

Committee of the Whole Committee Report/Updates
Submitted by: Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
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NSFM Board Position

Due to the outgoing President losing their seat in the Municipal Election, I am required to remain on the board for another year as past president, which will result in about 6-8 meetings annually (two of which are in person at the Fall and Spring Conferences). I attended the past meeting on November 26th/29th and our next meeting is December 13th (virtual).

As past-President I also sit on the board of AMANS (next meeting is December 13th (virtual)).

(Chair/President – Mayor Pam Mood, Vice-President: Mayor David Mitchell).

Strait of Canso Offshore wind Task Force

The SCOSWTF executive met November 23rd and reviewed actioned items and items still requiring action. Presentation by Dan MacDonald with regard to Green Concrete production for eastern NS. Our next meeting is to be determined.

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

Landrie Lake Water Utility Commission Meeting

We met December 9th and Deputy Mayor Iaian Langley was elected as chair and Shawn Samson as Vice-Chair. Review of TOR and update on the utility was provided.

Other:

Island Wide Cape Breton Meeting on Regional Assessment: (Dec 6) The Cape Breton Partnership hosted a virtual meeting that included a presentation of the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind, by Jim Wooder. There is a deadline to submit feedback on this assessment for December 20th. With both myself and Deputy Mayor Iaian Langley as members of the Strait of Canso Offshore Wind Task Force, we feel its prudent to draft some feedback to share with Council, and if in agreement, to submit to the Regional Assessment Committee by Dec 20th. Offshore wind is an important emerging sector to the strait area, and especially for our future port development.

Investors Summit: (October 24th - Baddeck) I attended the sessions and the dinner and presented the Investors Summit award to Celtic Air Services in the evening (one of 6 recipients).

Chief Terry Paul 40 Years of Leadership Gala: (Nov 1, Membertou) I attended as representative of the Town of Port Hawkesbury to congratulate Chief Terry Paul for his long years of service to Membertou.

Everwind Fuels Community Liaison Committee: (reoccurring Monthly meeting) I sit as a community member on the Everwind Fuels Community Liaison Committee. Our next meeting is to be determined (likely after the holidays).

Remembrance Day Ceremony: (November 11th) I participated in the veterans parade and provided comments on behalf of Council.

Restorative Justice Flag Raising Ceremony: (November 18th) I attended to read proclamation and raise flag.

Municipal Orientation (November 4-5th) – I attended the Conference which provided excellent information for new and returning municipal elected officials. I also did a presentation on Code of Conduct. (Halifax)

Marine Renewables Conference (November 19-21st) – I attended the Conference which provided excellent networking opportunities as well as information sessions for marine renewables sectors in Canada (and specifically for Nova Scotia). (Halifax)

Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (November 26-29th) – I attended the Conference which provided excellent networking opportunities as well as information sessions for issues important to Municipalities (Halifax).

Roberts Rules of Order Workshop: (December 7th, Port Hawkesbury) I attended with members of council for rules of order training.