



Date: May 21, 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 May 13, 2025, and the following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. PRESENTATION - COLCHESTER-EAST HANTS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jeff Mercer, Executive Director and Chief Librarian of Colchester-East Hants Public Library made a presentation regarding the Colchester-East Hants Public Library. Discussion was held and questions were addressed.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends that *Council write a letter to the appropriate Minister (copying MLA's) asking for the province to provide appropriate funding for resources to libraries so they can continue to provide services to our growing population.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSIDIZED COMMUNITY ENERGY & EMISSIONS PLAN

There is an opportunity to participate in the NCA Program to receive a CEEP at a heavily subsidized rate. Staff recommend taking advantage of this opportunity, and using the information gathered and potential recommendations received in the CEEP to help inform the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Update and future workplans.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends that *Council work with QUEST Canada to develop a Community Energy and Emission Plan through their Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program, at a cost of up to \$6,000 + HST, to be funded by the Sustainability Program Reserve.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

3. MEDICAL CENTRE LIFT STATION - FUNDING SOURCES

The Municipality of East Hants applied to Municipal Affairs and Housing in late 2024 for funding from the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program (GRID). East Hants was successful in obtaining \$150,000 for the Shubie Water Treatment Plant - Backwash Storage Project, but it was not successful in the \$475,000 application for the Medical Centre Lift Station Project. The 2025/2026 capital budget assumed this funding would be received. A decision must now be made as to how replace this funding.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends that *Council allocate \$475,000 of Housing Accelerator Funding towards the Medical Centre Lift Station Project.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

4. FIRE SERVICE FUNDING POLICY UPDATE

The Rural Fire Department Capital Fund is a reserve that provides capital funding to rural fire departments in Rawdon, Kennetcook, Noel, Walton, Gore and Maitland. Council provided direction to staff to bring forward policy amendments that establishes an equal allocation model of the reserve for departments to access. The Fire Service Funding Policy is the appropriate policy to included amendments.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to ***Council to approve the amendments to the Fire Service Funding Policy as attached and as amended to the Executive Committee agenda dated May 13, 2025 and as amended.***

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

This concludes the report.