

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 9:00 am.

- Present:** Councillor Lisa Patton, Chair
Councillor Tim Johnson, Vice Chair
Councillor Mike Cooper
Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative
Robert Monk, Citizen Representative
Rod MacLennan, Project Supervisor/Consultant
Charlotte Sullivan, NS Environment & Climate Change
Terry McKay, Manager of Land Protection, NS Agriculture
Dan Troke, CAO
Paul Smith, Director of Community Development
Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
- Regrets:** Mayor Christine Blair
Chris Verge, Area Manager, NS Public Works
- 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 April 14, 2026, be approved as presented.” Carried unanimously.
- Business Arising from the Minutes:** None.
- New Applications:** Plains Road, Debert (Chisholm)

The nearby brook is not currently being maintained, and water runoff from an adjacent field is being redirected towards the property, resulting in basement flooding.

It was noted that, while cleaning the watercourse may help, there is a possibility of continued flooding and similar challenges to those experienced at Belmont.

Charlotte from NSECC will verify if the brook is identified as a regulated watercourse on the 1:50,000 mapping system. If classified as a watercourse, a watercourse alteration approval would be required before any clearing or alterations could take place, with the application subject to review by DFO.

A site visit will be conducted, and an update will be provided at the next meeting.
- Review of Projects for 2026/27:** The following updates were made to the project list:
Portapique Cemetery
• Rod hasn’t had a chance to visit site yet

MacLand Drive, Onslow (Anonymous):

- Pending application from new property owner

Wharf Road, Great Village (Hudson):

- Rod to schedule site visit with property owners

College Road, Valley (Woodbury):

- Property owners to advise Committee by June 1 if proceeding with work
- Tree has currently been removed.

Impacts to Previous Projects, March 17 Flooding:

Rod completed site visits at the following properties:

Farnham Road, (Fenerty):

- Initial cost estimate of \$3,000 to repair damage from heavy rains in March. Rod to revisit and update costs for repairs at next meeting.

Onslow Mountain Road, (Cormier):

- Rod to complete another site visit and prepare cost estimate for repairs for next meeting.
- Property is now for sale.

Award of Tender, 2026/27 Season

An overview was provided of the bids received for the Hired Heavy Equipment tender for Watercourse Bank Stabilization Projects. 6 submissions were received with T.R. Petroleum identified as the lowest bidder. It was recommended that the tender be awarded to T.R. Petroleum.

Discussion also took place regarding the process to be followed should T.R. Petroleum be unavailable, in which case the work would then be awarded to the next lowest bidder.

Moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Robert Monk.

“That the Tender be awarded to T.R. Petroleum for the Hired Heavy Equipment tender for Watercourse Bank Stabilization Projects”. Carried unanimously.

New Business:

No new business.

Future Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 9:00 am in Council Chambers.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Hank Kolstee, the meeting adjourned at 9:25am.

Christa Wojcik,
Recording Secretary