

WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Police Advisory Board Meeting Agenda **AMENDED**
January 20, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Sanford Council Chambers, 76 Morison Drive, Windsor, NS
Virtual via ZOOM (also YouTube livestreamed)

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



- 1. Call to Order**
- ~~**2. Oath of Police Advisory Board Member(s)**~~
- 3. Attendance**
- 4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**
- 5. Announcements**
- 6. Approval of the Agenda – Additions/Deletions**
- 7. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest**
- 8. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
(a) July 15, 2024, Police Advisory Board Minutes
- 9. Presentations**
(a) Body Worn Cameras (BWC) – Jami Smith
- 10. Business Arising from the Minutes / Old Business**
(a) RCMP Five Multi-Year Financial Plan
- 11. Reports**
(a) West Hants RCMP Quarterly Report
- 12. New Business**
(a) Lights in School Zones
- 13. Correspondence**
(a) 2024-20-22 From Ed Kelly – South Rawdon Rd
- 14. Public Participation**
- 15. In-Camera**
- 16. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment** – Quarterly meetings on the third (3rd) Monday (Jan – Apr – Jul – Oct) – Next one is April 21, 2025 at 6pm.



BWC-DEMS Engagement Session Police Advisory Board – West Hants Detachment

**Nova Scotia
H Division**



Overview

- Nova Scotia has been part of the RCMP National Field test of Body-worn cameras. Since February 2024, cameras have been deployed to seven Detachments across the Province.
- Implementation across the rest of the Province began November 18.
- This will be a phased in approach across the Province with anticipation for implementation to be complete April 2025.
- Body-worn cameras were deployed to West Hants in December 2024.
- All members are required to complete online and in-person training prior to body-worn camera issue.
- Members have the capability to upload photos and audio statements from their work phone via the secure Capture APP directly to DEMS.



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BWC-DEMS Overview



Body-worn Camera Highlights:

- If the event button is flashing **green**, the camera is ready to record. When the member completes a double press of the event button, it starts the recording and flashes **red**.
- Members are only able to view their own video. They can not view each others videos unless it is shared with another user. Supervisors can view videos of the members that fall below them in the command hierarchy. Program Managers and Coordinators can also access videos to complete redactions.
- There is a detailed audit trail of when body-worn video is shared or viewed.

Key Policy Pieces:

- Once issued a Body-worn camera, members are expected to record when attending calls.
- Policy states BWC's can not be used for surveillance purpose. This means members will not be patrolling with their BWC's on. They will only be activated when necessary according to policy.



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Body-Worn Camera policy link

- National Policy Link: [Operational Manual – chapter 25.5. - Body-worn video | Royal Canadian Mounted Police \(rcmp.ca\)](#)
- National Survey Link: [Survey: The RCMP's use of body-worn cameras in my community | Royal Canadian Mounted Police](#)

Contact: Jami Smith, Body-Worn Camera Program Manager @ jami.smith@rcmp-grc.gc.ca



