

WEST HANTS MUNICIPALITY
Committee of the Whole – Budget Meeting Agenda
May 27, 2024, 5:15 p.m.
Sanford Council Chambers 76 Morison Dr, Windsor, NS
(also held via virtual via Zoom and Facebook livestreamed)
Agenda is subject to changes up to and including during the meeting



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1. Call to Order
 2. Attendance
 3. Announcements
 4. Approval of the Agenda, including additions or deletions
 5. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest
 6. 5:15-5:45 Windsor Township Business Association Presentation
 7. 5:45-6:45 Budget Recap and Follow-up
 8. 6:45-7:15 Council Discussion
 9. 7:15-8:00 Break
 10. 8:00-9:00 Motions & Resolutions – Pending Council Discussions (Item 9)
 - a. Budget Approval Motion
 - b. Taxing Resolution
 - c. HMCC Resolution
 - d. Tax Exemption List
 - e. Property Owners Association Resolutions
 - f. Funding Agreement Motions
 11. Public Participation Period
 12. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment
 - a. TBD

1. **Call to Order** – Deputy Mayor Paul Morton called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

2. **Attendance**

Council

Abraham Zebian, Mayor	Paul Morton, Deputy Mayor Dist. 8
Rupert Jannasch, Councillor Dist. 1	Bob Morton, Councillor Dist. 6 (5:57 p.m.)
Scott McLean, Councillor Dist. 2 (5:22 p.m.)	
Mark McLean, Councillor Dist. 3	John Smith, Councillor Dist. 9
Jeff Hartt, Councillor Dist. 3 (5:21 p.m.)	Laurie Murley, Councillor Dist. 10
Debbie Francis, Councillor Dist. 5	Jim Ivey, Councillor Dist. 11

Regrets

Ed Sherman, Councillor Dist. 7

Staff

Mark Phillips, CAO	Deanna Snair, Exec. Asst/ Clerk
Carlie Rochon, Dir. Financial Services	Sara Poirier, Dir. Planning and Development
Todd Richard, Dir. Public Works	Kathy Kehoe, Dir. Community Development

Regrets:

Shelleena Thornton, Municipal Operations Supervisor

3. **Announcements** (5:20 p.m.)

Deputy Mayor P. Morton acknowledged that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People and this land is governed by the treaties of Peace and Friendship signed in 1726. West Hants Regional Municipality also recognizes that we are all treaty people and have responsibilities to this land and each other. West Hants Regional Municipality also recognizes African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose history, legacies, and contributions have enriched that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years.

4. **Approval of the Agenda, including additions or deletions** (5:20 p.m.)

**MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR SMITH THAT THE
2024-05-27 SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET AGENDA
BE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED**

5. **Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest** (5:20 p.m.) - None

6. **Windsor Township Business Association Presentation** (5:21 p.m.)

Kjeld Mizpah (KJ) Conyers-Steede (acting chair) and Ezra Edelstein (board member) from the Windsor township Business Association were speaking on behalf of their request for a five (5) year commitment to fund their program coordinator position to provide some security within their

funding. In addition to the request letter that was sent the townships strategic plan was also included. The strategic plan outlined the four pillars the township was looking to move forward with. As a volunteer-based board the group was reaching their capacity and looked at the funding as an opportunity for WHRM to partner with them to ensure the largest urban centre in the region was doing their due diligence to attract and retain people and businesses to the area.

Discussion Points:

