stakeholders over the past year.

Why we want your input

The rules regarding solid waste could affect everyone. Several options have been examined that would result in potential changes to the current regulation. These options are presented within this document for your review and feedback.

We encourage written comments about the proposed changes. Please submit your comments to the address or email below.

Nova Scotia Environment will also be meeting with industry, municipalities, and other partners for additional feedback. Once the comment period ends, the department will consider each submission carefully, and all input received will inform and guide any changes to the regulations that will be brought forward for consideration.

We welcome your feedback.

Privacy notice: Submissions received will be considered by Nova Scotia Environment as part of the public consultation process. Your submission may be made available to the public with the exception of your personal information, which will only be disclosed in keeping with the privacy provisions of the NS Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Should you wish any of the information provided to be held in confidence, please clearly indicate this for consideration.

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Proposed Changes to Nova Scotia's Solid Waste Resource Management Regulations

Product Stewardship/Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

Product stewardship has proven to be an effective way to recycle materials and divert them from landfills. Examples of successful stewardship programs include electronics and consumer paint products. That is why Nova Scotia is looking to expand this approach. This approach shifts the responsibility for recycling and disposal costs from the taxpayer to the product producers and consumers.

Many provinces already have product stewardship and Extended Producer Responsibility Regulations (EPR) for products such as electronics, packaging and printed paper, and household hazardous waste. In Nova Scotia, all electronics brand owners must operate a stewardship program for the materials they sell in the province. Ontario, Manitoba, Quebec, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia have similar regulations. British Columbia has the most comprehensive list of products captured under stewardship regulation in Canada.

The British Columbia Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Program is expected to result in about $84 million each year to support the recycling of packaging and printed paper.

This approach encourages producers to design their products with the environment in mind, helps to reduce unnecessary packaging, supports local solid waste programs, and creates economic opportunities.

What we suggest: *Add a section in the solid waste regulation that will guide product stewardship in a consistent manner across designated products.*

A product stewardship framework would require each brand owner of a designated product to submit a plan to the Minister of Nova Scotia Environment detailing how they would ensure products are recycled instead of going to landfills. Products would be designated according to a schedule, and brand owners would have to meet performance targets. The details of how products are managed at the end of life are to be proposed by the brand owners, in consultation with stakeholders and following the criteria and outcomes outlined in the regulation and policies set by government.

The list of products that Nova Scotia Environment recommends to be covered in a framework for product stewardship is as follows:

- Packaging
- Printed paper
- Products containing mercury
- Batteries
- Vehicle fluid products and the containers
- Oil, oil filters, oil containers
- Paint and coating products (as currently regulated) and their containers
- Paint thinners and their containers
- Single-use pressurized containers
- Safety flares
- Pharmaceuticals and sharps, including syringes
- Domestic pesticides and their containers
- Small quantity fuels and their containers—camping oil, lighter fluids, etc.
- Tar and roofing patch and their containers
- Adhesives (in containers greater than one litre)
- Electronic waste (as currently regulated)
- Microwaves
- Floor model printers
- Photocopiers
- Mattresses and box springs
- Carpet and plastic and synthetic flooring
- Pressure treated timbers
- Limited EPR for the following items:
  - Engineered and composite wood
  - Drywall and wallboard
  - Asphalt shingles

Costs associated with the recycling and/or disposal of these materials are currently covered through municipal taxes. Product stewardship aims to shift the responsibility for managing these designated products to brand owners or consumers or both. Limited EPR refers to an approach where producers would be required to partner with construction and demolition processors in Nova Scotia to divert more of these products from disposal.

If this change happens, Nova Scotians will be able to place more materials at the curb for recycling; other products may need to go to collection depots. Some products may have a fee at the time of purchase to cover recycling costs, while some brand owners may absorb the cost. The benefit is that these products will be safely and responsibly recycled rather than going to a landfill.

Responsibility shifts from municipal taxpayers to brand owners.

Disposal Bans and Approval Requirements

Many construction and demolition (C&D) materials are reused in the marketplace. For those that are typically not reused, research and experimental markets have demonstrated many valuable options. For example, gypsum in wallboard, combined with waste wood, can be used to make animal bedding, while asphalt shingles can be used to create multi-use trails or new pavement, or used as an alternative fuel.

Several other materials are already being successfully diverted from landfill through recycling or diversion programs across Nova Scotia.

What we suggest: *Add more materials to the list of items banned from disposal, and strengthen requirements for disposal site operators to adhere to the bans.*

Certain items shouldn't go to the landfill.

The goal is to increase the diversion of these designated materials from landfills and support the creation of value-added products from C&D debris. Also, because of its weight, diverting C&D material will play a major role in the province reaching its disposal goal of no more than 300 kg per person per year. This will also encourage new and more efficient methods of managing C&D debris from the point of generation to the site of processing, and lead to more businesses opportunities and processing jobs in Nova Scotia.

Strengthening the requirements for all disposal sites to build awareness and identify banned materials, conduct random inspections, and carry out follow-up procedures to ensure these materials are not disposed of in their sites will aid in the diversion of materials from landfill. To foster this requirement, the department proposes to work together with disposal sites to identify appropriate standards and methods that will enable a smooth transition to implementing and adhering to disposal bans.