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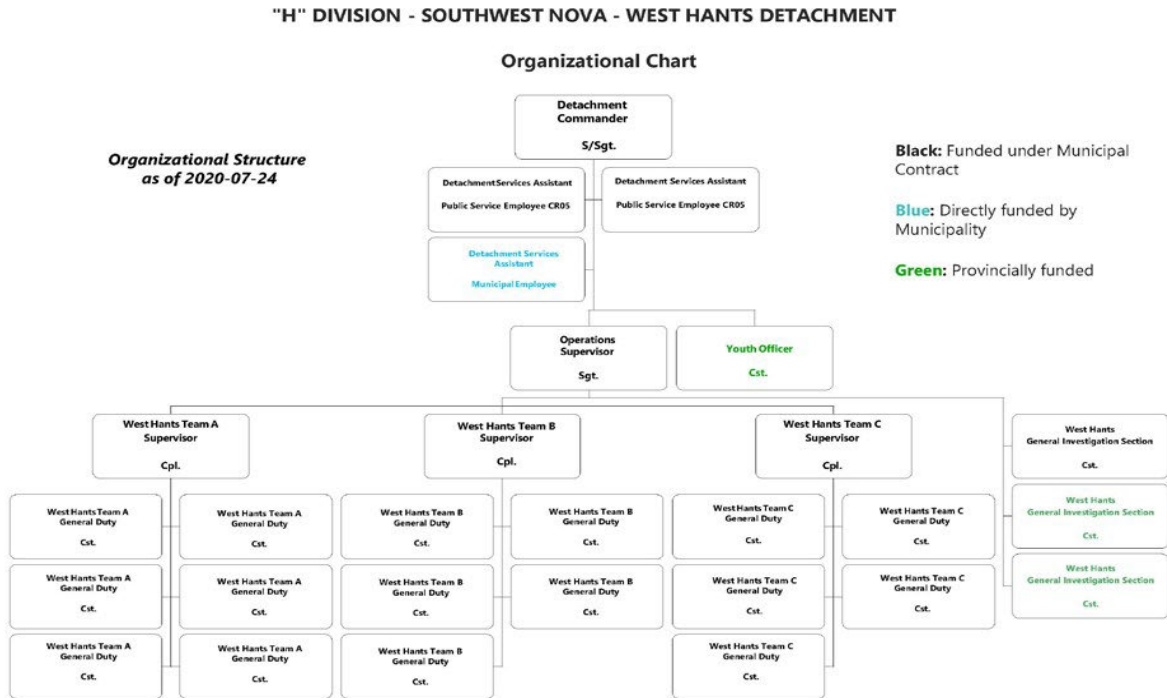
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**Quarterly Police Report
Municipality of West Hants
2024/2025 Fiscal Year
Third Quarter
October – December 2024**

1. WEST HANTS DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



- 1 Staff Sergeant (District Commander)
- 1 Sergeant (Operations Manager)
- 3 Corporals (Shift Supervisors)
- 16 Constables (Investigators)
- 1 Constable (General Investigations Section Investigator)
- 2 Constables (Street Crime Enforcement Unit) – Provincial
- 1 Constable (School Safety Resource/Youth Liaison) – Provincial
- 2 Public Service Employees
- 1 Municipal Employee

1.1 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT UTILIZATION FOR ESTABLISHED POSITIONS

Pay Class	Established	FTE Utilization	Hard Vacancy	Soft Vacancy
S/SGT-01	1	1.00	0	0
SGT-01	1	1.00	0	0
CPL-01	3	2.49	0	1
CST-01	17	14.03**	0	3
CR-5	2	2.00	0	1
Grand Total	24	19.96**	0	5

Note: Data as of December 31st, 2024 may be subject to change prior to year end.

- **Constable** – Constable who was subject to duty related restrictions since September 30th, 2023 commenced a graduated return to work on June 7th, 2024 however duty related restrictions remain in place as of December 31st, 2024.
- **Constable** – Constable who was off duty for medical reasons since September 22nd, 2022 (30 days+ Medical) commenced a graduated return to work on September 20th, 2024 however duty related restrictions remain in place as of December 31st, 2024.
- **Constable** – Constable off duty for medical reasons since August 28th, 2023. (30 days+ Medical)
- **Constable** – Constable off duty for medical reasons since July 25th, 2023. (30 days+ Medical)
- **Corporal** – Corporal off duty for medical reasons since May 9th, 2023. (30 days+ Medical)
- **Corporal** – Corporal subject to a temporary reassignment of duties pending a conduct process. Temporary reassignment of duties effective May 15th, 2024 and remain in place as of December 31st, 2024.
- **Detachment Services Assistant** – Municipal Employee off duty for medical reasons since February 5th, 2024. (30 days+ Medical)
- **Detachment Services Assistant** – CR-5 off duty for medical reasons since February 5th, 2024. (30 days+ Medical)