- The majority of the board members were returning, and a chair and vice chair would be elected at the AGM tonight. KJ was stepping down as interim chair due to his focus being directed more towards regional approach.
- Two (2) new tourism-based organizations recently joined the board. More accurate numbers will be known at the AGM tonight. Three (3) new board members joined during the middle of the term (looked at as ex officio board members) ads the current By-Laws do not permit members to join unless it was at an AGM (this was looking to be amended at the AGM tonight).
- Last year the commitment was to work with Hantsport and now Hantsport was ready to explore what it would look like if they started their own business township organization. The WTBA was also able to connect the municipality with their connections (Downtown Canadian Business Association Group) or other initiatives.
- Winterthing started out with the WTBA asking how they could draw people to the urban core. The volunteers and the committee that resulted from asking questions that made it the success it was. The Township provided the environment at the staff person did the heavy lifting while also relying on the volunteers who utilized their specialties.
- Other successes this year were the mural on the side of TAN coffee painted by Jason Botkin, who was a renowned muralist. The WTBA also hosted Davie and Sky with assistance from Tourism Nova Scotia and the emerging destinations program which has resulted in the WTBA and WHRM having a google drive of media information from that visit to drive traffic to the area. The final achievement was the WTBA's ability to create a strategy plan. The coordinator was key to all these achievements and the events would not have happened without a coordinator in place this past year.
- The board has experienced growing pains with shifting to a governing board with an employee and developing and creating the strategic plan.
- Most business districts have a tax levy based on commercial assessments of the property. Depending on the square footage of a building determines what levy rate will go in to. Most business district members decide the cent value, which is then approved by the municipality and that amount comes off when taxes are collected. The WTBA prefers the model currently in place (funded through the General rate).
- Communications and event planning were identified as some of the key capabilities of the next coordinator hired, if the request was supported,
- It was questioned whether the facade program better aligned with the municipality vs the WTBA.

7. Budget Recap and Follow-up

Director Rochon reviewed the updated Operating budget based on more accurate numbers received after the budget was presented and the direction provided at previous meetings. The net variance within the revenue side was \$3,721. The net change associated with expense was \$26,837. The net change in transfers to and from was \$30,500.

Director Rochon reviewed the updated Capital budget changes based on more accurate costs and direction previously provided. The Capital budget variance was \$98,200.

Director Rochon reviewed the updated Reserves budget. The net variance was an increase in spending of \$112,300.

The detailed components of the Operating budget were reviewed. The net variance on the revenue side was \$3,962 and \$3,663 on the expense side.

Based on the changes made the proposed general base rate changed to 0.7073, which resulted in a variance change of 0.1759 compared to last year, no proposed changes within the various area rates. The changes proposed had no impact on the Commercial rate.

The Capital budget – the reduction of \$98,200 in the 5-year Capital reduced the total Capital spend to \$136,847,652 and increased the current Capital budget by \$49,800 for a total of \$27,016,672.

The Reserve Budget – with the increase of \$112,300, the updated proposed March 31, 2025 balance was \$15,596,261.

The Operating Budget – the proposed ending balance was \$5,319,147, which was an increase from the \$5.1 previously presented and was a result of the increased RCMP contribution and the increased spends from the Carryover Reserve and the Operating Reserves.

Currently projecting \$2 million over the Reserve policy.

Capital Reserves – none of the adjustments made impacted Capital Reserve allocations.

Special Reserves – originally projected the ending balance would be \$7.4 million, with the changes made (Increase spend of \$200,000 in CCBF and the reduction in the contribution to the Hantsport and Windsor Infrastructure Reserve), the updated projected ending balance was \$7.2 million.

The five (5) employees were part of the original budget; the Protective Services Coordinator was not added.

Director Richard highlighted the two options for sidewalks on Chester Road. Option 2 was a raised curb to protect pedestrians, which requires stormwater infrastructure (catch basins and piping) and guard rails in areas where there were deep ditches at a cost of \$260,000 based on a Class D estimate. Option 1 looked at paving both shoulders of the roadway at a cost of \$115,000 and operating/maintenance costs would be much lower.

Council discussed the options in length. Permission would be required to construct a sidewalk along this roadway as it was provincial, and maintenance and snow removal costs would be a municipal responsibility. There was support for both options provided, pros were associated with safety, guard rails would be required with either option or the costs savings noted with option 1.

Concerns were raised about the ground in the area holding water and flooding at times due to ditches backing up.

Follow-up Questions

Hantsport Fire Department Honorarium – based on the number of active members when the budget was submitted, this may increase or decrease based on membership numbers at time of budget submittal. All members must meet the Provincial attendance regulation of 20%/20%/20%. If a member is close the percentage cut off, then the Chief, consider the extra time the member may have spent, ie. special events, etc. when calculating the honorarium. Any Firefighter who meets the 20%/20%/20% rule, will receive \$1,000, which is a proposed increase of \$100 per member since 2023-24. This contributes to the variance, as well as the six new members.

Five Year Detailed Sheet outlined all the projects based on the year as well as the amounts.