The department proposes to ban the following materials from disposal in landfills. These would be phased in over time, and for the products that fall within the product stewardship framework, the bans will become effective as stewardship programs come into place.

- Packaging
- Printed paper
- Products containing mercury
- Batteries
- Vehicle fluid products and the containers
- Oil, oil filters, oil containers
- Paint and coating products (as currently regulated) and their containers
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- Pressure treated timbers
- Clean wood
- Drywall and wallboard
- Asphalt shingles
- Textiles
- Non-packaging expanded polystyrene

Many materials such as food waste and newsprint are already banned from the landfill. We will be asking Nova Scotians to recycle these additional banned materials and products the way they do with the bans already in place. By continuing to separate materials before they are sent for disposal, Nova Scotians will help to effectively reduce the volume of materials going to landfills.

Page 9 highlights all of the materials that are currently banned from disposal in Nova Scotia, called Schedule "B" in the regulations. The new materials would be added to this schedule in the regulations.

Effectively increase recycling.

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Schedule "B" - Materials Banned from Landfills and Incinerators

Designated Material	Implementation Date
Beverage containers	April 1, 1996
Corrugated cardboard	April 1, 1996
Newsprint	April 1, 1996
Used tires	April 1, 1996
Lead-acid (automotive) batteries	April 1, 1996
Leaf and yard waste	June 1, 1996
Post-consumer paint products, formerly known as waste paint	April 1, 1997
Ethylene glycol (automotive antifreeze)	April 1, 1997
Compostable organic material	June 1, 1997
Steel/tin food containers	April 1, 1998
Glass food containers	April 1, 1998
Low-density polyethylene bags and packaging	April 1, 1998
High-density polyethylene bags and packaging	April 1, 1998
Televisions	February 1, 2008
Desktop, laptop and notebook computers, including CPUs, keyboards, mice, cables and other components in the computer	February 1, 2008
Computer monitors	February 1, 2008
Computer printers, including printers that have scanning or fax capabilities or both	February 1, 2008
Computer scanners	February 1, 2009
Audio and video playback and recording systems	February 1, 2009
Telephones and fax machines	February 1, 2009
Cell phones and other wireless devices	February 1, 2009

Schedule "B" amended: O.I.C. 2002-94, N.S. Reg. 24/2002; O.I.C. 2007-102, N.S. Reg. 61/2007.

Since 1996, Nova Scotia has enacted 21 different materials bans.

Used Tire Management Program

Quantities of used tires currently go to landfills that could be effectively recycled in Nova Scotia. By adding off-the-road tires for all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), mining equipment, and farm tractors to the regulation, more tires would be diverted from landfill through the existing used tire management program.

What we suggest: *Expand the current definition in the regulation to include off-the-road tires (OTRs).*

A one-time environmental fee is collected on the sale of new passenger tires in Nova Scotia. This fee supports the collection and processing of used tires. Changing the regulation to include more tires within the definition would divert more tires, provide industry with more options for diversion, reduce illegal dumping, and improve the cost effectiveness of the used tire program in Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia would also be more consistent with other provincial jurisdictions that include these tires in their diversion programs.

Nova Scotians who purchase off-the-road tires would see a modest fee added to the price of their tires at the point of sale. These tires would then be incorporated into the used tire management program with all other tires collected.

Harmonize Nova Scotia's tire program with other provinces.

Regional Solid Waste Management Plans – Regional Requirements

In 1997 the province established solid waste management regions to support achieving 50 per cent solid-waste diversion by the year 2000. Each region was asked to prepare a solid waste management plan to tell the province what actions they would take to achieve this goal. Since that time the province has revised the solid waste goals under the Environment Act and the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act to achieve 300 kg per person per year.

What we suggest: *Revise the regulation to update the geographic regions as they are operating today and to reflect that the regions will collectively support achieving the provincial goals as set under the act.*

The 300 kg per person per year goal is recognized as a province-wide goal, not a regional goal. This reality should be reflected within the regulation. The regions will be encouraged to do regional planning to help support achieving the provincial goals as set under the act, as they do today. The change would mean that developing regional plans would no longer be required by law.

Regulatory Clarity on Energy from Waste

Many technologies available today for the thermal treatment of municipal waste with energy recovery were not in existence, or not viable, when the regulations were first drafted in 1997. Today's innovative thermal technologies may present an opportunity when applied to the solid waste stream. However, it is important to ensure that environmental protection measures are put in place as required. One way to achieve this is to consider all thermal treatments of mixed municipal waste the same under the solid waste resource management regulations.

What we suggest: *Consider revising the definition of "incinerator" in the regulations.*

Clarify rules on new and emerging technologies.

A revised definition would provide clarity on how to assess the application of new and emerging technologies when they are used to process mixed municipal solid waste. A change to the definition of an "incinerator" could include other similar technologies that thermally process mixed municipal solid waste (for example, pyrolysis, gasification, plasma) as is done in other jurisdictions.

