



Date: September 24, 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 September 16 and September 18, 2025, and the following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. MUNICIPAL FEE POLICY AMENDMENT - DOG TAG LIFETIME FEE

Staff presented a report that outlined the importance of maintaining the current program and with the suggested Municipal Fee Policy amendment would encourage residents to register their dogs with the municipality and alleviate the administrative aspect of registering dogs annually.

The Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommends to Council *that Council approve the Municipal Fee Policy, to include the addition of a lifetime dog registration fee, as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated September 16, 2025.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

2. 2025-2029 STRATEGIC PLAN - DRAFT

The Chief Administrative Officer presented a draft of the *2025-2029 Strategic Plan - Growing Stronger, Together* and outlined the changes to many topics, detailing objectives and proposed initiatives gathering feedback on any changes requested.

The Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommends to Council *that Council approve the “2025-2029 Strategic Plan - Growing Stronger, Together” as attached to the September 16th, 2025 Executive Committee Agenda.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

3. EAST HANTS PUBLIC TRANSIT BUSINESS PLAN FINANCIAL ANALYSIS UPDATE

Staff presented a report outlining possible routes, operating models and costs of potentially working to bring transit to East Hants. Staff also prepared and presented a complete financial analysis for Council to consider and to ensure that Council would be comfortable with the next step of engaging the public for public opinion.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council *that Council provide direction to proceed with the public engagement for the proposed fixed route transit service.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

This concludes the report.