

**WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

**Special Council Meeting Agenda**

**November 5, 2024 – 6 p.m.**

**(also held via virtual via Zoom and Facebook livestreamed)**

Agenda is subject to change due to additions that may not be able to be reflected until after the meeting.

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1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Announcements and Presentation of certificates to the Sweets Corner Scouts
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest
6. New Business
  - a) Swearing in ceremony for Mayor and Council
  - b) Deputy Mayor Nominations and Appointment
  - c) Councillor Advisory Committee Nominations and Appointments
  - d) Citizen Advisory Committee Recommendations and Appointments
  - e) December Meeting Dates
7. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment

**WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

**Special Council Meeting Minutes** - Continuation of the September 24th meeting Part 3

November 5, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Sanford Council Chambers, 76 Morison Dr, Windsor, NS

Virtually via Zoom (also Facebook Livestreamed)



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1. Call to Order – Mayor Zebian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Attendance

Council:

Abraham Zebian, Mayor

Rupert Jannasch, Councillor, District 1

Scott McLean, Councillor, District 2

Jeff Hartt, Councillor, District 4

Debbie Francis, Councillor, District 5

Newly Elected Councillors:

Chrystal Remme, Councillor, District 3

Kayla Leary-Pich, Councillor District 7

Regrets:

Mark McLean, Councillor, District 3

Laurie Murley, Councillor, District 10

Staff:

Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer

Todd Richard, Dir. Public Works

Carlee Rochon, Director of Financial Services  
Development

Paul Morton, Deputy Mayor, District 8

Bob Morton, Councillor, District 6

John Smith, Councillor, District 9

Jim Ivey, Councillor, District 11

Paul Wheadon, Councillor, District 4

Ed Sherman, Councillor, District 7

Sara Poirier, Dir. Planning & Development

Deanna Snair, Municipal Clerk

Kari Fougere, Manager Planning and

Kathy Kehoe, Director Community Dev.

Regrets:

Shelleena Thornton, Municipal Ops Supervisor

Gallery – Thirty-six (36) citizens present including the First Sweets Corner Scouts

3. Announcements (6:00 p.m.)

Mayor Zebian acknowledged West Hants Regional Municipality is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This land is governed by the treaties of Peace and Friendship signed in 1726. West Hants Regional Municipality recognizes 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.

Fira Alarm protocols were reviewed for all in attendance.

Mayor Zebian recognized the First Sweets Corner Cubs and Scouts group (formerly known as the Third Falmouth Cubs and Scouts group). The group recently earned their community badges and regularly volunteered throughout the community at community breakfasts, fundraising events and successfully creating the Little Free Library in the Ellershouse community. Each member and their leader were presented with a certificate of appreciation and a small token of appreciation.

4. Approval of the Agenda, including additions or deletions (6:09 p.m.)

**MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR P. MORTON AND COUNCILLOR FRANCIS  
THE 2024-11-05 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA BE APPROVED.  
MOTION CARRIED**

5. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest – None

6. New Business (6:09 p.m.)

- a) Swearing in ceremony for Mayor and Council Members

The Mayor solemnly affirmed the following Oath of Allegiance and of Office as administered by the Municipal Clerk:

I, Abraham Zebian, swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, His heirs and successors according to law;

And that I am duly qualified as required by law for the office of  
of Mayor of the West Hants Regional Municipality;

And that I will truly, faithfully and impartially execute the duties of the office to which I have been elected to the best of my knowledge and ability;

And that I have not received and will not receive any payment or reward or promise thereof for the exercise of any partiality or other undue execution of the duties of my office.

Sworn at Windsor in the County of Hants on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024

The Councillors solemnly affirmed the following Oath of Allegiance and of Office as administered by the Mayor:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, His heirs and successors according to law;

And that I am duly qualified as required by law for the office of  
of Mayor of the West Hants Regional Municipality;

And that I will truly, faithfully and impartially execute the duties of the office to which I have been elected to the best of my knowledge and ability;

And that I have not received and will not receive any payment or reward or promise thereof for the exercise of any partiality or other undue execution of the duties of my office.

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- b) Deputy Mayor Nominations and Appointments

The election process would be completed by secret ballot. CAO Phillips, the Clerk and the Planning Secretary were scrutineers.

Mayor Zebian called for nominations three times for position of Deputy Mayor. Councillor B. Morton nominated District 8 Councillor Paul Morton, Councillor John Smith nominated Councillor Bob Morton and Councillor Bonnie Smith nominated Councillor Francis.

After three calls for nominations Mayor Zebian declared nominations cease. Councillor Paul Morton respectfully declined the nomination. Councillor Bob Morton and Councillor Francis accepted their nominations.

