



Date: July 23, 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 July 15, 2025, and the following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. 2024/2025 YEAR-END BUDGET CARRY FORWARD

Staff presented a report that outlined budget items that required carry forward to the 2025/2026 budget so work can be finalized that started in the previous year.

The Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommends that ***Council approve the year-end carry forward amounts in the 2024/2025 Year End Adjustments Report dated July 9, 2025 and presented on July 15th, 2025.***

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

2. 2024/2025 RCMP BUDGET OVERAGE FUNDING

During the 25/26 budget process, the RCMP budget was estimated. A letter from the Department of Justice has been received recently and the actual costs will exceed the budgeted amount and Council approval is required to fund the difference.

The Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommends that ***Council allocate \$90,790 from Reserve G001-b (RCMP Policing) to address the increased 25/26 RCMP policing costs.***

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

3. 2024/2025 EAST HANTS ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING TREASURER'S REPORT

The CAO presented the 2024/2025 Annual Report including the Treasurer's Report.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends that Council ***accepts the 2024/2025 East Hants Annual Report including Treasurer's Report and that it be made available to the Public.***

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

4. COUNCIL PROCUREMENT POLICY UPDATE

Staff presented a report recommending changes to the Council Procurement Policy to bring it into line with recent changes to the *Public Procurement Act of Nova Scotia*.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends that Council ***amend their Procurement Policy as attached to the Executive Agenda July 15, 2025 with such amendment to be effective beginning September 1, 2025.***

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

5. FINANCIAL GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Staff presented a report recommending changes to the Financial Guidelines for Volunteer Fire Departments to bring it into line with the proposed Council Procurement Policy changes in alignment with the *Public Procurement Act of Nova Scotia*.

The Corporate and Residential Services Committee agreed to seek input from the Fire Advisory Committee before proceeding further.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommend to Council that Council ***direct staff to engage the fire service, particularly to the Fire Advisory Committee for further discussion (Re: Financial Guidelines for Fire Departments)***.

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

This concludes the report.