***During this quarter West Hants Detachment received two incoming Regular Members. Both Regular Members were placed in positions occupied by another member. The departing member was not released immediately due to the number of impacted Regular Member positions to ensure adequate service levels could be maintained. One of the incoming members is an Experienced Police Officer from another Police Service.*

2. WEST HANTS DISTRICT FLEET

- (7) Patrol Cars (6 Municipal, 1 Provincial)
- (4) Patrol SUVs
- (3) Unmarked Police Vehicles (2 Municipal, 1 Provincial)
- (2) All Terrain Vehicles
- (2) Patrol Bicycles

3. WEST HANTS DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT 2024/2025 P09 Report (Report Prepared by RCMP Senior Financial Analyst Kyla DOW)



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Windsor West Hants
Municipal Over
P9, as of December 31, 2024

Direct Expenditures									
Row Labels	VOTE	Commitment Item Description	2023 Final	2024 Final	Budget	Actual YTD	Forecast	Variance	
Cost Shared	OPERATING								
	01 PERSONNEL	030 Pay - Members 031 Extra Duty Pay - Mem	2,383,602 175,211	2,119,826 248,877	3,070,590 200,000	1,909,920 176,438	2,501,850 250,000	568,740 -50,000	
		01 PERSONNEL Total	2,558,812	2,368,703	3,270,590	2,086,357	2,751,850	518,740	
		02 TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS	050 Travel 052 Training Travel 053 Training Travel UCA 070 Freight/Post/Exp/Car 100 Telecomm Services	1,420 5,048 626 2,727 -75	8,685 8,381 642 2,508 2,514	9,000 7,500 0 2,750 0	7,402 5,944 45 2,197 0	12,500 7,500 0 2,750 0	-3,500 0 0 0 0
		02 TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS Total	9,747	22,730	19,250	15,588	22,750	-3,500	
		03 INFORMATION	130 Publication Services	681	956	1,000	293	750	250
		03 INFORMATION Total	681	956	1,000	293	750	250	
		04 PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICES	190 Traning & Seminars 219 Professional Svcs 220 Other Services 221 IM/IT Services 223 Radio Comm Svcs	22,497 21,367 3,342 0 87,226	20,800 13,472 4,198 5,286 72,087	20,000 20,000 3,500 5,286 84,520	5,197 9,925 3,052 5,791 45,044	20,000 27,650 3,500 5,791 84,520	0 -7,650 0 -505 0
		04 PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICES Total	134,431	115,843	133,306	69,008	141,461	-8,155	
		05 RENTALS	261 Leasing of Aircraft 280 Infor Tech Rentals 290 Rentals - Other	5,041 0 957	3,620 134 1,147	5,000 0 1,400	3,764 0 3,483	5,000 0 4,000	0 0 -2,600
		05 RENTALS Total	5,997	4,902	6,400	7,247	9,000	-2,600	
		06 PURCHASED REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	370 Repair of Vehicles 390 Repair Misc Equip 393 IT Repair & Maint	35,121 4,496 0	73,615 4,636 789	25,000 4,750 0	41,251 5,289 0	50,000 5,750 0	-25,000 -1,000 0
		06 PURCHASED REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE Total	39,617	79,040	29,750	46,540	55,750	-26,000	
		07 UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	430 Fuel 500 Stationary 510 Clothing & Kit 540 Supp & Sundry Equip	106,852 6,338 11,782 7,437	104,799 12,097 22,393 11,281	106,000 10,000 12,000 10,000	75,432 5,223 8,117 5,001	106,000 10,000 20,000 10,000	0 0 -8,000 0
		07 UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES Total	132,409	150,570	138,000	93,772	146,000	-8,000	
		09 ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	440 Transport Supp/Acc 441 Vehicle Changeovers 480 Firearms/Annun/Weap 770 Radio Comm Equip 810 Laboratory Equipment 841 Acq Computer Equip 842 Acq of Software 860 Investigational Aids 910 Ofc Machines/Equip	7,497 5,774 4,736 0 187 33,942 144 0 170	15,663 19,585 50,699 150 110 15,115 120 3,507 2,730	7,500 19,800 30,000 11,000 400 15,800 15,600 24,000 2,500	11,262 7,246 616 0 0 893 335 0 0	15,000 19,800 28,125 6,550 400 17,000 1,600 28,750 500	-7,500 0 1,875 4,450 0 -1,200 14,000 -4,750 2,000
		09 ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT Total	52,451	107,680	126,600	20,352	117,725	8,875	
		12 OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS	229 CADC 580 Other Expenditures	0 0	-219 0	0 0	0 1,350	0 1,500	0 -1,500
		12 OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS Total	0	-219	0	1,350	1,500	-1,500	

