



Date: July 29, 2026
To: Municipal Council
cc: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Councillor Rhyno, Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Chairperson
RE: Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Report

The Committee held its regular meeting on July 21, 2026 in Council Chambers. The following motion is coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. TINSMITH MUSEUM - OPERATING OPTIONS

Following the East Hants Museum Society's Annual General Meeting and successful completion of the governance review requirements, the Municipality released the 2026 operating and staffing funding.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends that *Council continue the current partnership model between the East Hants Museum Society and the Municipality, with municipal staff providing support to strengthen governance and operations; and, Request that the Society develop a 3-5-year operational plan to help guide future operations and plan for available grant funding; and, Encourage the Society to pursue additional grant opportunities to strengthen its operations and reduce reliance on municipal funding; and, Enlist a structural engineer to assess the building structure for better long-term planning using up to \$8,000 plus HST from Professional Fees Reserve, and, that the East Hants Museum Society be required to present to Council as part of 2027/2028 budget discussions.*

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

This concludes the report.