The 2023-24 Departmental mileage was highlighted. The increased variance was \$11,452.57. Some of this mileage was associated with the July floods. Typically, there were three (3) municipal vehicles on call at various times (2 in Public Works and 1 in By-Law).

The Dial-A-Ride calculation was reviewed for CPI. There was a lot of confusion over how the calculation was presented. Dial-A-Ride was not paid CPI in 2023/24, the payment was missed.

Payroll Request included payroll and benefits excluding overtime – highlighted the number of employees (including the 5 FTE additional requests and the 3 seasonals for Community Development. CPI was applied at 3% based on the union agreement. A 1% increase to pensions was being proposed as well as some health and dental changes and mandatory benefit changes (CPP – involves a two-tier system now, EI and WCB which was the most significant increase).

Landmark East Tuition - differentiates between students needs, if they boarded, etc. They were not similar to the Kings Edgehill model, the school supported those with learning disabilities aged 8 to 19.

Concern was raised that a contractual issue was being discussed.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS JANNASCH AND FRANCIS THAT THE MEETING MOVE IN-CAMERA AT 6:42 P.M. MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR MURLEY THAT THE MEETING MOVE OUT IN-CAMERA AT 6:59 P.M. MOTION CARRIED

WCB Increases – WHRM does not set the rates. Based on communication received there was an increase in mental health, increase in claim numbers, people being off based on industry rates.

8. Council Discussion

Director Rochon provided information about the Protective Services Coordinator that was recently hired in East Hants (pay scale (approximately \$97,000 plus benefits and job duties – acts as a liaison with budget, insurance but did not discuss operational matters).

Council discussed the staffing component and proposed additions (Communication Specialist, Planner, mechanic, labourer, CET and three seasonal workers for Community Development) at length. There was support to add some positions but overall the majority were unable to support

additional staff, it was suggested that a realignment of current staff allocations may be more beneficial. The majority of Council supported exploring the addition of a Protective Services Coordinator. It was noted this was a much larger discussion, specifically around expectations and roles for that person.

There was support to have discussions around an organizational review exercise and the addition of a Protective Services Coordinator. If staff were allocated appropriately, there may be room within the current staff component to have a person dedicated to communications and also have the Protective Services Coordinator.

An opinion was noted that if it was supported to have additional staff, a director of Marketing would be preferred over a Communication Specialist. There was a much better skill set in that position and the role would cover more than just communications they also look at advertising, public relations, service assessment and development, etc. Concern was noted the job description for the Communication Specialist was too vague and it couldn't be supported unless the position was better defined.

There was support to add the labourer.

A round table discussion occurred relating to items that Council felt should remain in the budget. A show of hands determined if the item was supported and would remain in the budget.

- Yes, to the \$5,000 one-time grant for Landmark East School.
- Council had a length discussion regarding supporting the Township. While the group had its challenges there was support to leave the Township in the budget. It would be great to see them expand out into the other business centre in Brooklyn.

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL PROVIDES FUNDING FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO THE WINDSOR TOWNSHIP. MOTION CARRIED

- The addition of a PW mechanic to support equipment maintenance **(Yes)**. (Nays: Francis, P. Morton, Ivey and Zebian).
- The addition of a PW labourer to support ongoing work and improvements **(Yes)**. (Nays: Jannasch and, Ivey).
- The addition of a PW CET **(No)**. Nays: P. Morton, Hartt, S. McLean, Ivey, Jannasch, B. Morton and Francis).
- The addition of an Admin Communications Specialist **(No)**. Nays: Unanimously opposed.
- Seasonal positions for Parks and Grounds were felt to be needed **(Yes)** and not part of the conversation.
- Protective Services Coordinator – based on WHRM pay scales, it looked like the pay would be \$113,160 including benefits. There was support to put funding in the current budget with the stipulation that a discussion occurred defining the role, expectations and responsibilities.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS HARTT AND FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL INCLUDE FUNDING FOR A PROTECTIVE SERVICES COORDINATOR IN THE 2024-25 BUDGET

WITH THE STIPULATION THAT AN IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION WILL OCCUR TO DETERMINE ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR THAT PERSON. MOTION CARRIED. Nays: Ivey

Director Rochon noted the detailed audited financial statements ending March 31, 2023 for each Fire Department were included in the shared Council folder.

There was support to see what a \$0.01 and \$0.02 reduction on the tax rate would look like.

