

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held in Council Chambers at Baddeck on November 14, 2023, at 2:00pm with Warden Morrison in the Chair.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

District #1- Paul MacNeil

District #2- Perla MacLeod

District #3- Bruce Morrison, Warden

District #4- Barbara Longva

District #5- Fraser Patterson

District #6 – Larry Dauphinee, Deputy Warden

District #7- Jackie Organ

District #8- Norman MacDonald

STAFF PRESENT

Alix Redden, Acting CAO

Steff MacLeod, Recorder

Allan Bragg, Manager of Finance

Jennifer Dagsvik, Communications and Marketing Coordinator

There were 55 people from the public in attendance.

ABSENT

Leanne MacEachen, CAO

Warden Morrison welcomed everyone and acknowledged that this meeting is being held in Unama'ki, one of seven traditional districts of Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw People.

CALL TO ORDER

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

On Motion of Councillor MacLeod seconded by Deputy Warden Dauphinee that the Agenda for November 14, 2023, be approved.

Motion Carried.

On Motion of Deputy Warden, seconded by Councillor Organ to proceed with the Second Reading of the proposed Local Improvement Charge (LIC) By-Law.

Motion Defeated.

All of Council were opposed to the second reading of the by law.

Councillor Patterson commented that in the twenty years he has been a Councillor, this is probably the issue he has spent the most time on. He thanked the Communications Coordinator and all the residents who also got involved in the process and added that there are numerous ways to contact and get involved with Victoria County Council.

Councillor Longva talked to a lot of residents and a lot of people were opposed to it as they thought it was attached to the Ingonish project but would have agreed with it, if it would have been worded differently. Councillor Longva added that if its for a sidewalk in your area, then, the people that benefit from it should pay for it and said she would like to talk to the other councillors about it.

ASSET MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION – TJAART VAN DEN BERG

Mr. Van den Berg went over a PowerPoint presentation.



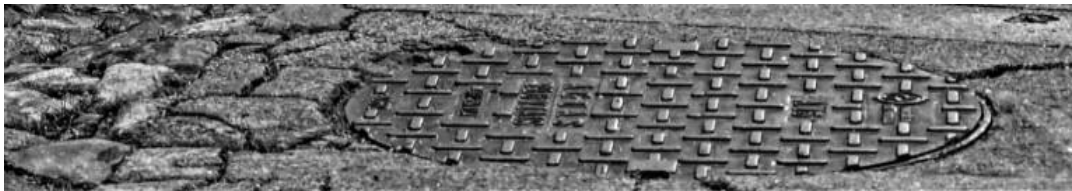
Asset Management Overview

Tjaart Van den Berg



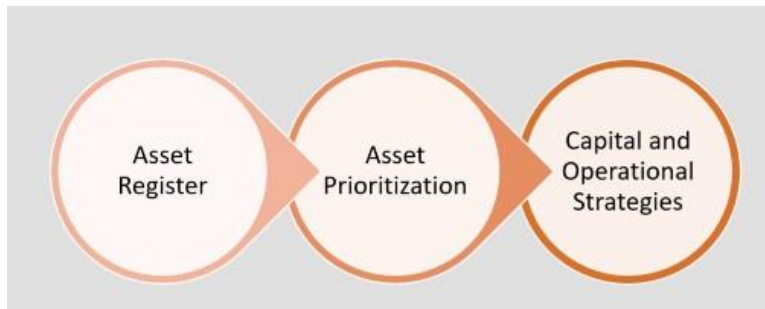
Why Asset Management?

- Aging infrastructure needs to be replaced
- Limited funding
- Requires proper planning