If such a change to the definition were made, this would ensure that Nova Scotia's disposal bans would apply to all of these new technologies when they are employed to process mixed municipal solid waste.

Improvements to the Enforcement of the Solid Waste Regulations

Nova Scotia Environment is responsible for delivering effective and efficient regulatory management for the protection of our environment. Some sections of the solid waste regulations are outdated or inconsistent with other regulations, making them confusing for stakeholders.

What we propose: *Update the solid waste management regulations so the definitions are up to date and consistent with other regulations under the Environment Act. Update sections pertaining to litter abatement and open burning of municipal solid waste to focus the department's activities on risk.*

Definitions that will be revised:

a. Construction and demolition debris
b. Municipal solid waste
c. Leaf and yard waste
d. Yard waste
e. Solid waste

Nova Scotia Environment is focusing its efforts on activities with a potential for higher risk to the environment. To that end, greater emphasis will be placed on working collaboratively with the municipalities or non-government organizations on the delivery of litter reduction and abatement programs and responding to open burning issues. Nova Scotia Environment will still respond to more complex and significant illegal dumping issues, but would rely on municipalities and other enforcement agencies to deal with littering issues and open burning situations that may pose a lower risk to the environment. This adjustment will allow department Inspectors to focus on more complex and higher-risk environmental issues.

New definitions will make the regulation more consistent with the other regulations under the Environment Act.

Beverage Container Deposit Refund Program Efficiency

The Beverage Container Deposit Refund Program is operated by the Resource Recovery Fund Board Nova Scotia (RRFB) and is regulated within the Nova Scotia Solid Waste Resource Management Regulations. The program came into effect on April 1, 1996—nearly 18 years ago. Since that time, Nova Scotia has achieved and maintained one of the highest beverage container return rates in North America at 79.6 per cent in 2013.

To date, the beverage container deposit refund program has helped divert and recycle more than three billion beverage containers from landfills and significantly reduce beverage container litter. Recycling beverage containers has a cost. That cost has continued to rise over the past 18 years, while the deposit refund that pays for the program has never increased.

What we suggest: *Change regulations to a deposit with a refund and a separate recycling fee.*

Maintain the high-level service that makes Nova Scotians proud.

This change will not be seen or felt by consumers in the short term, but rather is an internal system change to allow for flexibility. Currently, upon the purchase of a beverage container, a consumer pays a 10-cent deposit. Half, or 5 cents, is returned to the consumer for refund when the bottle is brought back to an Enviro-Depot, while the other 5 cents pays for collection, transportation, recycling, and marketing of the recycled materials, along with education programs, research and development, and more.

Under proposed changes, consumers would still pay 10 cents upon the purchase of a beverage container and receive as a refund their 5-cent deposit. In this new system, however, the other 5 cents is called a “container recycling fee” that is designated to cover program costs. By making this system change to administration of the beverage container program, the container recycling fee could be changed in the future based on changing market conditions (if needed) and could synchronize with other Canadian provinces. This flexibility ensures the continued success of the beverage container program. A process would be established to regularly review and set the beverage container recycling fee.

These changes are needed if the beverage container program is to remain sustainable and to maintain the high levels of performance and service delivery that have made Nova Scotians so proud to date.

Your Review and Feedback is Welcome

As you consider the changes proposed in this paper, you are invited to share your comments on the questions below or any other aspects of the solid waste resource management regulations.

1. Does the list of products proposed under a stewardship framework make sense? As the list would be phased in over time, what is a suitable time frame for implementing this policy shift for Nova Scotia?
2. In a product stewardship framework, what should the role of manufacturer/producer, brand owner, distributor, retailer, consumers, municipalities, and private recycling operators be? Should this be different for different products?
3. Should the stewardship framework and material bans apply to all Nova Scotians, residents and businesses alike?
4. What is the appropriate timing for implementing disposal bans on construction and demolition materials like wood, wallboard and drywall, asphalt shingles, and expanded polystyrene? Are there other materials you think should be banned from landfill?
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6. What other actions should be taken to support waste diversion goals for Nova Scotia and foster the sustainability of the recycling system?

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Municipal Boundary Review

September, 16, 2014

Presented by Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk Treasurer

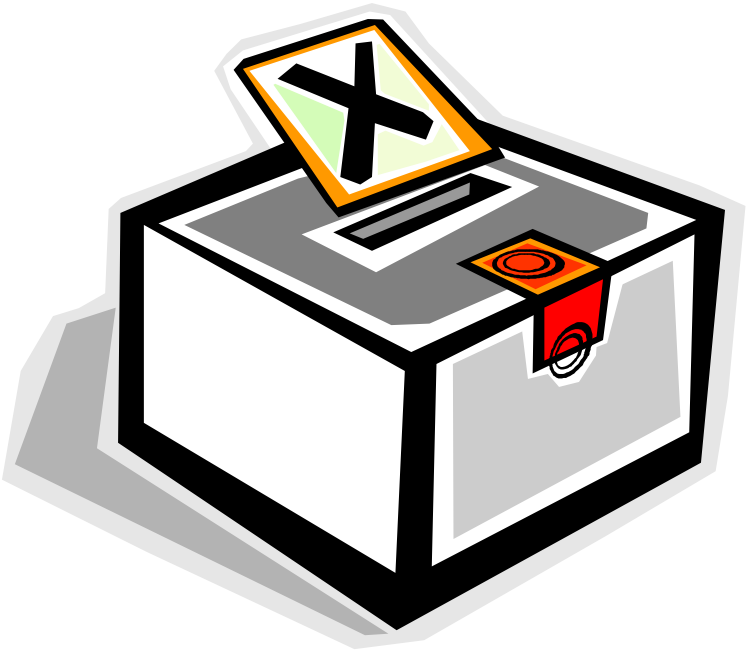
What is Boundary Review?