With respect to the Protective Services Coordinator, there was encouragement to have the conversation on what was expected, it was important to get a clear expectation and get it right. CAO advised no advertising of hiring would occur until the discussion with Council occurred, putting it in the budget provided Council with the financial capacity should they choose to move forward with the addition.

It was estimated the position would be prorated as it would likely not be filled until September; that amount equated to approximately \$56,580. If Council supported it, the Operating Reserve could be flagged as the funding source so there was impact on the tax rate.

Grants were being presented at the June Committee of the Whole meeting. Grants were found under programming. Based on policy, there was a ceiling of 1.5% of the tax revenue for general purposes. Currently grants were at \$296,500, base on the current budget the cap would be \$215,557. It was noted some of the grants (bursaries and Heritage grants) were not impacted by the grant policy, GFL Rink and Landmark East funding was also included.

Director Rochon advised that the Directors and Fire Departments reviewed their budgets again to look for potential reductions. The budget proposed had been previously reduced; further reductions could result in a reduction in service levels.

Director Rochon was seeking direction on the items added as well as clarity around funding and years for the Hants Shore Community Health Clinic, the addition of the rebates (bulk water and sewer), a health and wellness initiative, added training, cyber security assessment, a boat for Southwest Hants Fire, computers for Windsor Fire, the program subsidy within Community Development, and the pilot Flood Protection program. Any changes to the proposed items may help reduce the tax rate if that was the direction of Council.

It was suggested the removal of the two additional staff was a reduction.

9. Break – A break occurred at 7:54 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:48 p.m. Discussions continued regarding sidewalks options for Chester Road. Option 2, paved shoulders on both sides (\$145,000) was already included in the Capital budget and funded through CCBF. The committee discussed both options, specifically looking at safety. A requirement for CCBF funding was that the asset remains in place for ten (10) years, overlaying option 2 with option 1 may result in losing the eligibility of the CCBF funding. Option 2 would be similar to what the province was proposing to do on the #1. If option 1 was supported, the intention would be to have a concrete sidewalk on the Midnight stables side and have a crosswalk at Kendall Lane (which requires provincial approval). It would be WHRM's responsibility to construct and maintain.

If option 2 was supported, no motion was required as it was already in the budget. Consensus was to support option 2.

Director Rochon reviewed the adjustments made based on discussions prior to the break (Landmark East reduced by \$5,000, removed the CET and Communication Specialist positions, added 6 months for a Protective Services Coordinator) which equated to a reduction of \$91,717. Based on that transfers from Operating Reserves to General Reserves were increased by \$59,393 and transfers from the Windsor Infrastructure Reserve was increased by \$200.

Based on the proposed changes, there was a \$0.005 reduction in the General tax rate for each community.

Director Rochon showed the impacts on the West Hants and Windsor Water Budgets based on the removal of the CET position.

Hantsport gets a blended Area rate (their rate of 0.3814 in addition to the West Hants rate of 0.2750 which equated to an Area Rate of 0.6564).

A reduction of \$91,7171 (\$42,728 from water) resulted in the \$0.005 tax rate reduction. Overall, the updated proposed Operating budget was \$33,751,913.

There was support to see a \$0.01 reduction in the tax rate. The decision of Council was where the money would come from, either Reserves or a decrease on one of the proposed asks (flood protection pilot program, computers for WFD, reduction in the rebates, etc.). Concern was raised that taking money from Reserves to offset tax rates was not sustainable.

A \$0.005 reduction on the tax rate would reduce taxes by \$15 on a property valued at \$300,000. A \$0.01 reduction on the tax rate would reduce taxes by \$35 on a property valued at \$300,000. To make a \$0.01 reduction, approximately \$90,889 would need to be removed from the current budget.

Council discussed where they would like to see reductions occur to support a \$0.01 reduction in the tax rate. Consensus was to utilize \$90,889 from the Flood Protection Pilot program to reduce the tax rate by \$0.01 and if the program needed the funds to support applications, a transfer from the Operating Reserve could be made to top the program up to its original amount.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS M. MCLEAN AND FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL ADOPTS A \$0.01 REDUCTION FOR THE TAX RATE AND THE MONEY BE TAKEN FROM OPERATING RESERVES. MOTION CARRIED. Nays: Jannasch

Council shared upcoming community events.

