A Committee of the Whole meeting was held in Council Chambers in Baddeck, on April 7, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. with Deputy Warden MacLeod in the Chair.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

District #1- Donna Matheson-Lefort

District #2- Perla MacLeod, Deputy Warden

District #4- Rosella Born

District #6 – Tim Donovan

District #7- Jackie Organ, Warden

District #8 – Wanda Hennick

STAFF PRESENT

Leanne MacEachen, CAO

Alix Redden, CFO

Steff MacLeod, Municipal Clerk and Executive Assistant

ABSENT

District #5 – Fraser Patterson

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Warden MacLeod called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for approval.

On Motion of Warden Organ seconded by Councillor Donovan that the Agenda for April 7, 2026, be approved.

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Councillor Matheson-LeFort made a correction to include her name as in support of Option 2 from the February 9, 2026, Committee of the Whole Minutes.

On Motion of Warden Organ seconded by Councillor Hennick to approve the February 9, 2026, Minutes with correction.

Motion Carried.

IN-CAMERA – LEGAL MATTER

Council went In-Camera in accordance with Section 22 (g) relating to legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege; that are permitted to be discussed in a closed session.

On Motion of Warden Organ, Council came out of In-Camera at 10:50am and will bring the In-Camera recommendation to Council to approve the recommendation by motion.

ST.ANN'S BAY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION –JUDY BROWN, LARRY HEANS, MARY ANN WILSON and JITKA ZGOLA

The group of dedicated community volunteers gave presentations about the trail, talked funding and signage, gathering place, sharing shed and the Timebank.

ST. ANN'S BAY COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD PRESENTATION – NANCY SMITH

Ms. Smith provided a historical overview of the Board to Council.

DILLON CONSULTING – JAMES SHEPPARD, MICHAEL GARDEN AND MICHAEL CORMIER

Updates were provided for the Phase 2 Preliminary Design of the Ingonish Wastewater Treatment Plant. Dillon Consulting, newly engaged on the project, has contributed a fresh perspective and recommended an alternative approach that better aligns with project objectives, while remaining within budget. An additional $1.9 million in funding has also been secured.

Key project risks include potential increases in construction costs over time, geotechnical considerations such as bedrock conditions (which can be mitigated through further investigation during the design phase), and the need for community support, which may require minor system adjustments to ensure successful implementation.

RECESS

Deputy Warden MacLeod called for a 15 Minute recess at 12:17pm.

COW DISCUSSIONS

a) COUNCIL PROCEDURAL POLICY – MUNICIPAL CLERK, STEFF MACLEOD

There was limited discussion on this, and it was decided to be tabled to allow for longer discussion.

b) COMMUNICATIONS TIMELINES FOR COUNCIL AND PUBLIC – COUNCIL

There was no discussion that took place.

c) DISCUSSION TOPIC: LETTER AND CARD WRITING CAO MACEACHEN

Council recommended that a standardized form letter be drafted for Council with some structure to have safeguards around correspondence being mindful of consistent message when representing the County.

IN-CAMERA – PERSONNEL

Council went In-Camera in accordance with Section 22 (c) relating to personnel that is permitted to be discussed in a closed session.

NEXT MEETING

May 4, 2026, 10:00 am.

ADJOURN

Deputy Warden MacLeod adjourned the meeting at 1:25pm.