- Section 369 of the Municipal Government Act requires each council in 2014 (and every eighth year thereafter) to conduct a study of the number and boundaries of polling districts in the municipality, their fairness and reasonableness and the number of councillors.

- Before the end of the year Municipal Council must apply to the Utility and Review Board (UARB) to confirm or to alter the boundaries of polling districts and the number of councillors.

- Municipal Council has discussed in general terms what it wishes to consider during this review.

- Based on these discussions, municipal staff have begun to collect data and more fully develop specific options.



Important to Remember!

- Any adjustment to electoral boundaries will NOT affect municipal services

- Garbage collection, fire department coverage and all other municipal services will remain the same no matter the outcome.

- This review will only impact municipal boundaries of electoral districts for future municipal elections.

Options

- **OPTION #1 – Status Quo**: The number of polling districts (10) and their boundaries remain the same. Municipal representation is made up of a warden and council.

- **OPTION #2 – Adjusted Boundaries**: The number of polling districts remains the same (10), but boundaries are adjusted to address variation between districts in the average number of electors. Municipal representation is made up a warden and council.

Opportunities for Public Input

- Public consultation is critical to this review. The public will have two ways to express their views on the proposed options:

1. The review has been posted to the website and comments can be emailed to clerk@antigonishcounty.ns.ca with “Boundary Review” in the subject line.

2. Open Houses have been scheduled to introduce the options to residents and receive comments. You are welcome to attend either open house at the following locations:

   - Four Valley’s Fire Hall, Maryvale, on Wednesday, October 1 at 7pm.
   - Rev. HJ MacDonald School, Heatheron, on Tuesday, September 30 at 7pm.

What are the next steps?

- Once Open Houses are complete and residents have an opportunity to express their views, a final submission will be drafted fir Municipal Council's consideration.
- Formal application must be made to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (UARB) for its review and approval by December 31, 2014
- As part of its review the UARB will hold a public hearing in Antigonish County on a date to be determined.
- The UARB will make a decision and issue an Order to set the municipal boundaries for the next eight years.
- Any electors / households that are impacted by changes to district boundaries will be informed when the application is accepted by the Utility and Review Board.

What would “Adjusted Boundaries” look like?

- All electors residing on Glebe Road and Beaver Road would become part of District 1.
- All electors residing north of 1631 Highway 245 will become part of District 1. 1630 Highway 245 and south will remain part of District 2. Map 1
- All electors residing on Keating Court, Tamara Drive and those between on Highway 7 would become part of District 4. Map 2
- All electors residing on the south side of Highway 104 from Pomquet River Road to Highway 316 would become part of District 7.
- All electors residing on Pine Ridge Road and Lorraine Lane would become part of District 7.
- All electors residing on Summerside Bayfeild Road, north of Highway 4, would become part of District 7. Map 3
- All electors residing on Linwood Road, Linwood Station Road and Grovenor Road would become part of District 8. Map 4

Why not leave boundaries as they are?

- This option has been developed with the following considerations in mind:
  - All Municipalities are required to keep the variation in the number of electors among district between -10% & +10% of the average. Each of the recommended changes helps us align with that requirement.
  - More than just numbers, “communities of interest” are also considered when making these adjustments to boundaries. The recommended changes aim to avoid divisions within communities of interest.

Why not change the number of districts?

- Across the province there is no standard number of elected officials for a municipality.

- The number of commitments and responsibilities required of councillors only grows as our communities grow.
  - Antigonish County is home to many vibrant communities, and as such there are a number of demands put on councillors from both the Municipality and from their electors.

- To carry out the role of a councillor and to most effectively govern as a council, it was felt the number of councillors met the needs of this municipality.

- Of the municipalities with a comparable population, some have less and some have more than the 10 councillors representing Antigonish County.

Municipality	Population	# of Elected Representatives	Population / District
Annapolis	17,500	11	1,590
Antigonish	***15,350***	***10***	***1,535***
Chester	10,599	7	1,514
Cumberland	16,000	10	1,600
Inverness	14,896	6	2,482
Pictou	21,745	14	1,553
Richmond	9,500	10	950
West Hants	14,165	9	1,573

***This table is based on population data from the 2011 census rather than electors. Updated numbers on electors in most municipalities is not readily available. However, population provides a reasonable comparison for this purpose.**

What about electing a Mayor?

