



Date: March 26, 2025
To: Municipal Council
cc: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Councillor Garden-Cole, Corporate and Residential Services Committee Chairperson
RE: Corporate & Residential Services Committee Report

The Committee held its regular meeting on March 18, 2025, and the following motions are coming forward as a result of those meetings:

1. DRAFT 2025/2026 WATER UTILITY BUDGET

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee completed a review the Draft 2025/2026 Water Utility Budget.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends that Council approve the East Hants Water Utility Financial Estimates from 2025/2026 to 2027/2028 as presented.

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

2. EQUITABLE EAST HANTS PLAN

In September 2024, the Corporate and Residential Services Committee was provided an overview of the “Dismantling Racism and Hate Act”. The provincial legislation requires municipalities to create a plan to address systemic hate, inequity and racism. Staff drafted a plan penned as “Equitable East Hants” for Council’s consideration.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the Equitable East Hants Plan as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated March 18, 2025.

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

3. EARTH KEEPERS LEASE EXTENSION

In March 2022, Council moved motion C22(91) to enter into a new lease agreement with the Enfield Earthkeepers for the Former CN Train Station for a term of three (3) years, ending July 31, 2025, with a two (2) year option to renew. In February 2025, the Earthkeepers formally requested to proceed with the two (2) year renewal term.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council that Council authorize the CAO to execute the lease renewal term with the Enfield Earthkeepers for the Former CN Train Station for a renewal term of two (2) years, ending July 31, 2027.

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

4. PENSION COST CERTIFICATE

The cost certificate, prepared by an external actuary, does not have an impact on funding requirements for the Plan. It is simply an updated estimate of the Plan's funded position for the pension regulator. This cost certificate is a regulatory requirement with a filing deadline of March 31, 2025.

*The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council **that Council approve the filing of the December 31, 2024 actuarial cost certificate attached to the March 18, 2025 Executive Committee Agenda.***

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.