

WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Special Council Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2025 – 6:28 p.m.

Sanford Council Chambers, 76 Morison Dr, Windsor, NS

And virtually via Zoom (also YouTube Livestreamed)



West Hants
something inspiring awaits

1. As Call to Order – The meeting was called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

1. Attendance – Quorum was achieved.

Council:

Abraham Zebian, Mayor

Rupert Jannasch, Councillor, District 1 (Regrets)

Scott McLean, Councillor, District 2

Chrystal Remme, Councillor, District 3

Paul Wheadon, Councillor, District 4

Bob Morton, Councillor, District 6

Debbie Francis, Deputy Mayor, Dist. 5

Kayla Learey-Pinch, Councillor, District 7

Paul Morton, Councillor, District 8

John Smith, Councillor, District 9

Bonnie Smith, Councillor, District 10

Jim Ivey, Councillor, District 11

2. Staff:

Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer

Carlee Rochon, Director of Financial Services

Troy Burgess, Manager Public Works

VanEssa Roberts, Manager Community Economic Development

Deanna Snair, Municipal Clerk

Todd Richard, Director Public Works

Tim Bouter, Project Engineer, Public Works

Gallery – None

Regrets:

Kari Fougere, Acting Director Planning & Dev.

Kathy Kehoe, Director Community Dev.

3. Announcements

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.

Council and I as Chair are committed to ensuring this meeting and its participants conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner as outlined in the municipality's Municipal Code of Conduct. Meeting presenters, staff and the public are expected to conduct themselves in an equally respectful manner at all times the meeting is being conducted. I thank you all in advance for your commitment to these important meeting principles

4. Approval of the Agenda, including additions or deletions – With no proposed changes; the agenda was approved as presented.

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - None

6. Dial-A-Ride Funding Agreement and 2025/26 WHRM Capital Budget Approval
Voting occurred by a show of hands.

a) Dial-A-Ride Funding Agreement

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS LEARY-PINCH AND J. SMITH THAT COUNCIL APPROVES RENEWING THE 3-YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE DIAL-A-RIDE, FOR OPERATIONAL USE TO PROMOTE AND PROVIDE RATE SUBSIDIES, BEGINNING IN 2025-26. INCLUDING SIMILAR TERMS OF PREVIOUS FUNDING AGREEMENT. FURTHER, THAT THIS FUNDING BE SET AT \$33,677.92 PLUS AN ADJUSTMENT FOR COST-OF-LIVING AND FURTHER THAT 2025-26 FUNDING BE FUNDED THROUGH THE OPERATING RESERVE. MOTION CARRIED. Nays: McLean and Ivey

A motion to suspend the rules was made. Suspending the rules allows the opportunity to revisit the Capital Budget motion.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS LEARY-PINCH AND B. SMITH THAT COUNCIL MOVES TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF ORDER AS SET OUT IN THE MEETING AND COMMITTEE PROCEDURAL POLICY, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 12.13 (A) AS IT RELATES TO THE 2025/26 WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY CAPITAL BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED. Nays: McLean and Ivey

b) 2025/26 WHRM Capital Budget Approval

Councillor McLean requested his vote against the 2025/26 Capital Budget be recorded in the meeting minutes.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS B. SMITH AND REMME THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE 2025/26 CAPITAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON JUNE 16, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.
Nays: McLean, Francis, Ivey, J. Smith and Leary-Pinch

7. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment – June 24th, 2025 Council Meeting 6 pm
The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m., with no further business to address.

Mayor Zebian (Chair)

Deanna Snair, Municipal Clerk