- Yes, this option was consider.

- Only two rural municipalities directly elect a mayor – the County of Colchester and the District of Lunenburg. Like Antigonish, all others select a warden from among elected councillors.

- It was not felt that a change of this kind was necessary or desirable at this time.

Thank you!

THE MUNICIPALITY OF
THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW

DISTRICTS 1 & 2

District	Electors	Difference from Mean	Variance (%)	Mean (All Districts)	Electors Moved
2013 Boundary					
1	928	-177	-16.02	1105	
2	1258	153	13.85	1105	
Proposed Boundary					
1	997	-108	-9.77	1105	69
2	1189	84	7.60	1105	-69

DISTRICT 1

DISTRICT 2

69 Voters in hatched areas moved from District 2 to District 1

Active Voters Per Household
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

First Civic number in District 1 on Hwy 245: 1630

Last Civic number in District 2 on Hwy 245: 1620

Beaver Rd
Mill Rd
LAKEVALE
NORTH LAKEVALE
North Lakevale Rd
West Lakevale Rd
South Lakevale Rd
Glebe Rd
BROPHY
Brophy Rd
Big Marsh Branch Rd
BIG MARSH
MARYVALE
245
FAIRMONT
PLEASANT VALLEY
CLOVERVILLE
NORTH GRANT
CLYDESDALE
DISTRICT 4
LOWER
SYLVAN VALLEY
ANTIGONISH LANDING
WILLIAMS POINT
BRIERLY BROOK BACK ROAD
Highway 245
1645
1641
1631
1630
1620
1614
1605
1596
1593
1591

0 1 2 3 4 5
Kilometres

THE MUNICIPALITY OF
THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW

DISTRICTS 6 & 7

District	Electors	Difference from Mean	Variance (%)	Mean (All Districts)	Electors Moved
2013 Boundary					
6	1269	164	14.84	1105	
7	920	-85	-16.74	1105	
Proposed Boundary					
6	1164	59	5.34	1105	-105
7	1038	-67	-6.06	1105	+118

Active Voters Per Household

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

DISTRICT 5

DISTRICT 6

DISTRICT 7

DISTRICT 8

13 Voters in this area moved from District 8 to District 7

105 Voters in this area moved from District 6 to District 7

MONKS HEAD
POMQUET
POMQUET STATION
UPPER POMQUET
SOUTH RIVER STATION
TAYLORS ROAD
POMQUET FORKS
HEATHERTON
SUMMERSIDE
BAYFIELD
BAYFIELD ROAD
AFTON STATION

Monks Head Rd
Pomquet Lake Rd
Pomquet Monks Head Rd
Taylors Rd
Dagger Woods Rd
Pomquet River Rd
Bayfield Cross Rd
Summerside Bayfield Rd
Summerside Rd
Highway 4
Highway 104
Afton Rd
Gorman Rd
New France Rd
Fraser's Grant Rd
Bailey Rd
Farm Rd
Tarmore Rd
Highway 316

0 1 2 3 4 5
Kilometers

THE MUNICIPALITY OF
THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW

DISTRICTS 8 & 9

District	Electors	Difference from Mean	Variance (%)	Mean (All Districts)	Electors Moved
2013 Boundary					
8	939	-166	-15.02	1105	
9	1090	-15	-1.36	1105	
Proposed Boundary					
8	1006	-99	-8.96	1105	67
9	1010	-95	-8.60	1105	-80

CAPE JACK
HAVRE BOUCHER
WEST HAVRE BOUCHER
LINWOOD
BARRIOS BEACH
EAST TRACADIE
Linwood Harbour Rd
Highway 4
Highway 104
WEST LINWOOD
Linwood Rd
Grovenor Rd
LINWOOD
DISTRICT 9
WEST ARM TRACADIE
TRACADIE
BIG TRACADIE
DISTRICT 8
DISTRICT 7
13 Voters in this area
moved from District 6 to District 7
80 Voters in this area
moved from District 9 to District 8
AFTON STATION
MONASTERY
MATTIE SETTLEMENT
0 1 2 3 4 5
Kilometers

Active Voters
Per Household

0	6
1	7
2	8
3	9
4	10
5	

DISTRICT 4

DISTRICT 10

118 Voters in this area
moved from District 10 to District 4

Market St
Highway 104 WB
Highway 104 EB
Keating Crt
Tamara Dr
Greenhill Dr
Chisholm Dr
Ponderosa Dr
Heritage Dr
South Hill Dr
Elliott Lane
MacInnis Way
Highway 7
Garvie Rd
Lower West River Rd

Active Voters
Per Household

0		6	
1		7	
2		8	
3		9	
4		10	
5			

0 100 200 300 400 500
Meters

THE MUNICIPALITY OF
THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW

DISTRICTS 4 & 10

District	Voters	Diff	%Diff	Mean	Change
2013					
4	1089	-16	-1.45	1105	
10	1308	203	18.37	1105	
Proposed					
4	1207	102	9.230769	1105	118
10	1190	85	7.692308	1105	-118

Eastern District Planning Commission

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

TO: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FROM: GLENN HORNE, MUNICIPAL CLERK TREASURER
SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – E-POLL REPORT**
DATE: AUGUST 13, 2014

An e-Poll was conducted, closing on August 31, 2014, to dispense with three items of municipal business. The following Councillors participated:

Warden Boucher
Councillor Boucher
Councillor Bowie
Councillor Chisholm
Councillor Deveau
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor MacFarlane
Councillor MacLellan
Councillor McCarron
Councillor Stewart

The following recommendations were made:

The Committee recommends to Municipal Council that the tender for solid waste and recycling trucking services from the Beech Hill Solid Waste Management Facility to the Second Generation Landfill in Guysborough County and Kemptown, Colchester County, be awarded to Eastern Sanitation.

