

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 9:00 am.

Present: Councillor Tim Johnson, Vice Chair (Acting Chair)
Mayor Christine Blair
Councillor Mike Cooper
Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative
Robert Monk, Citizen Representative
Dan Troke, CAO
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: Councillor Lisa Patton, Chair

Approval of Agenda: *Councillor Mike Cooper arrived at 9:07am.*

Moved by Hank Kolstee and seconded by Mayor Blair.

“That the agenda be approved as presented”. Carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Hank Kolstee and seconded by Robert Monk.

“That the Minutes from the meeting on October 14, 2025, be approved as presented.” Carried unanimously.

Business Arising from the Minutes: None.

New Applications: No new applications were received.

Review of Projects for 2025/26: The following updates were made to the project list:

Portapique Beach Road, Portapique (Portapique Cemetery Co):

- Rod visits the site twice a year and there have been no changes to the site.
- Dan inquired if the property was commercial and if so, would it still qualify under the program with the new policy changes excluding commercial properties. Michelle questioned if the project should be removed from the list until the Cemetery Association can obtain funding for bank stabilization. Mayor Blair noted she is not in favor of removing the cemetery from the list as residents in the area have concerns and the regular inspections give the community a sense of reassurance.

Moved by Mayor Blair and Seconded by Robert Monk.

“That the Portapique Cemetery remains on the active project list with regular checks twice a year on the state of the property”

Discussion: Hank agreed for inspections to continue on the cemetery; however, he did mention it may not qualify under the small flood reduction policy as the affected area may be tidal. Rod stated that the offshore breakwater has broken through before but there has been no impact to the cemetery site. Though, if a severe storm were to occur it could be impacted.

All in favor. Carried unanimously.

MacLand Drive, Onslow (Anonymous):

- The original applicant subdivided the lot and sold off the wet area; as well, the property owner of the impacted driveway sold his home.
- Dan noted that the application is no longer eligible since the lot has been subdivided. The area that was subdivided is the area of concern and since the applicant no longer owns that portion of property, the application becomes invalid.

Moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Mayor Blair.

“That the original applicant be sent a letter stating that their application has been removed given the change in ownership of the wet area of the lot and that the new owners can reapply to the committee.”

Discussion: Hank noted that completing the work now could potentially create issues for future property owners, as ditch improvements may still be required at a later time. With wet, undeveloped lots, Terry commented that the County should not be responsible for funding improvements. Rod indicated that improving drainage in the area would provide benefits to the main road system, given that current culverts experience backup during significant rain events.

All were in favor. Carried unanimously.

11 Wharf Road, Great Village (Hudson):

- Drainage to be improved around the house. Will potentially schedule for Spring 2026.

Branch Road, Onslow Mountain (Stone):

- A letter was mailed to homeowner on Oct 8, 2025, that he has until Dec 31, 2025, for agreement to proceed with the work or his application will be removed.

Onslow Mountain Road (Drainage), Belmont:

- Work complete. To be removed from the list.

Mountain Lee Rd, North River

- Work complete. To be removed from the list.

College Road, Valley (Woodbury):

- The homeowners will reach out to the flood committee next year with a final decision on if they would like to proceed with the work.

Budget Status: Michelle reviewed the budget with the committee. Recommendations were made for an item to be prepared for the next county newsletter to inform residents of support available for flood damage.

Committee TOR & Small Flood Damage Reduction Policy Changes Michelle noted that the Committee's TOR and changes to the Small Flood Damage Reduction Policy have been accepted by Council Committee and will go to Council for final approval at the end of November.

New Business None.

Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2025, at 9:00 am in Council Chambers.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:32am.

Michelle Boudreau & Christa Wojcik,
Recording Secretary