

Committee of the Whole
Committee Report/Updates
June 21/2022

By: Mayor Chisholm-Beaton

One Nova Scotia – REAP Project

Our team continues to meet bi-weekly and as needed. We have submitted a joint proposal for \$60K (\$40K for Apaq't Place and \$20K for Rising tIDE fund development) to Onside (submitted June 10th). Our next meeting is not yet set. I will be attending an innovation tour at MIT in Boston from June 28-30th which will complete the REAP MIT component of this project. The next steps will be to work with NSCCs across the province to continue to work on innovation in the 5 regions (Strait Cape Breton included).

(Chair/Team Champion Brenda Chisholm-Beaton)

Allan J MacEachen Regional Airport.

A meeting was held June 20 and it was determined that there would be a recess until September. The budget was approved at the meeting, as well as review of budget – and a review of the operations and needed work (by operations manager and by Facilities Manager). The term for both the chair and the user group has reached it's 2 year mark. The current user group rep will speak with the other users for a new appointment – and the chair now rotates to Richmond County. Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson noted she'd prefer to do the next six months as vice-chair and Mayor Chisholm-Beaton continue as interim chair for that time, for which the Deputy Warden would then consider the chair.

(Chair: Brenda Chisholm-Beaton, Vice Chair: Melanie Sampson)

NSFM Executive Board Meetings

Provincial Code of Conduct working committee meetings continues – we exercised with Code of Conduct with non-descript examples provided by NSFM membership during the Spring Convention in White Point, and contributed afterwards.

We had an NSFM meeting on June 17 to discuss the structural changes. Next meeting is June 22

(Chair/President – Mayor Amanda McDougall – CBRM Vice-chair/Vice-President Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton, Town of Port Hawkesbury).

Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health

The executive members continue to meet with NS Recruiter/Navigator Victoria MacAulay to discuss joint projects for retention/recruitment. I am also part of a special committee working with members of NSH on brainstorming solutions for our region regarding health care delivery and community health and wellness.

With regard to the general committee - CBSRH members have concerns over the new health care model now being implemented for Strait Richmond Hospital and will have formal conversations regarding this and other issues at an upcoming meeting June 23rd.

(Chair – Juanita Mombourquette, co-chair – Amanda Mombourquette)

Accessibility Advisory Meeting

A meeting of PHAAC was held on Monday June 6th (virtually). We reviewed next steps, the best way to report to both Council and the committee any progress made – and the committee decided to recess for the summer and continue meeting again in September.

(Co-chairs: Matthew Higgins and Brenda Chisholm-Beaton).

Unity Drive: Joint Industrial Park Commission

A meeting was held June 8th with an in-camera portion – and out of in-camera we've enabled support staff to further explore interest in property in the park.

(Chair, Councillor Mark MacIver, Vice Chair; Councillor Mike Diggdon).

Other work:

Offshore wind file: The task force continues to learn more about offshore wind, and connect with key stakeholders. We hold regular meeting times for the task force (each first and third Tuesdays of every month). We are continuing to prepare a proposal to establish an offshore wind research centre here in the Strait Region. We've attended multiple meetings with stakeholders (when needed) and presented to CEPI, went on a tour of FORCE in Parrsborro, and are planning to present at Victoria County Council in the future.

Pitu'paq: Our next meeting is going to be held this upcoming Friday – being hosted in Cleveland at Friends United; update will be proved at next COW.

Everwind Fuels: I have had the opportunity to keep in regular contact with David Hart and with Trent Vichie with regard to Everwind Fuels and their ongoing development. The company has kindly donated funds to Pride Month to support the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

Destination Cape Breton: The next meeting is scheduled for June 23rd (Finance) and June 27 (general meeting). Report to follow for next COW.

Friends United: Rolf Bowman has offered to provide indigenous art to showcase in the Civic Centre – will add this for consideration of council.