The Committee recommends to Municipal Council that the attached resolution concerning school bus use for public transportation be approved and submitted to the UNSM for consideration at its Fall Conference.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Date: September 09, 2014

Attended by: Warden Russell Boucher, Chair
Deputy Warden Owen McCarron
Councillor Mary MacLellan
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Hughie Stewart
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
Councillor Remi Deveau
Councillor Angus Bowie
Councillor Pierre Boucher
Councillor Bill MacFarlane
Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Vera Rhynold, Recording Secretary

ITEM # 1 REQUEST TO ATTEND 24th ANNUAL COMPOST CONFERENCE

The Committee of the Whole recommends to Municipal Council that Councillor Pierre Boucher attend the 24th Annual Compost Conference.

ITEM # 2 REQUEST TO ATTEND ANNUAL LIBRARY CONFERENCE

The Committee of the Whole recommends to Municipal Council that Councillor Mary MacLellan attend the Annual Library Conference in Amherst from September 23-27th.

ITEM # 3 REQUEST TO SPONSOR A TEAM IN THE X-MEN SCRAMBLE

The Committee of the Whole recommends to Municipal Council that a team be sponsored in the X-Men Hockey/Golf Scramble on September 30th at a cost of $360.00.

ITEM # 4 DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK POSITION

The Committee of the Whole recommends to Municipal Council that a process be initated to fill the position of Municipal Deputy Clerk.

SCHOOL BUS USE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- Municipality of the County of Antigonish and the Town of Antigonish

WHEREAS the benefits of public transportation are widely acknowledged, and there is insufficient access to public transportation to the residents of small, rural towns and municipalities across Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS the feasibility of pooling existing and underutilized resources, such as school buses, has been studied in various locations across Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS the utilization of school buses has been successful in providing access and meeting the need for public transportation in communities in Quebec and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS school buses have the potential to provide a low-cost, convenient method of connecting residential communities and popular service points across large geographical areas, based on their existing geographical coverage; and

WHEREAS the coordination of services would require significant effort on the parts of municipalities, local school board and the Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNSM urge the Department of Education and Members of the Legislative Assembly to support municipalities and regional school boards in exploring the integration of school buses into community public transportation.

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Nova Scotia
Municipal Finance Corporation

August 6, 2014

TO: Chief Administrative Officers, Clerk Treasurers and Administrators
Towns, Municipalities, Villages and Municipal Enterprises

SUBJECT: Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation's Annual Report

Enclosed is a copy of the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation's 34th Annual Report. This report includes the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2014. The Annual Report is also available on our website - www.nsmfc.ca.

If we can be of any particular assistance to you or you wish to have discussions concerning capital financing requirements, please feel free to contact us.

Yours truly,

Dan McDougall
Chair

Enclosure

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cobalt

21 August 2014

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Municipality of the County of Antigonish
285 Beech Hill Road
RR 6, Antigonish, NS, B2G 0B4

And

Town of Antigonish
274 Main St,
Antigonish, NS, B2G 2C4

Attention: Councillor Mary MacLellan and Councillor William Cormier

Dear Mary and William,

On behalf of Cobalt Properties Limited I would like to thank both Municipalities for the encouraging letter of August 6th. Your support and commitment for the development of this property is greatly appreciated.

Should Cobalt Properties Limited decide to move forward we look forward to working with both municipalities for a successful development.

Yours truly,

Clinton Carr, P.Eng., GSC
Manager Land Development
Cobalt Properties Limited

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MR. GLENN HORNE
MUNICIPAL CLERK AND TREASURER
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH
285 BEECH HILL RD
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ANTIGONISH NS B2G 0B4

Dear Mr. Horne:

Your letter and petition, which was forwarded by the Honourable Lisa Raitt, was referred to me by Mr. Deepak Chopra, President and Chief Executive Officer. I note your comments about postal service in St. Andrews, and I wish to assure you that we realize the importance of maintaining a high standard of service in St. Andrews and other rural communities.

We are carefully reviewing our operations across Canada. After analyzing customer traffic patterns at the St. Andrews Post Office, we determined that few customers were using the post office early in the morning. Also, on average, only seven people visit it on Saturdays and transactions are around $18 for the day. Therefore, effective June 29, changes were made to reflect this minimal usage, primarily by opening the office a bit later three days during the week and by closing it on Saturdays. Residents continue to have access to their mail via their postal boxes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Like other organizations, we must ensure that we operate in a cost-effective manner while providing a high level of service. The challenge is that Canadians in all communities are changing the way they use the postal system. As people are conducting more transactions via the internet, this means fewer stamp purchases and visits to the post office every year.