Cost Shared	OPERATING Total		2,934,145	2,850,205	3,724,896	2,340,509	3,246,786	478,110
	CAPITAL							
	09 ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	890 Vehicles	59,776	233,628	155,000	0	155,000	0
	09 ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT Total		59,776	233,628	155,000	0	155,000	0
	CAPITAL Total		59,776	233,628	155,000	0	155,000	0
	CREDITS TO CP							
	03 INFORMATION	130 Publication Services	0	-157	0	0	0	0
	03 INFORMATION Total		0	-157	0	0	0	0
	05 RENTALS	290 Rentals - Other	-165	0	0	0	0	0
	05 RENTALS Total		-165	0	0	0	0	0
	07 UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	540 Supp & Sundry Equip	0	-153	0	0	0	0
07 UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES Total		0	-153	0	0	0	0	
CREDITS TO CP Total		-165	-309	0	0	0	0	
Cost Shared Total			2,993,755	3,083,524	3,879,896	2,340,509	3,401,786	478,110
Chargeable at 100%	OPERATING							
	01 PERSONNEL	010 Pay - PS	122,201	143,833	135,500	79,984	98,547	36,953
		011 Overtime - PS	207	883	0	4,865	9,000	-9,000
	01 PERSONNEL Total		122,409	144,716	135,500	84,849	107,547	27,953
	04 PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICES	170 Cont Svcs-Real Prop	149,641	166,985	170,826	77,752	170,826	0
		213 Corps of Commission	48,038	40,058	55,000	47,104	65,000	-10,000
	04 PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICES Total		197,679	207,044	225,826	124,856	235,826	-10,000
	05 RENTALS	240 Rental Land/Bld/Wrks	0	0	0	6,321	0	0
	05 RENTALS Total		0	0	0	6,321	0	0
	06 PURCHASED REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	310 Repair Bldgs & Works	9,506	12,732	13,025	17,838	13,025	0
	06 PURCHASED REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE Total		9,506	12,732	13,025	17,838	13,025	0
	07 UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	400 Utility Svcs/Heating	30,406	31,765	32,496	19,609	32,496	0
	07 UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES Total		30,406	31,765	32,496	19,609	32,496	0
	12 OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS	570 Prisoners' Expenses	1,408	1,562	1,400	319	1,400	0
		592 Pymts in Lieu of Tax	9,393	9,393	10,145	0	10,145	0
	12 OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS Total		10,802	10,955	11,545	319	11,545	0
	OPERATING Total		370,801	407,213	418,392	253,793	400,439	17,953
	CREDITS TO CP							
	12 OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS	570 Prisoners' Expenses	0	-195	0	0	0	0
	12 OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS Total		0	-195	0	0	0	0
	CREDITS TO CP Total		0	-195	0	0	0	0
Chargeable at 100% Total			370,801	407,017	418,392	253,793	400,439	17,953
Grand Total			3,364,556	3,490,541	4,298,288	2,594,301	3,802,225	496,063

