EAST HANTS

COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: October 28, 2026

To: Municipal Council

cc: Adam Clarkson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

From: Councillor Garden-Cole, Corporate and Residential Services Committee Chairperson

RE: **Corporate & Residential Services Committee Report**

The Committee held regular meeting on October 20, 2026 in Council Chambers. The following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. **BI-ANNUAL REVIEW CHAIRS & VICE CHAIRS**

   Per the Council Procedural Policy Section 4.1.4, Chair and Vice Chairs of some of the Committees of Council shall be for two years and will be reviewed by Council. Planning Advisory Committee, Infrastructure & Operations Committee, Corporate & Residential Services Committee, and Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs were reviewed.

   The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends that ***Council keep the status quo for Chairs & Vice Chairs of Committees of Council*** (as listed in the staff report titled "Bi-Annual Review of Chairs/Vice Chairs of some Committees of Council" dated September 28, 2026.)

   As Chair of the Committee, I so move….

2. **CAO AUTHORITY POLICY UPDATE**

   In September 2026, Staff advised that there was a technical gap in the CAO Authority Policy with respect to granting and release of easements and the policy should be amended to provide greater clarity on the delegation of authority to the CAO.

   Discussion was held, and it was decided to bring this forward to a future meeting for a more in-depth review and clarification of wording.

3. **COUNCIL PROCEDURAL POLICY UPDATE**

   In 2025, the East Hants Arena Association dissolved and the municipality assumed operations of the East Hants Sportsplex. There is no longer a need to reflect the EHAA in the Council Procedural Policy as a Board or Committee requiring Council appointed membership. As a result, the Council Procedural Policy has been updated to remove any reference to the EHAA for consideration.

   The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends ***that Council approve the amendments to the Council Procedural Policy as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated October 20, 2026.***

   As Chair of the Committee, I so move….

This concludes the report.