A secret ballot vote occurred resulting in a tie. A second round of voting occurred, resulting in a tie vote. In an attempt to provide Council with additional time for reflection, it was suggested that Council may wish to continue with nominations and appointments to the Advisory committees and return to discussions pertaining to the Deputy Mayor seat later in the meeting.

c) **Councillor Advisory Nominations and Appointments**

Mayor Zebian called for nominations three times for each committee position then declared the nominations closed.

*Accessibility Advisory Committee*

Councillor McLean nominated Councillor Remme, Councillor B. Morton nominated Councillor Francis and Councillor P. Morton nominated Councillor Leary-Pinch. Councillors Remme and Leary-Pinch accepted their nominations. Councillor Francis respectfully declined the nomination. A secret ballot vote occurred resulting in Councillor Remme being appointed to the committee and Councillor Leary-Pinch being appointed as the alternate.

*Audit Committee*

Councillor Francis nominated Councillor Jannasch and Councillor McLean nominated Councillor Wheadon. Both Councillors accepted their nominations and were appointed to the committee.

*Annapolis Valley Regional Library*

Councillor B. Morton nominated Councillor Remme. Councillor Remme accepted the nomination and was appointed to the committee. Councillor Leary-Pinch volunteered to be the alternate appointment to the committee.

*Cogmaqun Community Liaison Committee*

Councillor Remme nominated Councillor McLean, Councillor McLean nominated Councillor Jannasch and Councillor P. Morton nominated Councillor Wheadon. Councillors McLean and Jannasch both respectfully declined the nomination. Councillor Wheadon accepted the nomination and was appointed to the committee. Councillor John Smith volunteered to be the alternate appointment to the committee.

*Climate Action Committee*

Councillor P. Morton nominated Councillor Francis, Councillor Francis nominated Councillor B. Smith, Councillor P. Morton nominated Councillor Ivey and Councillor McLean nominated Councillor Jannasch. Councillor Jannasch respectfully declined the nomination. Councillors Francis, B. Smith and Ivey accepted their nominations and were appointed to the committee.

*Davidson Lake Watershed Committee*

Councillor P. Morton nominated Councillor J. Smith. Councillor J. Smith accepted the nomination and was appointed to the committee. Councillor P. Morton volunteered to be the alternate appointment.

*Diverse and Inclusive Communities Committee*

Councillor B. Morton nominated Councillor Leary-Pinch. Councillor Leary-Pinch accepted the nomination and was appointed to the committee. Councillor Ivey volunteered to be the alternate appointment.

*Fences and Arbitration Committee*

Councillor P. Morton nominated Councillor McLean, Councillor B. Morton nominated Councillor Wheadon and Councillor P. Morton nominated Councillor Francis. Councillor Leary-Pinch accepted the nomination and was appointed to the committee. Councillor Ivey volunteered to be the alternate appointment. Councillors McLean and Francis accepted their nomination. Councillor Wheadon respectfully declined the nomination. A secret ballot vote occurred resulting in Councillor Francis being appointed to the committee.

*French Mill Brook Watershed Committee*

Councillor B. Morton nominated Councillor J. Smith. Councillor J. Smith accepted the nomination and was appointed to the committee. Councillor P. Morton volunteered to be the alternate appointment.

*Hants County Residence for Seniors Citizens*

Councillor P. Morton nominated Councillor B. Morton. Councillor B. Morton accepted the nomination and was appointed to the committee. Councillor Leary-Pinch volunteered to be the alternate appointment.

*Highway 101 Liaison Committee*

Councillor Wheadon nominated Councillor McLean. Councillor P. Morton nominated Councillor B. Smith and Councillor McLean nominated Councillor Ivey. Councillor Ivey respectfully declined the nomination. Councillors McLean and B. Smith accepted their nominations and were appointed to the committee.

*Mill Lakes Watershed Committee*

Councillor B. Morton nominated Councillor J. Smith. Councillor J. Smith accepted the nomination and was appointed to the committee. Councillor P. Morton volunteered to be the alternate appointment.

*Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee*

Councillor B. Morton nominated Councillor Leary-Pinch, Councillor McLean nominated Councillor Ivey, Councillor P. Morton nominated Councillor B. Morton and Mayor Zebian. All nominees accepted their nominations. A secret ballot vote occurred resulting in Councillor Leary-Pinch, Councillor Ivey and Mayor Zebian being appointed to the committee.

