

**Committee of the Whole**  
**Committee Report/Updates**  
**March 15/2022**

By: Mayor Chisholm-Beaton

**One Nova Scotia – REAP Project**

Our team continues to meet every second Thursday am to discuss some projects we wish to continue to move forward; we are still in the process of discussing which project we will choose to start first.

(Chair/Team Champion Brenda Chisholm-Beaton)

**Allan J MacEachen Regional Airport.**

We had a successful Airport Engagement Session Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> (virtually) from 1-3pm. It was facilitated by Bob MacEachern (with help from chairs Amanda Mombourquette and I). Over 40 people registered from various industries, municipalities, and stakeholder organizations. Next steps are to work with the Cape Breton Partnership on a summary document that captures the feedback gathered in the session, which can be shared with the Airport Committee, participants and stakeholders.

There is an airport meeting scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup> – the details/update for this meeting will be in the next COW report.

(Chair: Brenda Chisholm-Beaton, Vice Chair: Amanda Mombourquette)

**NSFM Executive Board Meetings**

Provincial Code of Conduct working committee meetings continue.

Work is continuing around the NSFM restructuring. Elected Council members across the Province are invited to two more engagement sessions to again outline the proposed NSFM restructuring/changes (March 16/17<sup>th</sup> via Zoom). I will be chairing the March 16th session. I also presented on behalf of President McDougall on the proposed structural changes to AMANS members. Today I presented the changes to Annapolis County also.

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

### **Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health**

Our meeting was held February 24<sup>th</sup>. Glen Brann presented (NS Health) regarding the Medical Affairs Team, in terms of Physician resources, Physician recruitment, privileging and credentialing, Physician leadership development and other functions. In addition to the navigators report, the committee also discussed future presentations to Richmond and Port Hawkesbury Town Council – and in fact, Gina will be presenting to the Town of Port Hawkesbury at tonight’s Committee of the Whole. This will be a great opportunity for Council to ask questions.

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

### **Waterfront Advisory Committee**

Our waterfront meeting scheduled for February 28th – it was a great meeting. We reviewed the AT plans for the waterfront area and also the plans for the North Granville Street green space “Sunset Park”. The group spent some time reviewing bench and seating samples and a recommendation was requested to move forward the purchase of .Adirondack chairs and benches for the waterfront areas.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>.

(Chair – Vicki Persig; co-chair - Mark Maclver)

### **Accessibility Advisory Meeting**

Like in the last COW report, working sessions continue weekly (Monday evenings) to complete work and review research in preparation for our draft Accessibility plan.

We have three more plan sections to review for next week and hope to have a draft to Council to read in advance of the Special Public Meeting set for March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our committee will present the plan to Council at the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and provide an opportunity for Q&A and feedback. If all goes well, and accessibility plan will be presented for adoption by Council at April’s Public Meeting.

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

### **Unity Drive: Joint Industrial Park Commission**

The February meeting of the Joint Park Commission was held on February 24<sup>th</sup>. It was a very positive meeting – EDPC Director John Bain joined the meeting and reviewed the current zoning in place for the property. There was great discussion regarding zoning. We noted that it would

be great to engage the Cape Breton Partnership staff/EDO work with us on a professional development strategy (as discussed last meeting). Next meeting is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022.

(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 have established regular meeting times for the task force – which is the first Tuesdays of each month with a working group meeting on the third Tuesdays of each month.

**REAP Presentations:** We have a series of post-MIT presentations we planned to our team's funding partners. To date we've completed presentations to Strait Area Chamber of Commerce, the Cape Breton Partnership, and the Cape Breton Investment Group. In the weeks to come, we hope to meet with others.

**Connector Program:** I am participating in the Cape Breton Partnership Connector Program.

**Welcome Network:** I am participating in a campaign that welcomes newcomers with the Cape Breton Partnership (to be used on social media).

**Youth Project:** I am working with community leaders to host a 2SLGBTQ+ drop in session this month for youth (March 24<sup>th</sup>).