

Committee of the Whole Committee Report/Updates

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Allan J MacEachen Regional Airport

A meeting was held on June 7th – which included an overview of the manager and facilities reports (no private user report was submitted during the meeting). We reviewed the progress on the potential for funding to do work on the runway (more to come as this file receives updates from the Province). We also had an incamera meeting (for information). Budget was adjusted to deal with overages for work completed at the airport (lights and asphalt repairs). Committee discussed a potential future on-site visit to the airport.

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

Budget Deliberations (various meetings)

We had our final budget meetings on May 23rd and June 2nd which finalized our capital and operational budget – and Council was in agreement to move things forward for decision at our June 6th Public Meeting (Budget passed).

NSFM Board Position

Provincial Code of Conduct Working Group: the next meeting has not yet been set (report to follow when that happens).

Board Meetings: Next board meeting will be on June 23rd 2023.

Additional NSFM meetings: As President – I attended several meetings at the FCM – in person – as well as a virtual meeting prior to FCM (RCMP Retroactive issue May 19th and PTA on May 23rd). Also as President – I attended the Atlantic Mayors Congress in Amherst June 8 to 10th.

Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health

Our small executive continues to reconnect when we need to – and we also had the opportunity as well to reconnecting with NS Health staff regarding the framing of a “reimagining health care in the Cape Breton South region” pilot and what it can look like. The next meeting date has not yet been set to reconnect.

Meeting took place on May 18th and May 25th - meeting for June not yet set (TBD).

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

CEPI Senior Council Meeting

Meeting was hybrid with some participating in person (in Eskasoni) and others virtually – I attended virtually – on June 1st 2023. We reviewed short and long term goals for Capi staff and partners (Unir) in the coming year – as well as budget. Both the chair and vice chair are nearing the end of their term on CEPI.

(Chair: Dan Christmas, Vice Chair: Paul MacNeil).

Port Hawkesbury Accessibility Advisory Meeting

Gordie Chaired meeting on June 5th, 2023 – and reviewed short and long term goals for the Granville Green with the advisory committee. Next meeting date has not yet been set.

Note: I had a great meeting with a representative of the Nova scotia Accessibility Directorate on June 7 (will update committee at the next meeting).

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

Destination Cape Breton Association

DCBA Finance meeting to take place on June 20th and Monthly board meeting to take place next day on June 21st in Baddeck (report to follow).

(Chair: Rodney Chaisson; Vice-chair: Brenda Chisholm-Beaton)

Strait of Canso Offshore wind Task Force

The SCOWTF executive met the end of May and early June to organize the agenda for the upcoming Monthly meeting held virtually for June 13th. Plans are also set to prepare for the upcoming Canada-Germany mission to Berlin at the end of this month (with help from Economic Development officer and Town of Port Hawkesbury staff – re: promotional materials, trip logistics, etc).

Other meetings were held May 19th and June 7th to discuss offshore wind opportunities in NS. (Co-Chairs: Amanda Mombourquette and Brenda Chisholm-Beaton).

Other work:

2-day Truth and Reconcili-action Event: This was a successful event (the parts I attended were the flag raising and the Mawio'mi Friendship Gala. We've not yet calculated the total funds raised but once this is done we will do a press release to announce the amount and thank everyone who helped in the event's success.

Women in Government Webinar: I chaired a panel on June 2nd to discuss women in government (history challenges, and the future). It was hosted by the NSFEM and was extremely well attended.

Green Hydrogen Sector Development Meeting: (June 8th) This is one of several monthly meetings going forward with NRR staff/Province to ensure local municipalities are preparing and ready for this emerging sector. (Specific participants are staff/elected from Richmond/Town of Port Hawkesbury/Guysborough).

Pride Walk: I helped Taylor Linloff organize a Pride walk on June 10th (thank you to Town staff who supported the effort).

Everwind Fuels Community Liaison Committee: (reoccurring Monthly meeting) I sit as a community member on the Everwind Fuels Community Liaison Committee, and we met virtually May 17th. We use this venue to share information, and to ask questions regarding their important green hydrogen file. If council has any questions, I can take them to subsequent meetings don't hesitate to ask/contact me. Also, if any citizens have questions, happy to take those forward as well.

Additionally I had an opportunity to participate in a German site visit to Everwind (virtually) on June 9th (along with Mike Kelloway, Warden Mombourquette and others).

Innovation Centre Discussion: Meeting is planned with CBP staff, Terry and others to discuss future opportunities for the Oceans Innovation Centre – on June 19th – and how we can attract new clientele there.