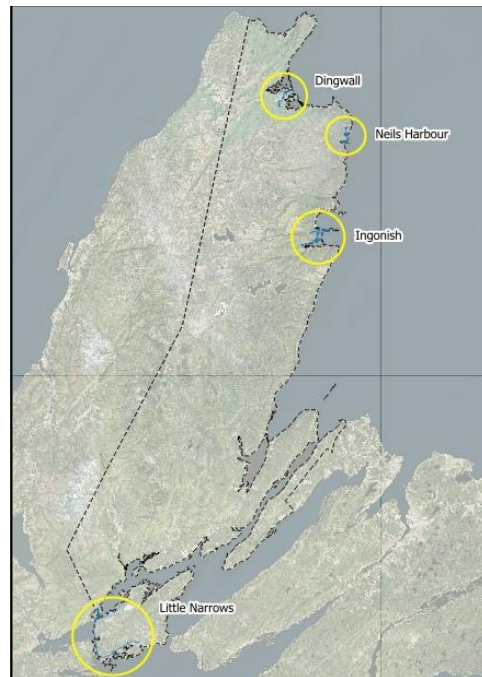


Three-Step Approach

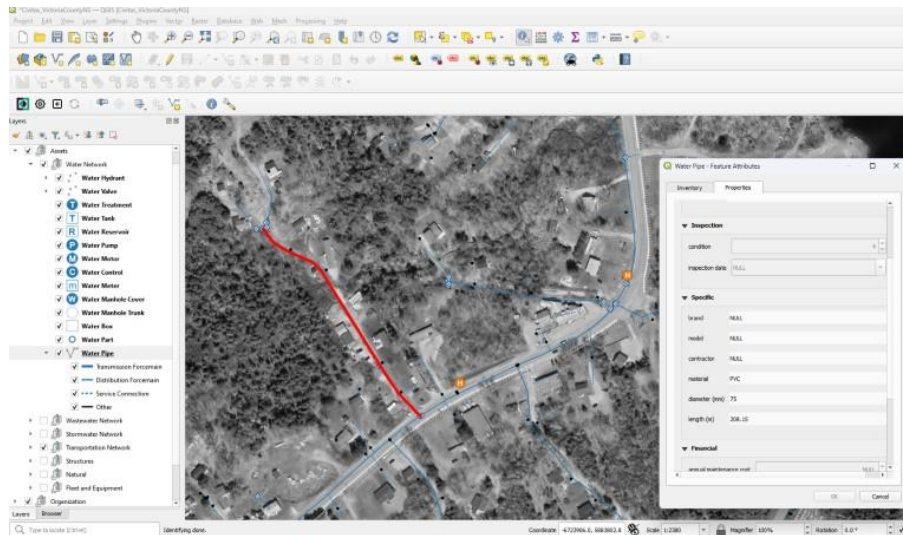


What do we Own?

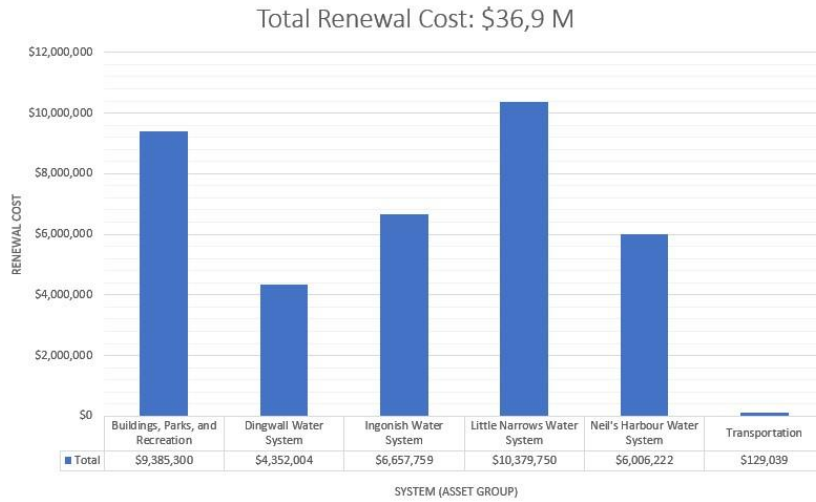
- Water Systems
 - Dingwall 10 km pipe
 - Neil's Harbour 7 km pipe
 - Ingonish Pipe 17 km
 - Little Narrows 26 km pipe
- Municipal Buildings
- Transportation
 - Sidewalk (Ingonish) 1,3 km



