



Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In Camera)

March 10, 2026

PRESENT Warden Eleanor Roulston
Deputy Warden Cecil Dixon

Councillors: Sandra Garden-Cole	Carl MacPhee
Elie Moussa	Norval Mitchell
Eldon Hebb	Eldon Hebb
Keith Rhyno	Walter Tingley

REGRETS Michael Perry

STAFF Ms. Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wade Tattrie, Director of Finance
Mr. Adam Clarkson, Director of Corporate Services
Mr. John Woodford, Director of Planning & Development
Mr. Jesse Hulsman, Director of Infrastructure & Operations
Ms. Alana Tapper, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Ms. Juliann Cashen, Communications Officer
Ms. Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Ms. Amanda Hatfield, Information Management Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER AND HISTORICAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Warden Roulston called the meeting to order at 3:25 pm and recited the historical acknowledgement.

It was agreed to add an item to the agenda as item 4A related to funding for a Climate Change Action Plan.

CORPORATE AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councillor Garden-Cole, as Chairperson of the Corporate & Residential Services Committee, presented the Corporate & Residential Services Committee report dated March 10, 2026. A copy was attached to the agenda and available to all Council members.

Municipal Fee Policy

C26(75) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Mitchell:
March ***Moved to lift Motion C26(31) from the table.***

[2:49]

MOTION CARRIED

Voting was held on Motion C26(31):

That Council gives notice of intent for updates to the Municipal Fee Policy, including the addition of impound and boarding fees, as attached to the Executive Committee agenda and as amended on February 17, 2026.

Council voted unanimously to against the motion.

MOTION DEFEATED

C26(76)
March

On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Hebb:
Moved that Council give notice of intent for updates to the Municipal Fee Policy as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated March 10, 2026.

[2:49]

MOTION CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Councillor Moussa, as Chairperson of the Infrastructure & Operations Committee, presented the Infrastructure & Operations Committee report dated March 10, 2026. A copy was attached to the agenda and available to all Council members.

Solid Waste Tipping Fee Policy

The current tipping fee schedule is set to expire March 31, 2026. Therefore, the policy requires a review and updates to the rates. The schedule is 1-year to align with contracts for processing and transportation scheduled to go to market in the upcoming fiscal year.

C26(77)
March

On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Hebb:
Moved that Council give notice of intent to adopt the proposed amended Solid Waste Tipping Fee Policy, with pricing schedule effective April 1, 2026 to expire March 31, 2027.

[6:22]

MOTION CARRIED

RAW WATER PUMP REPLACEMENT - ENFIELD WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Director of Infrastructure & Operations presented the staff report titled “Raw Water Pump Replacement - Enfield Water Treatment Plant” dated March 9, 2026. A copy of the report was attached to the agenda and available to all Council members.

One of three raw water pumps at the Enfield Water Treatment Plant is out of service and needs to be replaced. A replacement has been sourced with delivery in 12-14 weeks. There have been efforts to engage another supplier

outside the province but they have not responded with pricing or options. Because this is a critical component of delivery drinking water, it's being recommended to sole source the pump to enable delivery as soon as possible.

- C26(78) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and Mitchell: [9:29]
March *Moved Council approve the capital purchase and installation of a raw water pump replacement for the Enfield Water Treatment Plant for an amount of \$65,000, to be funded from depreciation reserves, while authorizing the CAO to complete the purchase via sole source, based on the pump's importance to the Water Utility.* Hulsman

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Garden-Cole was absent for the vote.

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES FUNDING

The CAO informed Council that the municipality has been awarded a \$70,000 grant to develop a climate change action plan.

- C26(79) On the motion of Councillors Merriam and Mitchell: [11:15]
March *Whereas the Municipality of the District of East Hants is undertaking a project to update its Municipal Climate Change Action Plan;* Ramsay

Whereas, as part of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Update, the Municipality of the District of East Hants applied to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation initiative for a project titled "Developing a Climate Resilience Plan for the Municipality of the District of East Hants, Nova Scotia"; and

Whereas the Municipality of the District of East Hants was notified on March 9, 2026 of its successful application for a grant in the amount of up to \$70,000, subject to funding agreement.

Be it resolved that Council directs staff to proceed with the project titled Developing a Climate Resilience Plan for the Municipality of the District of East Hants, Nova Scotia; and authorizes the CAO to enter into a funding agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

MOTION CARRIED

IN-CAMERA - LAND ISSUE

- C26(80) On the motion of Councillors Moussa and Merriam:
March *Moved that Council go in-camera at 3:38 pm to discuss a land issue.*

MOTION CARRIED

Council returned to open meeting at 3:45 pm and the Warden reported that a land issue was discussed in-camera and direction was given to staff. No motions are coming forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm.

Approved By: Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Date: March 16, 2026

Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden
Date:

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