*Police Advisory Board Committee*

Councillor Francis nominated Councillor P. Morton, Councillor B. Morton nominated Councillor J. Smith, Councillor Ivey nominated Councillor McLean and Councillor Francis nominated Councillor Jannasch. Councillors McLean respectfully declined the nomination. Councillor P. Morton, Councillor Smith and Councillor Jannasch accepted their nominations. A secret ballot vote occurred resulting in Councillor P. Morton and Councillor Jannasch were appointed to the committee.

Valley Community Fibre Network (VCFN)

Councillor P. Morton nominated Councillor Ivey and Councillor McLean nominated Councillor Remme. Councillor Ivey respectfully declined the nomination. Councillor Remme accepted the nomination and was appointed to the committee. Councillor Ivey volunteered to be the alternate appointment.

Valley Regional Enterprise Network (VREN)

Councillor P. Morton nominated Councillor B. Morton and Councillor B. Morton nominated Councillor Remme. Councillor B. Morton respectfully declined the nomination. Councillor Remme accepted the nomination and was appointed to the committee. Councillor B. Morton volunteered to be the alternate appointment.

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Councillor B. Morton nominated Councillor McLean, Councillor P. Morton nominated Councillor Wheadon and Councillor Jannasch nominated Councillor B. Smith. Councillor B. Smith respectfully declined the nomination. Councillor McLean and Councillor Wheadon both accepted their nominations. A secret ballot vote occurred resulting in Councillor McLean being appointed to the committee and Councillor Wheadon being appointed as the alternate to the committee.

**MOVED BY COUNCILLORS P. MORTON AND JANNASCH THAT THE BALLOTS BE DESTROYED. MOTION CARRIED**

d) Citizen Advisory Nominations and Appointments (7:00 p.m.)

Clerk Snair provided a high-level overview of the report noting Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee, Police Advisory Committee and Climate Action Committee citizen recommendations were being presented for consideration.

**MOVED BY COUNCILLORS P. MORTON AND B. MORTON THAT COUNCIL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING RESIDENT MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 2024-2026 TERM (NOVEMBER 1, 2024 - OCTOBER 31, 2026) MICHEL BOURGEOIS – WEST HANTS. KJELD-MIZPAH CONYERS-STEEDE – WEST HANTS, MARK KEHOE – WEST HANTS, JANE DAVIS – HANTSPORT, TIM CARR – HANTSPORT, PAUL BEAZLEY – WINDSOR AND GUIDO FURLANI – WINDSOR. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLORS FRANCIS AND P. MORTON THAT COUNCIL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING RESIDENT MEMBER TO THE CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE FOR THE 2024-2026 TERM (NOVEMBER 1, 2024 - OCTOBER 31, 2026) BRENDA PERKS. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLORS P. MORTON AND LEARY-PINCH THAT COUNCIL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING RESIDENT MEMBERS TO THE POLICE ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE FOR THE 2024-2026 TERM (NOVEMBER 1, 2024 - OCTOBER 31, 2026) GUIDO FURLANI AND JAMIE JUTEAU. MOTION CARRIED**

e) December Meeting Dates

Clerk Snair requested direction with respect to how Council wanted to proceed with the December meeting dates. Traditionally Council has opted to hold Committee of the Whole and Council meetings earlier due to the holiday season. Council agreed the December Committee of the Whole meeting would be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 and the Council meeting would be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**MOVED BY COUNCILLORS P. MORTON AND B. MORTON THAT COUNCIL SET THE MEETING DATE FOR THE DECEMEBER COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING FOR DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AND THAT THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>. MOTION CARRIED**

7. Next Meeting Date/Adjournment - November 12th, 2024, Committee of the Whole.

Prior to the meeting adjourning, Mayor Zebian asked Council if they wanted to revisit the discussion/vote for the Deputy Mayor appointment. A suggestion was made to look at the matter again as everyone was in attendance. The nominees were each given an opportunity to speak as to why they should be Deputy Mayor. A secret ballot vote occurred resulting in a tie. CAO and the Clerk advised Council that as per the WHRM Meeting and Committee Procedural Policy (Section 6.1 (i)) stated "if there is not a winner by majority and there are three (3) or more nominees, another vote will occur by dropping the nominee with the lowest votes and voting again until only two (2) nominees remain. If there is not a winner by majority and there are only two (2) nominees, the Deputy Mayor will be determined by a draw by the Clerk or designated staff member". Both nominee's names were placed in the box and the Clerk drew a name, resulting in Councillor Francis being appointed as Deputy Mayor.

**MOVED BY COUNCILLORS P. MORTON AND JANNASCH THAT AT 7:16 P.M., THE MEETING ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Mayor Abraham Zebian (Chair)

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Deanna Snair, Municipal Clerk