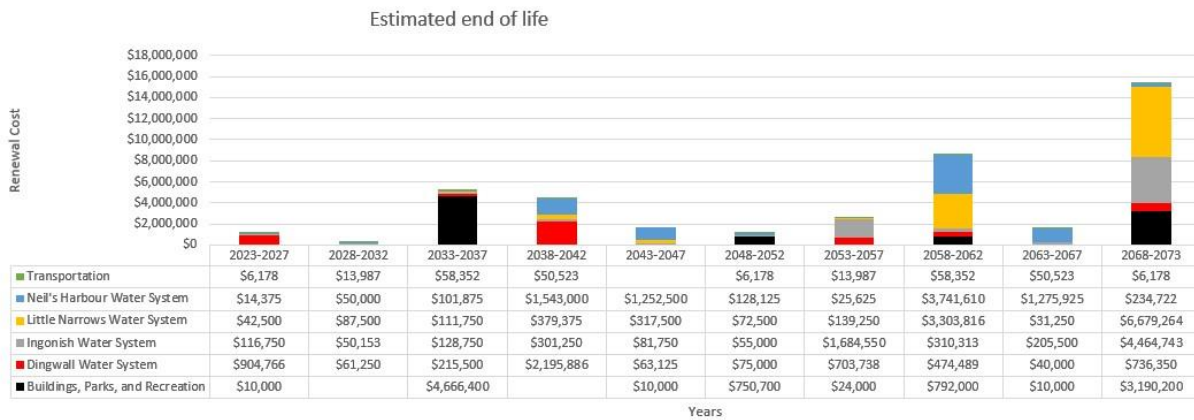
Where is it?



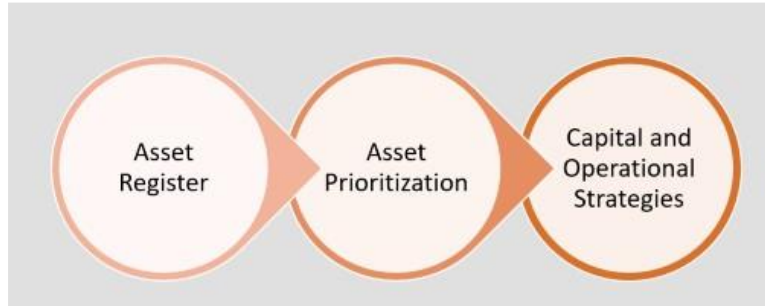
What is it Worth?



What is the remaining life?



Three-Step Approach



What needs to be done first?

- Identify high priority asset
- Risk-based approach
 - Probability of Failure (PoF)
 - Consequence of Failure (CoF)
 - Risk

Probability of Failure	5 Almost Certain	11 Low	16 Medium	20 High	23 Extreme	25 Extreme
	4 Likely	7 Minimal	12 Low	17 Medium	21 High	24 Extreme
	3 Possible	4 Minimal	8 Low	13 Medium	18 Medium	22 High
	2 Unlikely	2 Minimal	5 Minimal	9 Low	14 Medium	19 High
	1 Rare	1 Minimal	3 Minimal	6 Minimal	10 Low	15 Medium
	1 Minor	2 Moderate	3 Significant	4 Major	5 Catastrophic	
	Consequence of Failure					

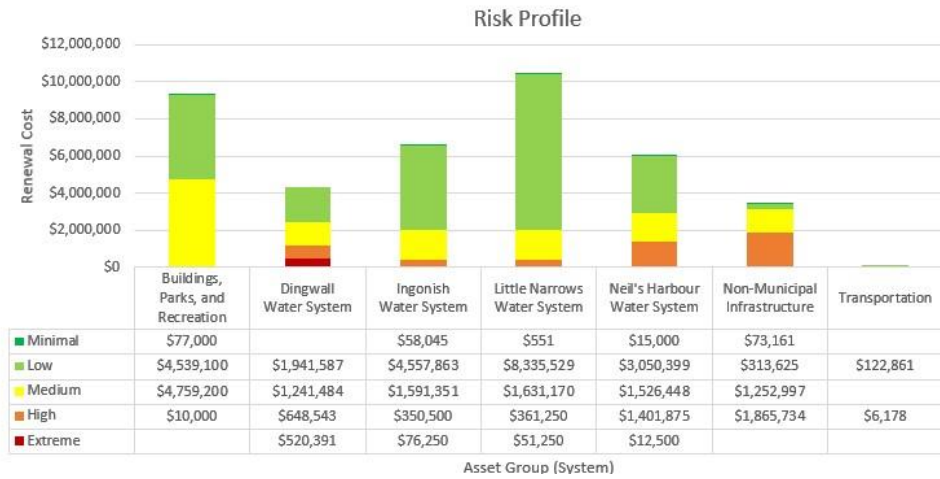
PoF



CoF



Risk



How should it be done?

