

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Present:

Councillor Lisa Patton, Chair
Councillor Tim Johnson, Vice Chair
Mayor Christine Blair
Dan Troke, CAO
Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative
Robert Monk, Citizen Representative
Councillor Mike Cooper
Rod MacLennan, Project Supervisor/Consultant
Chris Verge, Area Manager, NS Public Works
Charlotte Sullivan, NS Environment & Climate Change
Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
Reid Shepherd, Director of Community Development

Regrets:

Terry McKay, Manager of Land Protection, NS Agriculture

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Councillor Johnson.

“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 June 23rd, 2026, be approved as presented.” Carried unanimously.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

None.

New Applications:

8 Old Hwy 311, North River (McNutt/Morrow)

The principal residence is not currently being affected. However, the riverbank is experiencing erosion. The site has been assessed by Rod & Councillor Patten and approximately 250’ of rock protection along the riverbank is required. The affected area is located across the highway on a different PID/property from the residence. The estimated cost of the work is \$50,000. A watercourse alteration permit would not be required.

Since the proposed work is located in a separate PID from the residence, and the PID where the work would occur is assessed as ‘Resource/Farm’, the application, as presented, does not meet the current FAC policy criteria.

Motioned by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the application for flood work at 8 Old Hwy 311, North River is not approved, as it does not meet the guidelines outlined in the committee’s policy.” Carried unanimously.

1175 Greenfield Rd, Greenfield (Sandeson)

The access to the principal residence is being affected by the deteriorating culvert, which is collapsing and causing the driveway to wash out. This is limiting access to primary residence but not affecting the residence itself.

The applicant is attempting to obtain insurance coverage for the cost of repairing the driveway.

Upon review of the property, the site will require approximately 10' of fill, with an estimated price of \$20,000. The resident would be responsible for 25% of the cost, with no maximum contribution cap. A watercourse alteration permit would not be required, as the work falls within the criteria for culvert replacement by a certified installer. It was also suggested that the applicant may qualify for housing accessibility grant.

It was noted that upon completion of the work, the applicant would be required to reinstate the asphalt driveway.

Motioned by Mayor Blair and seconded by Hank Kolstee.

"That the application for flood work at 1175 Greenfield Rd, Greenfield be approved." (Councillor Cooper opposed).

Motioned by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Mayor Blair.

"That a budget up to \$20,000 + hst be approved for culvert repair at 1175 Greenfield Rd, Greenfield." Carried unanimously.

1761 Hwy 311, Central North River (Franklin)

The applicant is requesting maintenance due to concerns related to river conditions. The residence is located directly across the road from the area where the requested work would be undertaken. The property in question is classified as resource forest and would not be considered a residential property. Therefore it does not meet the policy criteria.

Motioned by Hank Kolstee and seconded by Councillor Johnson.

"That the application for flood work at 1761 Hwy 311, Central North River is not approved, as it does not meet the guidelines outlined in the committee's policy." Carried unanimously.

1020 Truro Rd, North River (McDonald)

The primary residence is being impacted by flooding, with water entering the basement during periods of wet weather. A french drain or weeping tile has not been installed around the property and there is no watercourse affecting the area. However, surface runoff from the land behind the property appears to be contributing to the issue. Where a watercourse is not involved, the application does not meet policy.

Motioned by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Cooper.

“That the application for flood work at 1020 Truro Rd, North River is not approved, as it does not meet the guidelines outlined in the committee’s policy. Caried unanimously.

**Review of Projects for
2026/27:**

The following updates were made to the project list:

Portapique Cemetery

- Site conditions are good

MacLand Drive, Onslow (Anonymous):

- Application submitted by new homeowner. Homeowner to reach out to neighbouring property for an agreement to repair culvert.

Wharf Road, Great Village (Hudson):

- Will be proceeding when there are drying conditions, Aug/Sept.

1145 Plains Rd, Debert (Chisholm)

- Homeowners are currently on vacation.

**Impacts to Previous
Projects, March 17
Flooding:**

Rod provided updates on the following properties:

Farnham Road, (Fenerty):

- Repair work completed.

Onslow Mountain Road, (Cormier):

- Repair work completed.

New Business:

Robert Monk expressed concerns around the Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects policy as the guidelines have become too narrow/restricted. Staff noted the policy has recently been reviewed and updated and did not see a need for further review.

Future Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 9:00 am in Council Chambers.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Councillor Johnson, the meeting adjourned at 10:03am.

Christa Wojcik,
Recording Secretary