As you may know, Canada Post's mandate is to provide affordable and universal postal service to all Canadians while remaining financially self-sustaining. Digital alternatives are increasingly replacing traditional mail and that trend is accelerating. As a result, people are using Canada Post differently than they have in past years. In 2013, Canadians mailed more than one billion fewer pieces of mail than they did in 2006. With Canadians as a whole mailing less and less each year, we have to make difficult decisions to secure the postal service for everyone. As Minister Raitt mentioned, we introduced a Five-point Action Plan in December, which will meet Canadians' changing needs for postal services, while reducing our costs significantly in order to secure the future of the postal service for all Canadians. You may find details of the action plan on our website at canadapost.ca.

Please be assured we remain committed to serving rural communities and to meeting all our obligations under the Canadian Postal Service Charter. Section 2 of the Charter recognizes that the provision of postal services to rural regions is an integral part of Canada Post's universal service. Changes under the Five-point Action Plan are necessary to sustain this postal service.

Thank you for sharing your concerns. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Adam Lintaman, Local Area Manager, at 902-897-3341 ext. 2005. Also, Andy Paterson of my Municipal Affairs team will be pleased to assist you and can be reached at 519-457-5247.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Margles

c.c. The Honourable Peter MacKay, P.C., M.P.

Minister of Transport | Ministre des Transports

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0N5

JUN 2 4 2014

Mr. Glenn Horne
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer
Municipality of the County of Antigonish
285 Beech Hill Road
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Antigonish NS B2G 0B4

Dear Mr. Horne:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Canada Post. Please accept my apology for the delay in replying.

On December 11, 2013, Canada Post announced a Five-point Action Plan (**www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/assets/pdf/aboutus/5_en.pdf**), which is intended to return the corporation to financial self-sustainability by 2019 and is within the parameters of the Canadian Postal Service Charter (**www.tc.gc.ca/eng/mediaroom/infosheets-canadapost-1770.htm**). Canada Post is required by law to operate on a self-sustaining financial basis. I look forward to seeing progress as Canada Post rolls out its plan for an efficient, modern postal service that protects taxpayers and is aligned with the choices consumers are making.

The reality is that Canadians are increasingly choosing to communicate in ways other than sending letters. Due to the lack of demand, mail volumes have dropped almost 25% since 2008 and continue to fall. The traditional postal business model that worked so well in the pre-digital era is increasingly out of step with today's reality.

As a commercial Crown corporation that operates at arm's length from the Government, Canada Post is responsible for the management of its own operations. Therefore, I have forwarded a copy of your correspondence to Mr. Deepak Chopra, President and Chief Executive Officer of Canada Post, so that he is aware of your concerns.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport

c.c. The Honourable Peter MacKay, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
Mr. Deepak Chopra

Canada

---------- Original Message ----------
From: Joe <joemacd@eastlink.ca>
To: Vaughan Chisholm <vchisholm@antigonishcounty.ns.ca>, Mayor Carl Chisholm <mayor@townofantigonish.ca>, Warden Russell Boucher <rdboucher@antigonishcounty.ns.ca>
Date: June 29, 2014 at 1:48 PM
Subject: twining highway 104 west of Antigonish

Hi

I am writing you today asking for Antigonish Town and County Council support for twining highway 104 west of Antigonish. I need the support of everyone to push this through to a reality. I think twining this section of Highway can have immeasurable effects on our County. By the way of improved safety, economic by building and thru tourism. If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer or talk to you. We want to push the Nova Scotia Government on putting this into their 2018/19 Road Building Plan. Together we can move forward and save lives.

some stats on the highway

- from Sutherlands River to the new twinned section in Antigonish is 37 kms (Pictou County is 25 kms)
- since 2009 there has been 130 accidents with 13 fatalities to date (as of June 27/14)
- same amount of traffic thru it as the Cobequid Pass (average 7000-8000 per day, Cobequid Pass average 7800 per day)
- traffic will increase if the big projects start like the Melford Container Terminal and the Goldboro LPG terminal.
- possibly more freight if the railway stops in Cape Breton.
- improved safety for all of our families and tourist that travel this deadly stretch of highway every day.

I have copy and pasted the letters I have already sent to the NS government, but I think we should push this to the National highway joining Canada.

Thanks

Joe MacDonald
Chief
Barney's River FD
902-754-8422

April /14

Subject: more numbers for Accidents from Antigonish County Line to the newly twinned highway in Antigonish

Hi

I have written to you all, and feel these number should be told too. Antigonish County Fire Dept. has responded to 44 motor vehicle accidents with 1 fatality in the past 5 years. So the total between Barney's River and Antigonish is now at 115 Motors Vehicle Accidents and 12 fatalities over the past 5 years. I urge you to put the twinning of this deadly stretch of highway on your priority list when your party makes their own 5 year highway plan.

