

## FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 9:00 am.

- Present:** Councillor Lisa Patton, Chair  
Mayor Christine Blair  
Councillor Tim Johnson, Vice Chair  
Councillor Mike Cooper  
Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative  
Robert Monk, Citizen Representative  
Dan Troke, CAO  
Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor, Patterson Law  
Rod MacLennan, Project Supervisor/Consultant  
Terry McKay, Manager of Land Protection, NS Agriculture  
Charlotte Sullivan, NS Environment & Climate Change  
Chris Verge, Area Manager NSPW  
Paul Smith, Director of Community Development  
Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
- Regrets:** None.
- Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Hank Kolstee.  
“That the agenda be approved as presented”. Carried unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Hank Kolstee.  
“That the Minutes from the meeting on September 2, 2025, be approved as presented.” Carried unanimously.
- Business Arising from the Minutes:** None.
- New Applications:** No new applications were received.  
*9:03am Chris Verge Arrived*
- Review of Projects for 2025/26:** The following updates were made to the project list:  
Portapique Beach Road, Portapique (Portapique Cemetery Co):
  - Rod visited the site. No change since last site visit.Farnham Road (Fenerty):
  - Complete.MacLand Drive, Onslow (Anonymous):
  - No status change, one of the affected properties remains for sale, owner does not wish to disturb driveway at this time.11 Wharf Road, Great Village (Hudson):
  - Postponed till next year. Homeowner is putting down seed for grass.*Councillor Cooper arrived at 9:06am*

*Mayor Blair arrived at 9:08am*

Branch Road, Onslow Mountain (Stone):

- A letter has been drafted (included in package) requesting signing of a cost sharing agreement by Dec 31, 2025, or their application will be removed from consideration. Letter will be sent out.

*Chris Verge arrived at 10:42*

Onslow Mountain Road (Drainage), Belmont:

- Rod provided an updated price estimate for the committee's consideration.
- The cost has increased significantly, prompting concerns about both price and the project's effectiveness in addressing the flooding problem. Rod noted that there is no guarantee that this would eliminate the flooding for the homeowners but could alleviate some of the issues.
- Rod suggested an update to the road culverts. Chris Verge indicated that no new culvert installation is planned at this time, and such an installation may not necessarily address the flooding concerns. A study would need to be completed before consideration of a new culvert.

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Mayor Blair.

"That the committee maintains the original project plan of ditching the field, with an adjusted cost of \$20,000 to reflect inflationary changes." Motion Carried (Councillor Cooper opposed).

Mountain Lee Road (Drainage), North River:

- Complete

College Road, Valley (Woodbury):

- Michelle sent an email to the Homeowners. In their response, they requested additional information on why they would need to contribute to the watercourse cleaning, why the watercourse could not be deepened, and why they could not delay until next year. They expressed concerns about accountability, scheduling, and the project's effectiveness in mitigating flooding during times of heavy rain. They were not prepared to make a final decision until they received further clarification.
- It was decided to defer the work until next year and a letter be sent to the homeowners.

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Cooper.

"That a letter be sent to the homeowners informing them they have until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, to carry out work or the project will become ineligible". Carried unanimously.

Truro Road, North River (Terry):

- Complete.

Hillvale Drive, Valley (Bucci):

- A letter has been drafted (included in the meeting package) and will be sent to the homeowner, informing them that they do not meet the criteria for the Small Flood Reduction Program and have been removed from the list.

**Small Flood Damage  
Reduction Projects Policy:**

Michelle reviewed the second draft updates to the Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects Policy, as included in the package. Changes included adding duplexes to the definition of principal residence, defining emergency situations under section 5, clarifying situations where the committee may decide to fund 100% of the work, and the addition of a 1 year lien for the municipally funded portion of a project.

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Cooper.

“That the updated changes to the Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects Policy be recommended to Council for approval”. Carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Robert Monk inquired with Terry regarding the five barrel sluice in lower Truro.

Terry informed the committee that one sluice is open a small amount to allow for some water flow. They have some aboiteau’s that have been allowing small amounts of water to pass through to prevent a solid berm from occurring. Once we receive significant rainfall, pumping can take place.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 9:00 am in Council Chambers.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:52am.

Christa Wojcik,  
Recording Secretary