Manual Adjustments								
Row Labels	VOTE	Text	2023 Final	2024 Final	Budget	Actual YTD	Forecast	Variance
Cost Shared	OPERATING	Balance to Spending Cap	0	0	-372,231	0	0	-372,231
Cost Shared	OPERATING	Body Worn Cameras	0	0	0	0	24,311	-24,311
Cost Shared	OPERATING	PAYE	-29,922	29,922	0	0	0	0
Cost Shared Total			-29,922	29,922	-372,231	0	24,311	-396,542
Grand Total			-29,922	29,922	-372,231	0	24,311	-396,542

Indirect Expenditures									
BILLABLE MUNICIPAL	Category	SubCategory	2023 Final	2024 Final	Budget	Actual YTD	Forecast	Variance	
Cost Shared	Category 1: Pension Insurance	Canada Pension Plan	76,210	69,509	86,360	54,340	72,739	13,621	
		Company Pension: RM/CM Pensionable Salaries	448,026	403,548	607,038	378,596	493,557	113,481	
		Member Employment Insurance	22,419	21,394	26,610	16,744	22,413	4,197	
		PS/Reservists Employment Insurance	14	28	0	0	0	0	
	Category 1: Pension Insurance Total			546,669	494,480	720,008	449,679	588,709	131,299
	Category 2: Support Programs	Divisional Administration	894,756	931,757	1,177,902	716,470	959,057	218,845	
		Enhanced Reporting and Accountability	2,377	2,216	2,689	1,692	2,265	424	
		Legal Advisory Services	3,994	3,827	4,714	2,966	3,970	743	
	Category 2: Support Programs Total			901,128	937,800	1,185,305	721,128	965,292	220,012
	Category 3: National Programs	Body Worn Cameras	0	0	66,000	0	0	66,000	
		Cadet Training Program	95,210	85,682	115,368	69,824	93,465	3,909	
		Recruiting	27,456	26,524	35,354	23,492	31,445	21,903	
	Category 3: National Programs Total			122,666	112,207	216,722	93,315	124,911	91,811
	Category 5: Other Capital Cost Recoveries		Police Reporting and Occurrence System	15,869	13,851	16,800	12,475	16,699	101
Category 5: Other Capital Cost Recoveries Total			15,869	13,851	16,800	12,475	16,699	101	
Category 6: Other Government Departments	Civilian Review & Complaints Commission	13,166	15,155	18,390	11,572	15,490	2,901		
	Shared Services Canada, Windsor - West Hants	8,063	8,063	6,980	5,235	6,980	0		
Category 6: Other Government Departments Total			21,229	23,219	25,370	16,807	22,470	2,901	
Cost Shared Total			1,607,560	1,581,556	2,164,205	1,293,405	1,718,081	446,124	
Chargeable at 100%	Category 1: Pension Insurance	Canada Pension Plan	7,652	7,621	7,851	4,665	5,613	2,238	
		Company Pension: PS Employees Pensionable Salaries	11,987	13,586	13,360	7,708	9,501	3,860	
		PS/Reservists Employment Insurance	2,702	2,825	2,911	1,729	2,081	829	
	Category 1: Pension Insurance Total			22,341	24,033	24,122	14,102	17,195	6,927
	Category 4: Accommodations	Cost of Accommodation, Windsor - West Hants	103,604	103,604	103,604	77,703	103,604	0	
Category 4: Accommodations Total			103,604	103,604	103,604	77,703	103,604	0	
Chargeable at 100% Total			125,945	127,637	127,726	91,805	120,799	6,927	
Grand Total			1,733,506	1,709,193	2,291,931	1,385,210	1,838,880	453,051	