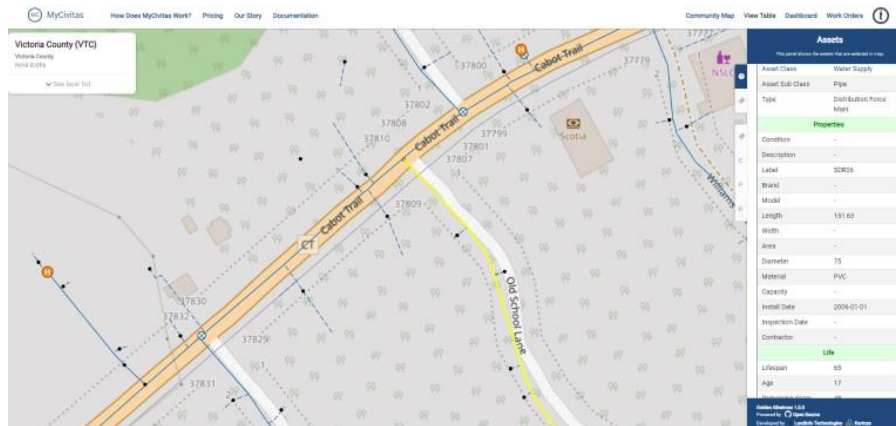
- Focus on High Priority Assets
- Capital Planning and Budget
- Operational Planning & Procedures
 - Preventative Maintenance
 - Risk Mitigation



Moving Forward

- Inventory
 - Data is Valuable
 - Important to Update
- Prioritization
 - Review Risk Assessment
- Strategy to Focus on High Priority Assets
 - Guide Capital and Operational Planning
 - Risk Mitigation
 - Preventative Maintenance

Live Demo if time permits



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Councilor MacNeil asked if Council will be getting the software to see the program and Mr. Van den Berg said yes, and it is available for free.

Waren Morrison thanked Mr. Van den Berg for his presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the October 10, 2023, meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was presented for approval.

On Motion of Deputy Warden Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the Victoria County Municipal Council Minutes of October 10, 2023, be approved.

Motion Carried.

CAO REPORT

- EPR deadline Council decision is December 11, 2023.
- Destination Cape Breton new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Need a motion to accept.
- Requesting a washroom update from all the washrooms that Victoria County has funded.
- Recreation will be presenting to Committee of the Whole in the new year.
- Beacon Baddeck information session happened last week.
- The Public Works Attendant position at the New Haven Depot closed on Wednesday, November 8th.
- I'll be asking Communications to put out a Facebook post that we will be accepting applications for recycling depot donations in the next week or so. This includes both depots.
- Double collection day on Wednesday, November 15th.
- Council direction for two surplus assets, one is a 2010 side loader (former waste collection truck) and the other is a 2015 International Pro-Star (former transfer truck). Does Council want them to go to tender?

On Motion of Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Deputy Warden Dauphinee that the surplus assets go to tender.

Motion Carried.

- Community Climate Capacity Program, the Cape Breton Partnership is going to apply in partnership with the County for some funding and applications assistance.
- The Fall Newsletter is completed and will be out soon.

DISTRICT CONCERNS

DISTRICT 1

- Shoulder Issues and Gypsum Outcrop in Jamesville
- Potholes that need patching in Grass Cove and Barra Glen Turnoff
- Shoulder Issue at Legion in Iona
- Water bill issues with some readings on the Little Narrows water supply, look at bills carefully and there will be communications going explaining why there were issues.

On Motion of Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Longva that \$1,000 be taken from District 1 budget to the Barra Food Bank.

Motion Carried.

DISTRICT 2

- Nova Scotia Power poles in Big Baddeck are leaning sideways around the southwest of Big Baddeck Road. Can Nova Scotia Power be contacted to let them know.
- Concern over how the Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM) is advocating for the hospital, ER and family doctors, only when CBRM fixed their problems, Victoria County will have the hospital back with providing more services again.
- Warden Morrison suggested inviting Brett MacDougall to come to Council. Staff will contact Brett MacDougall to invite to Council.