- Pride flag raising and family BBQ was scheduled for his Thursday for 6-7:30 p.m. at the waterfront park.
- Pickle ball was being hosted Monday May 27th from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday May 28th from 9:30 -11:30 a.m., Wednesday May 29th from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday May 30th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Newport GFL Rink. Drop-in fee was \$5.
- Lots of discussions related to the provincial changes associated with the #1 highway.

- Reminder of the Teddy Bear jamboree in June at the Falmouth Hall.
- Belmont Hall bake sale on June 8th.

10. Motions & Resolutions

a. Budget Approval Motion

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND M. MCLEAN THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2024-25 OPERATING BUDGET AS PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON MAY 27, 2024, OUTLINING TOTAL GENERAL RATED EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS OF \$14,215,166; TOTAL AREA RATED EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF WEST HANTS OF \$5,115,687; TOTAL AREA RATED EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF HANTSPORT OF \$519,528; AND TOTAL AREA RATED EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF WINDSOR OF \$4,007,075. MOTION CARRIED.

Nays: Hartt, S. McLean and Ivey

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2024-25 WEST HANTS WATER UTILITY AND WINDSOR WATER UTILITY BUDGETS AS PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON MAY 27, 2024, MOTION CARRIED.

Nays: Hartt, S. McLean and Ivey

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2024-25 CAPITAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON MAY 27, 2024. MOTION CARRIED.

Nays: Hart, Ivey, S. McLean and Jannasch

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND M. MCLEAN THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2024-25 RESERVE BUDGET AS PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON MAY 27, 2024. MOTION CARRIED.

Nays: Hart, Ivey, S. McLean

- b. Tax Exempt List – One (1) new property/organization was added to the list, four (4) were removed and one (1) changed statuses. The Pisiqid Canoe Club was eligible in 2023/2024 until March, when the judicial review was completed. This year (2024/25, they were not eligible.

There were three new applicants, but the properties may not correlate with the numbers. This year saw the addition of one and the removal of one as well.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT SCHEDULES A, B AND C OF THE ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION PROPERTY LISTING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED. Nays: M. McLean and S. McLean

- c. Hants Shore Community Health Clinic – Councillor Jannasch advised the current situation at the health centre was critical, at this time there may be no physicians working at the clinic by the end of August. There was also the potential for changes from the Nova Scotia Health Authority with respect to the funding arrangements. There was little information being provided at this time and funding was critical.

Discussion Points:

- Cost of living (CPI) would not be applied to this year’s funding amount; it would be applied next year.
- There was value in having a set time/date for CPI. Different organizations have different times/dates in their agreements, there were benefits to having a consistent date for all agreements.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS JANNASCH AND FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL APPROVES ENTERING INTO A THREE (3) YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE HANTS SHORE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC TO SUPPORT ON-GOING OPERATIONS, BEGINNING IN 2024-25. INCLUDING SIMILAR TERMS OF OTHER FUNDING AGREEMENTS. MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS JANNASCH AND FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT FURTHER THIS FUNDING BE SET AT \$50,000 PLUS AND ADJUSTMENT FOR COST-OF-LIVING. MOTION CARRIED

Ground Search and Rescue

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR M. MCLEAN THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL APPROVES ENTERING INTO A THREE (3) YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH WEST HANTS GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE TO SUPPORT ON-GOING OPERATIONS, BEGINNING IN 2024-25. INCLUDING SIMILAR TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES POLICY. MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR M. MCLEAN THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THIS FUNDING BE SET AT \$30,000 PLUS AND ADJUSTMENT FOR COST-OF-LIVING. MOTION CARRIED

Windsor Township Business Association – This item was General Rated.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND IVEY THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL APPROVES ENTERING INTO A THREE (3) YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, TO SUPPORT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION, BEGINNING IN 2024-25. MOTION CARRIED. Nays: Hartt and S. McLean

