



Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In-Camera) July 23, 2026

PRESENT Warden Eleanor Roulston Deputy Warden Dixon

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

STAFF Ms. Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
 Mr. Wade Tattrie, Director of Finance
 Mr. John Woodford, Director of Planning & Development
 Ms. Alana Tapper, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
 Mr. Adam Clarkson, Director of Corporate Services
 Ms. Juliann Cashen, Communications Officer
 Ms. Amy Pyne, Manager of Real Estate & Corporate Projects
 Mr. Graham Scott, Manager of Economic & Business Development
 Ms. Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
 Ms. Alana Richards, Legislative & HR Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Roulston called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and recited the historical acknowledgement.

INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Councillor Perry, as Chairperson of the Infrastructure & Operations Committee, presented the Infrastructure & Operations Committee report dated July 21, 2026. A copy was attached to the agenda and available to all Council members.

EAST HANTS POLICY FOR WINTER CLEARING STANDARDS FOR ROADS AND SIDEWALKS

Staff presented a report outlining a stand-alone service level to allow staff to utilize current contractor availability and gain a better understanding of the potential challenges posted by conducting snow clearing operations in

the Uniacke Business Park. The current contract for snow clearing runs through 2027/28 fiscal cycle and this would allow for additional updates at that time. As a result, updates to the policy were suggested

- C26(186) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Mitchell: Hulsman
July ***Moved that Council give notice of intent to adopt the East Hants Policy for Winter Clearing Standards for Roads and Sidewalks, as presented to Committee on July 21, 2026.***

MOTION CARRIED

TRANSIT SERVICE - POTENTIAL FUNDING MODELS

Staff advised that, since the 2024 Transit Business Plan update, three additional reports have been presented to Council regarding funding models and public engagement. To support further discussion on transit funding, staff developed additional funding scenarios using the Urban Service Area and Partial Serviced Areas (Streetlight/Sidewalk) boundaries to help inform Council's consideration.

- C26(187) On the motion of Councillors Tingley and Mitchell: Clarkson
July ***Moved that Council approves the Fall 2026 public engagement sessions on Public Transit use funding Option 3 (1-B: Urban Service Rate Areas and the Partial Service Rate Areas) model as outlined in the staff report entitled "East Hants Public Transit Financial Options" as presented and discussed at the July 23rd meeting of Council.***

Discussion was held.

MOTION CARRIED

Ten (10) voting in favor, one (1) voting against. Councillor Merriam voting nay.

- C26(188) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Deputy Warden Dixon: Clarkson
July ***Moved that Council authorize staff to send the mailout to the area affected by the Transit Plan and public engagement meetings be held in the Corridor Area and any area affected by funding for the Transit Plan.***

MOTION CARRIED

- C26(189) On the motion of Councillors Perry and Merriam:
July ***Moved that Council go in-camera at 8:50 p.m.***

MOTION CARRIED

Council returned to open meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Warden Roulston reported that Council met in-camera to discuss a land issue and the continuation of the CAO priorities session and the following motion is coming forward as a result of those discussions:

PROPOSED DAR CORRIDOR LEGACY ENCROACHMENTS POLICY

In 2026, Council adopted Bylaw A-300 to regulate encroachments on municipal property and allow the CAO to approve certain encroachments under Council-approved criteria. During its adoption, Council raised concerns about applying the Bylaw to the former DAR Line and directed staff to develop a dedicated policy. The proposed policy addresses existing "legacy" encroachments identified through the 2025 survey process, while all other encroachments will continue to be managed under Bylaw A-300.

C26(190)
July

On the motion of Councillors Tingley and Merriam:

Clarkson

Moved that Council authorize the CAO to enter into easement agreements for all eligible driveways, crossings, and access points along the DAR Corridor identified on the 2025 survey sketches completed by Williams Nutter Limited, or as otherwise demonstrated to have existed at such time, provided they do not pose safety, operational, or liability concerns, with all costs associated with said agreements borne by the Municipality; and, that Council authorize the CAO to enter into encroachment agreements for all eligible legacy encroachments, in accordance with the DAR Corridor Legacy Encroachments Policy and Bylaw A-300, with all costs associated with said agreements borne by the Municipality; and that Council direct the CAO to return to Council for approval of any proposed encroachment or easement along the DAR Corridor that is not eligible under the DAR Corridor Legacy Encroachments Policy or was not identified on the 2025 Survey Sketches, or otherwise demonstrated to have existed at such time; and, that Council direct the CAO to return to Council for consideration of any proposed conveyance of Municipal lands arising from the implementation of the DAR Corridor Legacy Encroachments Policy; and, that Council direct the CAO to return to Council for consideration of any proposed enforcement actions arising from the implementation of the DAR Corridor Legacy Encroachments Policy; and that Council direct the CAO to return to Council for consideration of any proposed order to remove actions arising from the implementation of the DAR Corridor Legacy Encroachments Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

Ten (10) voting in favor, one (1) voting against. Warden Roulston voting nay.

DAR LAND MANAGEMENT - PROPOSED DAR CORRIDOR LEGACY ENCROACHMENTS POLICY

During previous Council discussions, concerns were raised regarding the application of Bylaw A-300, Encroachment on Municipal Real Property (the "Bylaw") to properties adjoining the Former Dominion Atlantic Rail (DAR)

Line. Through Motion C26(58), Council directed staff to report on how Bylaw A-300 “would work around properties adjoining and adjacent to the DAR line.”

- C26(191) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Merriam: Clarkson
July *Moved that Council gives notice of intent to adopt the DAR Corridor Legacy Encroachments Policy as presented and attached to the July 23, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In-Camera) agenda.*

MOTION CARRIED

Ten (10) voting in favor, one (1) voting against. Warden Roulston voting nay.

- C26(192) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Merriam: Clarkson
July *Moved that Council consider adoption of the DAR Corridor Legacy Encroachments Policy as presented and attached to the July 23, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In-Camera) agenda at the July 29, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council.*

MOTION CARRIED

MUNICIPAL FEE POLICY

In March 2026, Council gave second reading to Bylaw A-300, Encroachment on Municipal Real Property Bylaw. The Bylaw permits the Municipality to recover all expenses incurred in the enforcement of the Bylaw, including setting fees for administering the Bylaw. Fees are set and amended by Council in the Municipal Fee Policy.

- C26(193) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Hebb: Clarkson
July *Moved that Council give notice of intent to add Encroachment Fees to the Municipal Fee Policy as attached to the Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In-Camera) Agenda dated July 23, 2026.*

MOTION CARRIED

- C26(194) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Hebb:
July *Moved that Council consider adding Encroachment Fees to the Municipal Fee Policy as attached to the Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In-Camera) Agenda dated July 23, 2026 at the July 29, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council.*

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Approved By: Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk
Date: July 24, 2026

Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden
Date:
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