



Date: June 24, 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 June 16, 2026 in Council Chambers. The following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. BARNEYS BROOK SUMMARY

The study area is approximately 8.5 km in reach length, extending from the intersection of Barneys Brook and Nova Scotia Trunk 14 to the confluence of Barneys Brook with the Shubenacadie River. The purpose of the study was to map flood extents within the study area to identify flood risk zones, and identify any undersized or damaged culverts along the extents. It was determined that the CN Rail culvert near the outlet of Barneys Brook is a major contributor to flooding. Upgrading the culvert could reduce peak flood levels by up to 3.1 m under severe storm conditions and should be prioritized.

The Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommends *that the Barneys Brook Flood Mitigation Study presented at the June 2026 meeting of Executive Committee be shared with CN Rail, MP Blois, MLA MacDonald; and*

That a letter be sent to MP Blois requesting Federal support in championing a Culvert Expansion project in collaboration with CN as per the sizing recommendations in the report, and;

That Municipal staff setup a report overview with Nova Scotia Department of Public Works technical staff.

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

2. FIREFIGHTING PONDS AT THE WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

In September 2025, Council requested a report to explore the installation of firefighting ponds at the Waste Management Centre (WMC) in Georgefield. This followed a significant drought season (2025) that resulted in several regions across Nova Scotia experiencing water restrictions, and notable forest fire events. As per discussion with the East Hants Fire Service, and a review of online benchmarks, if East Hants were to consider building a firefighting pond at the WMC, it should be built to hold in the range of 600,000 imperial gallons, and support fighting a fire for a 24-hour period, with the ability to supply a continuous flow rate. Also, best practice would be to incorporate a dry hydrant installation to support an efficient use of the water supply.



The Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommends that *the establishment of a fire pond at the Waste Management Centre be added to this year's workload, as possible by staff, with funding up to \$30,000 coming from the Solid Waste Operating Reserve.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

3. DOREY LANE

Concern was expressed that the dump trucks working on the Dorey Lane development are using Alderney Drive instead of Dorey Lane. The Director of Infrastructure & Operations noted that staff have contacted the site foreman and were told that the trucks are using Alderney Drive because work is being done at the front of the site right now; once that work is complete, they will start using Dorey Lane more. There was discussion around the lack of a buffer between the Dorey Lane and Alderney Drive properties and the provincial requirement that Dorey Lane be a right in/right out only road.

The Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommends that *Council write a letter to Nova Scotia Department of Public Works and ask them, because of the dangers of Alderney Drive, no different than Dorey Lane, or more so than Dorey Lane, that they reconsider the requirement of right in/right out at the end of Dorey Lane.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

4. REPEAL - MUNICIPAL CROSSING GUARDS POLICY AND PROCEDURES (CROSSWALK POLICY)

Council gave notice of intent to repeal the Municipal Crossing Guards Policy and Procedures (Crosswalk Policy) at the May 27, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council by Motion C26(147).

Council can now proceed with the repeal motion:

Move that Council repeal the Municipal Crossing Guards Policy and Procedures (Crosswalk Policy).

As Chair of the Committee, I so move...

This concludes the report.