



Date: April 22, 2026
To: Municipal Council
cc: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Councillor Perry, Infrastructure & Operations Committee Chairperson
RE: **Infrastructure & Operations Committee Report**

The Committee held its regular meeting on April 14, 2026 in Council Chambers. The following motion is coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. RURAL BULK WATER FEASIBILITY

The summer of 2025 had drought conditions that impacted all of Nova Scotia. Many private well users experienced limitations in their regular access to water, demonstrated by the increase in bulk water station use. During the drought, the municipality provided support programs for residents such as opening the EHAC and providing potable water through EMO programming, which was well received by the public. The current bulk water station operated by the East Hants Water Utility is located in Enfield, which is not central to the rural areas of East Hants. A feasibility study to locate a bulk water station in rural East Hants could be completed to determine potential viable water sources at a cost of \$100,000 to \$120,000. Following a study, further significant spending would be required for a detailed technical study of a specific source and then design and construction of a bulk water station.

The Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommends that *direct staff to reach out to the MP, Kody Blois, and ask if there is any way that we could partake in any financial aid for the feasibility of a bulk water station.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

This concludes the report.