On Motion of Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Councillor Organ that staff contact Brett MacDougall with Nova Scotia Health Authority requesting he come to Council to provide an update on the hospital situation and the Urgent Treatment Centre in Baddeck.

Motion Carried.

- Requesting a status update for the bathrooms at the Visitors Information Centre in Baddeck, are they open or closed for the season and if they are open, what are the hours.

Acting CAO Redden will be in touch to see if the washrooms will be open until Christmas as they have been the last couple of years.

- Requesting the Municipal owned property at Exit 10, Atlantic Ave, be considered again for a dog park, as discussed before or can staff start looking at options to see what that land can be used for.

Acting CAO Redden will look into this.

On Motion of Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that a letter of congratulations be sent to Scott Buchanan for receiving his medal of bravery from the Province.

Motion Carried.

- Reminder that office hours are November 23rd, at 10am in Council Chambers.

DISTRICT 3

On Motion of Warden Morrison seconded by Deputy Warden for a streetlight request at the intersection of MacDonald Street and Hilltop Crescent, Baddeck, NS. The pole on the western side at 3-way intersection.

Motion Carried.

On Motion of Warden Morrison seconded by Councillor Longva to send a thank you letter to the Premier for the speed reduction approval on highway 205 near the Tims/Irving.

CC' Chief Norman Bernard.

Motion Carried.

DISTRICT 4

- Nova Scotia Power town hall meeting is November 30th at 7pm at Indian Brook Fire Hall.
- Happy to hear about the \$47 million in funding for ensuring cell service in rural Nova Scotia.
- Having issues with Google maps taking people down roads that they shouldn't be on. Warden Morrison suggested to contact Provincial Department of Public Works for signage warning people that they can't go down that road.

DISTRICT 5

- Had a newcomer's night back in May that had many new faces. It is still great to see that Nova Scotia is growing and so is Victoria County.

DISTRICT 6

On Motion of Deputy Warden Dauphinee seconded by Councillor Organ that \$1,000 be taken from District 6 budget to the Ingonish Snowmobile Society

Motion Carried.

- Meeting to discuss the barrier in Ingonish with Provincial Department of Public Works Supervisor, Steve MacDonald, and MLA Bain.
- Good to see work being done on Beach Crossing Road.

DISTRICT 7

- Office hours are November 17, 2023 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Neil's Harbour/New Haven Fire Department.
- Road issues sent into Provincial Department of Public Works

DISTRICT 8

- Thank you to the residents for writing letters to MLA Bain regarding the South Harbour Channel. MLA Bain will be following up with the issues presented by the residents.

On Motion of Councillor MacDonald seconded by Deputy Warden Dauphinee to write a letter to Parks Canada regarding the weather cameras on French and South Mountains. These cameras are currently and often out of service, and this poses a safety risk.

Motion Carried.

MOTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

On Motion of Councillor Patterson seconded by Deputy Warden Dauphinee to approve the signing of the new Destination CB Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion Carried.

On Motion of Councillor MacDonald seconded by Councillor Longva to approve the following appointments to the Baddeck Area Advisory Committee:

Elliot Fraser, Jess Kerr, Matt MacLean, and Nick Pino

Motion Carried.

There was a request from the Provincial Department of Public Works to enter in a cost sharing program for “J” Class Roads in Victoria County. After Council discussion with this request, the following motion was made:

On Motion of Deputy Warden Dauphinee seconded by Councillor Organ that Victoria County is not interested in entering into a cost sharing program with the Provincial Department of Public Works for “J” Class Roads in Victoria County.

Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

All forwarded.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Sandy Hudson spoke:

The motion for the Local Improvement By-Law today was defeated, the first reading was approved. If that bylaw is introduced again, does it have to go back to the first reading? Councillor Patterson said I would think we wouldn't introduce it as the same document and that it would go back to first reading and Council agreed.

NEXT MEETINGS

Council Meeting: December 11, 2023, at 2pm.

ADJOURN

Councillor MacNeil made a motion to adjourn at 3:16pm