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND M. MCLEAN THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THIS FUNDING BE SET AT \$60,000 PLUS AND ADJUSTMENT FOR COST-OF-LIVING. MOTION CARRIED. Nays: Hartt and S. McLean

d. HMCC Resolution

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE AREA RATE FOR THE HANTSPORT MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE (HMCC) IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS: RESIDENTIAL - \$0.0649 PER \$100 OF TAXABLE ASSESSMENT AND COMMERCIAL - \$0.3352 PER \$100 OF TAXABLE ASSESSMENT FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF \$106,552 FOR FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 2024 TO MARCH 31, 2025. MOTION CARRIED

e. Taxation Resolution

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SUMS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR THE LAWFUL PURPOSES OF THE WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 AFTER CREDITING THE PROBABLE REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES OTHER THAN THE GENERAL RATES FOR THE YEAR AND MAKING THE ALLOWANCE FOR THE ABATEMENT AND LOSSES THAT MAY OCCUR IN THE COLLECTION OF TAXES AND TAXES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR THAT MAY NOT BE COLLECTED OR COLLECTABLE IS \$14,215,166 AND THIS COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF A GENERAL TAX RATE OF NINETY-EIGHT CENTS (\$0.98) PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND THE ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND GENERAL RESOURCE PROPERTY THAT WILL EQUAL SIX NINE SEVEN TWO CENTS (\$0.6972) PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100)

OF THE ASSESSMENT ON RESIDENTIAL AND GENERAL RESOURCE PROPERTY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE SUMS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR THE LAWFUL PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNITY OF WEST HANTS FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 AFTER CREDITING THE PROBABLE REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES OTHER THAN THE AREA RATES FOR THE YEAR AND MAKING THE ALLOWANCE FOR THE ABATEMENT AND LOSSES THAT MAY OCCUR IN THE COLLECTION OF TAXES AND TAXES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR THAT MAY NOT BE COLLECTED OR COLLECTABLE IS \$5,115,687 AND THIS COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF AN AREA RATE TAX OF EIGHTY CENTS (\$0.80) PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND THE ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND GENERAL RESOURCE PROPERTY THAT WILL EQUAL TWO SEVEN FIVE ZERO CENTS (\$0.2750) PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OF THE ASSESSMENT ON RESIDENTIAL AND GENERAL RESOURCE PROPERTY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE SUMS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR THE LAWFUL PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNITY OF HANTSPORT FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 AFTER CREDITING THE PROBABLY REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES OTHER THAN THE AREA RATES FOR THE YEAR AND MAKING THE ALLOWANCE FOR THE ABATEMENT AND LOSSES THAT MAY OCCUR IN THE COLLECTION OF TAXES AND TAXES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR THAT MAY NOT BE COLLECTED OR COLLECTABLE IS \$519,528 AND THIS COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF AN AREA RATE TAX OF TWO DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$2.77) PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND THE ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND GENERAL RESOURCE PROPERTY THAT WILL EQUAL SIX FIVE SIX FIVE CENTS (\$0.6565) PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OF THE ASSESSMENT ON RESIDENTIAL AND GENERAL RESOURCE PROPERTY.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE SUMS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR THE LAWFUL PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNITY OF WINDSOR FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 AFTER CREDITING THE PROBABLE REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES OTHER THAN THE AREA RATES FOR THE YEAR AND MAKING THE ALLOWANCE FOR THE ABATEMENT AND LOSSES THAT MAY OCCUR IN THE COLLECTION OF TAXES AND TAXES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR THAT MAY NOT BE COLLECTED OR

COLLECTABLE IS \$4,007,075 AND THIS COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF AN AREA RATES TAX OF TWO DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$2.87) PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND THE ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND GENERAL RESOURCE PROPERTY THAT WILL EQUAL NINE FOUR NICE ONE CENTS (\$0.9491) PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OF THE ASSESSMENT ON RESIDENTIAL AND GENERAL RESOURCE PROPERTY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE TAXPAYERS IN THE SAID MUNICIPALITY ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE WHOLE OF THEIR TAXES ON OR BEFORE THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2024 PROVIDED THAT IF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAXES OWING IS NOT PAID IN FULL ON OR BEFORE THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2024 THE BALANCE OF CURRENT AND PRIOR YEARS' TAXES THEN OWING WILL BEAR INTEREST AT A RATE OF 15% PER ANNUM, SUCH RATE TO BE CALCULATED MONTHLY AT THE END OF EACH MONTH AT A RATE OF 1.25% UNTIL THE SUMS ARE PAID.

