



Date: June 24, 2026
To: Municipal Council
cc: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Councillor Garden-Cole, Corporate and Residential Services Committee Chairperson
RE: Corporate & Residential Services

The Committee held regular meeting on June 16, 2026 in Council Chambers. The following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. [TAX AND WATER COLLECTION POLICY](#)

The Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board (NSRAB) approved the East Hants Water Utility Rate Review application in April of 2026. As a result, there are a few minor housekeeping changes required to the Tax and Water Collection Policy. These minor changes include the name change of NSUARB to NSRAB, title of the Director, and references to epost.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends that *Council approve amendments to Council Policy “Tax and Water Collection” as attached to the Executive agenda dated June 16, 2026.*

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

2. [BYLAW F-300-1, AN AMENDMENT TO BYLAW F-300, BYLAW RESPECTING THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF PRIVATE ROADS - PROPOSED REVISIONS](#)

Already dealt with earlier in the meeting.

3. [FUNDING SOURCES FOR BOTTLED WATER DISTRIBUTION](#)

In May 2026, the Province announced that funding for its bottled water distribution program would be discontinued. It noted that drought and water shortages continue to pose risks due to climate change. Rather than funding bottled water distribution, the province indicated that future efforts would focus on helping communities become more water resilient through initiatives such as planning, water storage, community wells, conservation measures, and improved access to water data. Following the announcement, Council requested that staff identify potential funding sources that could support bottled water distribution should drought conditions impact residents during the summer months.



The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends *that staff bring back further information around the possibility of working with community groups and also working with a bulk water carrier to be able to respond in times of extreme drought if necessary and exactly what that might look like.*

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

4. REQUEST FROM THE CONFEDERACY OF MAINLAND MI'KMAQ - FEASIBILITY STUDY - GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND

The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMM) are looking to apply to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation, Green Municipal Fund's (GMF) Adaptation in Action program for a Feasibility Study. To qualify for the GMF funding, CMM is required to partner with at least one Municipality.

The CMM is inviting the Municipalities of East Hants and Colchester to each offer up to eleven (11) hours of staff time in an advisory capacity for a project aiming to determine if terrestrial wetlands on agricultural lands within the respective municipalities are a feasible means of improving water quality and retention. Additionally, as a municipal partner, it is anticipated that East Hants would be open to sharing existing information/data that may be relevant to the project. Final reports and data generated by CMM will be shared with partnering municipalities.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends *that Council authorize the Municipality of East Hants to be listed as a municipal partner for The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq's application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation funding initiative for the project titled Feasibility Study for Terrestrial Wetland Creation on Agricultural Lands in the Municipalities of Colchester and East Hants; and*

That the Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommend that Council authorize the CAO to provide a letter of support, as required, as part of The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq's application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation funding initiative for the project titled Feasibility Study for Terrestrial Wetland Creation on Agricultural Lands in the Municipalities of Colchester and East Hants.

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



This concludes the report.