

**ATTENDING:**

**Manager, Katie Verrette**  
**Recreation Coordinator, Taylor Boylan**  
**Active Living Coordinator Jordan Hebb (via Teams)**  
**Mayor, Mike Trinacty**  
**Deputy Mayor, Johanna Kwakernaak (via Teams)**  
**Councillor, Ty Walsh, Chair**  
**Heather Morse, Citizen Representative**  
**Carol Hiscock/White, , Citizen Representative**  
**Councillor, Adam Lutz**  
**Recording Secretary, Roger Flynn, Office Administrative Coordinator**

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:**

Jane Bustin, Citizen Representative

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

a. IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING OF DEC 16<sup>th</sup> ,2025 BE **APPROVED** AS CIRCULATED.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

a. IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF BE **ACCEPTED** AS CIRCULATED.

**4. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**a. Beautification**

- Received light poles and fixtures next to the new bridge.
- Jackie had done the plan for the flower beds. Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> of February to see where the group is at with funding.
- Mural Committee had asked for 2 telephone poles, a letter has been received making the formal request.
- Community Garden beds were repaired/replaced by funds that the community group had raised. Spicer Park garden beds need replacing, including wheelchair assessable beds. Funds are being pursued though the Active community fund grant.
- 2 Benches, garden beds, and or, picnic tables, and baskets, are budgeted in public works budget to be replaced each year. A CN community grant was not able to be applied for, as the deadline was too tight to complete for this year, but is on the schedule to apply for next year.

### **b. The Cycle NS Plan**

-Project lead left the organization in August leaving much of the project on hold. Although we were informed that the organization would be reaching out, we have not heard from them as yet. The final plan was supposed to be submitted this past September which included engineering and traffic studies. It was suggested that we connect with other municipalities to see how they completed their projects. Councillor Walsh has been hearing a lot of negative feedback from Towns residents who are not in favor of the bike lanes. It was suggested that we watch how Kentville and Wolfville progress with their bike lanes before we continue to move forward with ours and focus on smaller tasks that focus on active transportation.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **b. Events/programs**

The calendar of events was laid out so that community partners can do their own business planning that coincide with town events. The Community Calendar is something that is being expended upon. Some new events would include things such as a New Years event.

### **a. Strategic planning**

The first step was to meet with the public, then staff and council to refine the plan. Now we will need to focus on forming, then planning, so that we can put it all together as it relates to the budget. One such focus will be to identify opportunities that will be prioritized by the Community Development Committee. Further details will follow once the strategic plan has been set.

## **6. Budget 2026/2027**

5-year plan for operating and capital was laid out. Crosswalks were a topic that was discussed for repainting. A vacant lot across from Rainforth park was discussed as an additional parking for the park & Carol's place. Fitness centre equipment is needed; grant funding may be available through rec and health grants. Park expansion was talked about. Skate/bike park was also mentioned would be worth looking at.

7. The next regular meeting will be held **Feb 17, 2026, at 6:30pm.**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE BE ADJOURNED 9:13 pm

**MOTION CARRIED**

Approved by Committee on Month Day, 2025  
As recorded by Roger Flynn, Office Administrative Coordinator

APPROVED