

Committee of the Whole Committee Report/Updates February – Joint Council / Committee of the Whole 2024

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AMANS (Association of Municipal Administrators Nova Scotia)

As past president of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) I serve for the 2023-2024 term on the AMANS Board as an NSFM representative. Meetings are typically monthly (or more frequently as needed). (This month's meeting was on February 16th 2024).

Allan J MacEachen Regional Airport

Allan J Airport Meeting: No meetings to report on at the time of this update. Next meeting is on March 27th 2024.

(Chair: Brenda Chisholm-Beaton - Town of PH, Vice Chair: Melanie Samson – Municipality of the County of Richmond)

NSFM Board Position

Board Meetings and related Engagement: We continue to be extremely busy our monthly full board meeting as well as executive board meeting(s) on a variety of topics (including regular board business, issues/opportunities as they arise, areas of municipal interest, provincial issues/opportunities as well as reviewing financials). (Meeting dates were: January 29th, February 6th and 2nd 2024).

(Chair: Carolyn Boliver-Getson, Vice Chair: Sandra Snow)

Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health (CBSRH)

Our regular CBSRH meeting was held January 25th, 2024. Note: I will also circulate Gina's report so council can see the great work that is being done by this committee.

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

CEPI Senior Council

No meetings to report (next meeting tbd).

Port Hawkesbury Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Our PHAAC Committee met for a 2-hour strategy session the evening of February 12th 2024 – lots of great discussions and review of all of our short/medium/long term accessibility goals and next steps. Future focus will be on next steps for the project completion (for Granville Green and Community park) and how we can continue to make these two outdoor facilities more accessible and inclusive. Also, we want to ensure our next meeting (March 4th) will be focussed on an accessibility communications plan and increasing our community outreach and engagement (via facebook page and website) to promote accessibility and share information and garner feedback.

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

Destination Cape Breton Association

Our next meeting is February 21st – report to follow in next update.

Other related meetings: **Finance Committee:** (as above) the finance committee meeting is February 20th – report to follow.

(Chair: Brenda Chisholm-Beaton; Vice-chair: Robert Bernard)

Strait of Canso Offshore wind Task Force (SCOWTF)

The SCOWTF executive continue to meet regularly (Feb 7 and 13th 2024). Additionally, the monthly meeting of the entire SCOWTF continues each month (February 13th 2024) – these all-member meetings are used to discuss offshore wind, share updates, and to continue work on updating our Terms of Reference. We continue to work on a date to present to Inverness County Council.

(Co-Chairs: Amanda Mombourquette and Brenda Chisholm-Beaton).

Other Meetings and Mayor-related Activities:

Green Hydrogen Sector Development Meetings: Meetings for discussions on the ongoing development for the Green Hydrogen Sector with municipal, NRR staff/Province representatives to ensure the local municipalities in the Strait region are properly preparing and progressing on various files to support this emerging sector. (Specific municipal participants are staff/elected members from Richmond/Town of Port Hawkesbury/Guysborough). Date(s) of meeting at the time of this report (Next meeting is to be held March 7th)