A Committee of the Whole meeting was in Council Chambers in Baddeck, on November 3, 2025, at 10:00am with Deputy Warden MacLeod in the Chair.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

District #1- Donna Matheson-Lefort

District #2- Perla MacLeod, Deputy Warden

District #3- Jess Kerr

District #4- Rosella Born

District #5- Fraser Patterson

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, Recorder

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 Hennick that the Agenda for November 3, 2025, be approved.

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 8, 2025, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

On Motion of Warden Organ seconded by Councillor Donovan to approve the October 8, 2025, Minutes.

Motion Carried.

SENIORS SAFETY PROGRAMMING/ISLAND FOOD NETWORK – CASSANDRA YONDER AND JODY NELSON

Ms. Yonder and Ms. Nelson went over the programs and informed Council on the successes of the program to date.

Concerns: wasn't inclusive to all in the district and restrictions did not sit well with some residents and felt left out.

Good partnership with Island Food Network, values aligned well.

Suggestions were to track attendance to gain a better understanding of where funding should go.

CAO MacEachen said that some of the parameters and restrictions of the program should be brought to budget for consideration. If the program continues next year, there are no restrictions on any groups/districts.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE – MATT MACLEAN

Mr. MacLean provided an update on the wastewater treatment plant project. Some highlights include:

- There has been action on site.
- Large tank that got delivered last week.
- The plant is scheduled to arrive this week.
- The next big delivery we will see is concrete weights.
- Currently on site: piping, dispersal unit for the outfall.
- We are still targeting mid December for commissioning the project
- The second phase for the plant has been ordered and will be delivered next fall
- The collection system will wrap up late this year or early 2026 and start the construction for the second phase for fall 2026.
- Working with NSP to get the proper hookups installed.

It was brought up that Cape Smokey announced/advertisement that the chalets were open for business on December 26, 2025, and created panic and concern. CAO MacEachen said, as them being a private company, we can't dictate when they market. If they sell rooms that they can't commit to, that is for them to deal with, not the County.

Mr. MacLean will be sending weekly updates to Councillor Donovan to keep him up to date on the project.

BYLAWS DISCUSSION – CAO MACEACHEN

Planning committee: Council directed staff to ask the public to join the planning committee, councillors will also contact residents that they think would be interested. Staff will create a Terms of Reference.
Council will see how the planning committee goes first and then consider creating a similar committee for bylaws.
Staff will develop an application form to see if they qualify to be on the committee.

IN CAMERA

Deputy Warden MacLeod requested an In-Camera session to discuss negotiations and a legal matter.

On Motion of Councillor Donovan seconded by Warden Organ to go In-Camera to discuss a legal matter and negotiations.

Motion Carried.

Came out of In Camera at 12:53pm

NEXT MEETING

December 1, 2025 at 10am.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm.