

WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Fences and Arbitration Committee Meeting Agenda
December 5, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.
Held in person, Council Chambers at 76 Morison Drive and via ZOOM



1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Approval of the Agenda, including additions or deletions
4. Fencing Complaint WHRM22-01 – PID 45018645 - Status Update
 - a) By Law Enforcement, Ryan Parker (updated report and / or photos)
5. Chief Administrative Officer, Mark Phillips Update
6. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment

1. Call to order

Chair S. McLean called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

2. Attendance

Scott McLean, Chair, Councillor, District 2 (ZOOM)

Tim Marsh, Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture

Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer

Deanna Snair, Municipal Clerk

Shawn Levy, By-Law Enforcement Officer

Ryan Parker, By-Law Enforcement Officer

Tim Leslie, Manager of Building and Fire Protection Services

Regrets:

Madelyn LeMay, Director Planning and Development

Introductions were completed for the record.

3. Approval of the Agenda, including additions or deletions

MOVED BY TIM LESLIE AND TIM MARSH THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Fencing and Arbitration Complaint WHRM 22-01, PID 45018645

By-Law Officer Levy provide a brief update to the committee. On Friday, December 2, 2022, Public Works employees along with By-Law erected approximately 200' of fencing on Mr. Morashs land in approximately two (2) hours. Employees entered through a neighboring yard (with permission). By-Law Officers were able to secure the required supplies (fence posts, fencing and staples).

A quote received from the potential vendor showed the cost of the work would be upwards of \$18,000. This was above the previously approved amount by the committee and the vendor was not able to start the work until the following week.

Consensus was the fence needed to be erected as soon as possible. Direction was given to continue with Public Works and By-Law officers to complete the remaining 300-400' of fencing required to secure the area where the cattle have been escaping from. It would be a day or two before staff could begin erecting the remaining fence as supplies would need to be procured and the RCMP would need to provide support. Staff will need to enter and access this portion of the fence from Mr. Morashs property.

It was unclear if a fence could be constructed over a rail line. CAO Philips will inquire. There was a single strand page wire fence already in place, it was lying on the ground and would need to be stood up again to make it usable.

There were no visible signs of feed in Mr. Morashs yard, but a neighbour stated they saw a

truck drop off two (2) bales of hay last week.

5. Chief Administrative Officer, Mark Phillips Update
CAO Phillips updated the committee that there has been no response from the province since the letter and formal complaint was issued to the Department of Environment and Climate Change on Tuesday, November 23, 2022.

MOVED BY TIM MARSH AND CHAIR S. MCLEAN THAT THE FENCES AND ARBITRATION COMMITTEE DIRECT STAFF TO CONTINUE WITH SPECIFIED WORK AS DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED

5. **Next Meeting Date / Adjournment**
The next meeting of the Fences and Arbitration Committee will be determined at a later date if there was a need.

MOVED BY SCOTT MCLEAN AND MARK PHILLIPS TO ADJOURN AT 12:15 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting ended at 12:154 p.m.

Chair Scott McLean