Thanks

Joe MacDonald
Chief
Barney's River Fire Dept.
902-754-8422

Mr. Premier

Please find below the letters I have already sent you.

Thanks

Joe MacDonald
Chief
Barney's River FD
902-754-8422

Feb 7/14

Hi Everyone

I am fire chief of the Barney's River & District Volunteer Fire Department. I am writing you today asking you to start planning a strategy to have Highway 104 east of Sutherlands River twined ASAP. Over my career as a Volunteer Firefighter, It scares me on how many people have died or was seriously hurt on the Trans Canada Highway thru my district. Just over the past year, many young Nova Scotian's have died on this stretch of road. Today is the latest, a young Cape Breton boy going to or coming from the NSCC . I hope you see the need of twining this

stretch of deadly road ASAP even if it has to be a toll road. How many more people have to die? I do not know how many more people we can scrap off this highway.

Thanks for your time

Joe MacDonald
Chief
Barney's River & District Fire Dept..

On Sun, May 4, 2014 at 1:21 PM

Hi

I am the fire chief for the Barney's River Fire Dept., Recently I wrote you pleading for a plan to twin the trans Canada between Sutherlands River to at least Antigonish or possibly the Canso Causeway. Today my fire department was dispatched to another MVA in Broadway at mile marker 192.(facts this the 11th death in the last 5 years and the 68 MVA in the past 5 years, in my district) This accident was a single vehicle accident but the driver went out of control and crossed the oncoming traffic and hit a guard rail. He went thru the guard rail and rolled the mini van and was ejected. He was pronounced on scene by EHS. Thank goodness there was no oncoming traffic at this time. Also if the highway was twinned, he may have lived by landing into the median. I hope you can make a plan for the twinning of this dangerous stretch of highway in your mandate even if it is a toll highway.

Thanks for your time

Joe MacDonald
Chief
Barney's River FD
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THE TOWN OF
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Wednesday, July 02, 2014

Minister Geoff MacLellan
Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal
PO Box 186,
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Canada
B3J 2N2

Dear Minister MacLellan:

Re: Letter to County of Antigonish regarding Old Highway 104/Trunk 7 and West Street, Antigonish, Nova Scotia

At the last Council meeting I was asked to write to you about our concerns for pedestrian safety at the above intersection. We noted in your letter of June 17, 2014 to the County of Antigonish, your Department was looking at options. You noted the Province was seriously looking at constructing a roundabout, which this Council endorses. The Town of Antigonish would like to stress the importance to having this matter addressed as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we would appreciate the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal looking at some interim measures to improve the safety for pedestrians at this intersection.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Stephen Feist
Chief Administrative Officer

cc. Town of Antigonish Council
County of Antigonish Council ✓
Honourable Randy Delorey, MLA
Paul Colton, Area Manager, Antigonish

NOVA SCOTIA
Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

Highway Maintenance & Operations
1672 Granville Street
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Bus: 902-722-1434

Date: July 30, 2014

To: Municipal Office, EMO, NS Geomatics Centre, Canada Post, Eastern District Planning Commission

From: Heather Neish, Provincial Road Listing Coordinator

Re: Road Name Change – Trunk 4 (section 315)

Please be advised of the following road name change within the Provincial Public Highway System as approved by the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

The Department has changed the name of the section of Highway 104 (locally known as Old Highway 104) that runs from the Northern roundabout at Highway 104 Exit 31 in Addington Forks to the intersection of Beech Hill (0453). The new name is Trunk 4 (0004), and is a total distance of approximately 4.75 kilometers in the community of Antigonish, Antigonish County. Road signs have been posted.

SEGID – 400042174, 124100064, 124100049, 124100050, 124100051, 124100052, 124100011, 124100009, 400003729, 124100010, 124100006, 400022619, 400010413, 400022618, 400022621, 400022616, 400022615, 124700144, 124700126, 124700145, 124700143, 124700011, 400022630, 123800014

VON CANADA

July 17, 2014

Warden Russell Boucher

Municipality of the County of Antigonish

285 Beech Hill Road

Antigonish, NS B2G 2L4

Dear Warden Boucher:

On behalf of our Community Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and most importantly, our clients, I would like to express our gratitude for Council's approval of our grant application for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The ongoing generosity of the Municipal Council is very important to us as we continue to offer much needed services to local seniors.

Please pass along to everyone on Council a grateful "thank you" and our acknowledgement of your generosity to VON Antigonish.

All Best Wishes,

Anne Isherwood

Anne Isherwood

Manager of Community Support & Volunteer Services

ANTIGONISH ART FAIR
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Sent by email for distribution to Warden and Council
c/o clerk@antigonishcounty@ns.ca

Warden and Council

This is to thank you for you contribution to the Antigonish Art Fair. This contribution is very much appreciated as without it we would not be able to run the Antigonish Art Fair.

We have already begun to include the County as a prime sponsor in our publications and announcements. We will continue this for the entire season. The photo for the casket with the Warden should also help convey your support to the public.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely yours,

Beth Latwaitis and David Miller
Co Organizers