TAX DUE DATE – SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

f. Property Owners Association Resolutions

Chalet Hamlet Property Owners Association Uniform Charge 2024-2025

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 81 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, THE COUNCIL OF THE WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY AUTHORIZES THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION, FOR PURPOSES OF PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE, A UNIFORM CHARGE OF \$638.25 (INCLUSIVE OF HST) PER MEMBER FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2025, FOR A TOTAL COLLECTION OF \$130,203.00, AND SUCH AMOUNT COLLECTED LESS \$5 PER LOT ADMINISTRATION FEE PLUS HST LESS SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE CHALET HAMLET PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION. MOTION CARRIED. Nays: S. McLean

Falls Lake West Owners Association Uniform Charge 2024-2025

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 81 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, THE COUNCIL OF THE WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY AUTHORIZES THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION, FOR PURPOSES OF PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE, A UNIFORM CHARGE

OF \$638.25 (INCLUSIVE OF HST) PER MEMBER FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2025, FOR A TOTAL COLLECTION OF \$130,203.00, AND SUCH AMOUNT COLLECTED LESS \$5 PER LOT ADMINISTRATION FEE PLUS HST LESS SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE CHALET HAMLET PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION. MOTION CARRIED

Blomidon View Residents Association Uniform Charge 2024-2025

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 81 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, THE COUNCIL OF THE WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY AUTHORIZES THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION, FOR PURPOSES OF PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE, A UNIFORM CHARGE OF \$105.00 PER SHARE BASED ON AN UNDEVELOPED LOT, \$420.00 PER SHARE BASED ON A DEVELOPED LOT, AND \$210.00 PER SHARE BASED ON A SEASONAL DWELLING LOT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2025, FOR A TOTAL COLLECTION OF \$4,515.00, AND SUCH AMOUNT COLLECTED LESS \$5 PER LOT ADMINISTRATION FEE PLUS HST SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE BLOMIDON VIEW RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION. MOTION CARRIED

North Canoe Lake Cottage Owners Association Uniform Charge 2024-2025

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR M. MCLEAN THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 81 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, THE COUNCIL OF THE WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY AUTHORIZES THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION, FOR PURPOSES OF PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE, A UNIFORM CHARGE OF \$56.91 EACH FOR 10 PROPERTIES BEFORE THE BRIDGE ON CANOE LAKE COVE ROAD AND \$227.44 EACH FOR 34 PROPERTIES BEYOND THE BRIDGE ON THE SAME ROAD FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2025, FOR A TOTAL COLLECTION OF \$8,302.06, AND SUCH AMOUNT COLLECTED LESS \$5 PER LOT ADMINISTRATION FEE PLUS HST SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE NORTH CANOE LAKE COTTAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION. MOTION CARRIED

Chateau Village Property Owners Association Uniform Charge 2024-2025

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 81 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, THE COUNCIL OF THE WEST HANTS REGIONAL

MUNICIPALITY AUTHORIZES THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION, FOR PURPOSES OF PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE, A UNIFORM CHARGE OF \$524.88 (INCLUSIVE OF HST) PER MEMBER FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2025, FOR A TOTAL COLLECTION OF \$68,759.28, AND SUCH AMOUNT COLLECTED LESS \$5 PER LOT ADMINISTRATION FEE PLUS HST LESS SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE CHATEAU VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION. MOTION CARRIED

Innes Lane Road Association Uniform Charge 2024-2025

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR FRANCIS THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 81 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, THE COUNCIL OF THE WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY AUTHORIZES THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION, FOR PURPOSES OF PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE, A UNIFORM CHARGE OF \$250.00 EACH FOR 22 DEVELOPED LOT AND \$100.00 EACH FOR 13 UNDEVELOPED LOT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2025, FOR TOTAL COLLECTION OF \$6800.00 AND SUCH AMOUNT COLLECTED LESS \$5 PER LOT ADMINISTRATION FEE PLUS HST SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE INNES LANE ROAD ASSOCIATION. MOTION CARRIED

11. Public Participation – None

12. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment

Next regular meeting will be May 28, 2024 Council meeting, 6 p.m.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS M. MCLEAN AND FRANCIS THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN AT 9:58 P.M. MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Paul Morton

Deanna Snair, Municipal Clerk