FTEs								
Employee Category	Employee_Type	Employee Subcategory	2023 Final	2024 Final	Budget	Actual YTD	Forecast	Variance
Member	RM	Regular Member	19.91000	18.13000	22.00000	13.84296	18.53000	3.47000
		Reservist	0.01000	0.02000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Member Total			19.92000	18.15000	22.00000	13.84296	18.53000	3.47000
PSE	PS	Indeterminate	2.00000	1.99000	2.00000	1.18829	1.43000	0.57000
PSE Total			2.00000	1.99000	2.00000	1.18829	1.43000	0.57000
Grand Total			21.92000	20.14000	24.00000	15.03125	19.96000	4.04000

Summary								
			2023 Final	2024 Final	Budget	Actual YTD	Forecast	Variance
Cost Shared	Direct Expenditures	OPERATING	2,934,145	2,850,205	3,724,896	2,340,509	3,246,786	478,110
		CAPITAL	59,776	233,628	155,000	0	155,000	0
		CREDITS TO CP	-165	-309	0	0	0	0
		NON-RESPONDABLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
		ADJUSTMENTS	-29,922	29,922	-372,231	0	24,311	0
	TOTAL DIRECT			2,963,833	3,113,446	3,507,665	2,340,509	3,426,097
TOTAL INDIRECT			1,607,560	1,581,556	2,164,205	1,293,405	1,718,081	446,124
TOTAL COST SHARED			4,571,393	4,695,003	5,671,870	3,633,913	5,144,178	527,692
Chargeable at 100%	Direct Expenditures	OPERATING	370,801	407,213	418,392	253,793	400,439	17,953
		CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
		CREDITS TO CP	0	-195	0	0	0	0
		NON-RESPONDABLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
		ADJUSTMENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL DIRECT			370,801	407,017	418,392	253,793	400,439
TOTAL INDIRECT			125,945	127,637	127,726	91,805	120,799	6,927
TOTAL CHARGEABLE AT 100%			496,747	534,654	546,118	345,598	521,238	24,880
Partner Share			4,611,001	4,760,157	5,650,801	3,616,120	5,150,998	499,803

4. CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service Include unfounded and unsubstantiated Criminal Code, Federal & Provincial Statutes as well as Assistance to other agencies and by-law enforcement within West Hants District. Calls for service also includes those investigations managed by the Street Crime Enforcement Unit funded by the province through the Additional Officer Program.

2023/2024 FYTD	2024/2025 FYTD	3 rd Quarter 2023/2024	3 rd Quarter 2024/2025
4,002	4,573	1,338	1,441

5. WEST HANTS DISTRICT CRIME STATISTICS

Caveat for the following Data Table:

All data are working data and are subject to change through ongoing investigations and data quality measures.

*Statistics represent first line scoring, consistent with Stats Can. Files marked unfounded and unsubstantiated have been removed. Files marked insufficient evidence to proceed are **included**.*

Detachment information is parsed from the "Notes" field in the PROS data. If the location was not properly entered in this field, the stat will not be included in the dashboards.

Traffic stats and stats coded to Traffic Units have been removed.



West Hants
October to December Statistics
(Includes Traffic Services and Occurrences taken by Call Back Unit)

Protected "A"

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	2024	2023	Amount of Change
Crimes Against Persons			
Offences Related to Death	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	15	6	9
Assault	26	27	-1
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	6	4	2
Criminal Harassment	5	3	2
Indecent Harassing Comm.	8	5	3
Uttering Threats	17	25	-8
Property Crime			
Arson	5	0	5
Break and Enter	13	14	-1
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	1	2	-1
Theft Over	6	1	5
Theft of Motor Vehicle	3	5	-2
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	3	3	0
Take MV w/o Consent	0	1	-1
Theft Under	28	43	-15
Shoplifting	19	10	9
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	1	3	-2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	7	-5
Possession of Stolen Goods	3	3	0
Fraud	22	24	-2
Identity Theft	1	1	0
Mischief	40	72	-32
Drug Enforcement			
Possession	2	1	1
Trafficking	6	5	1
Import/Export	0	0	0
Production	0	0	0
Other	1	2	-1



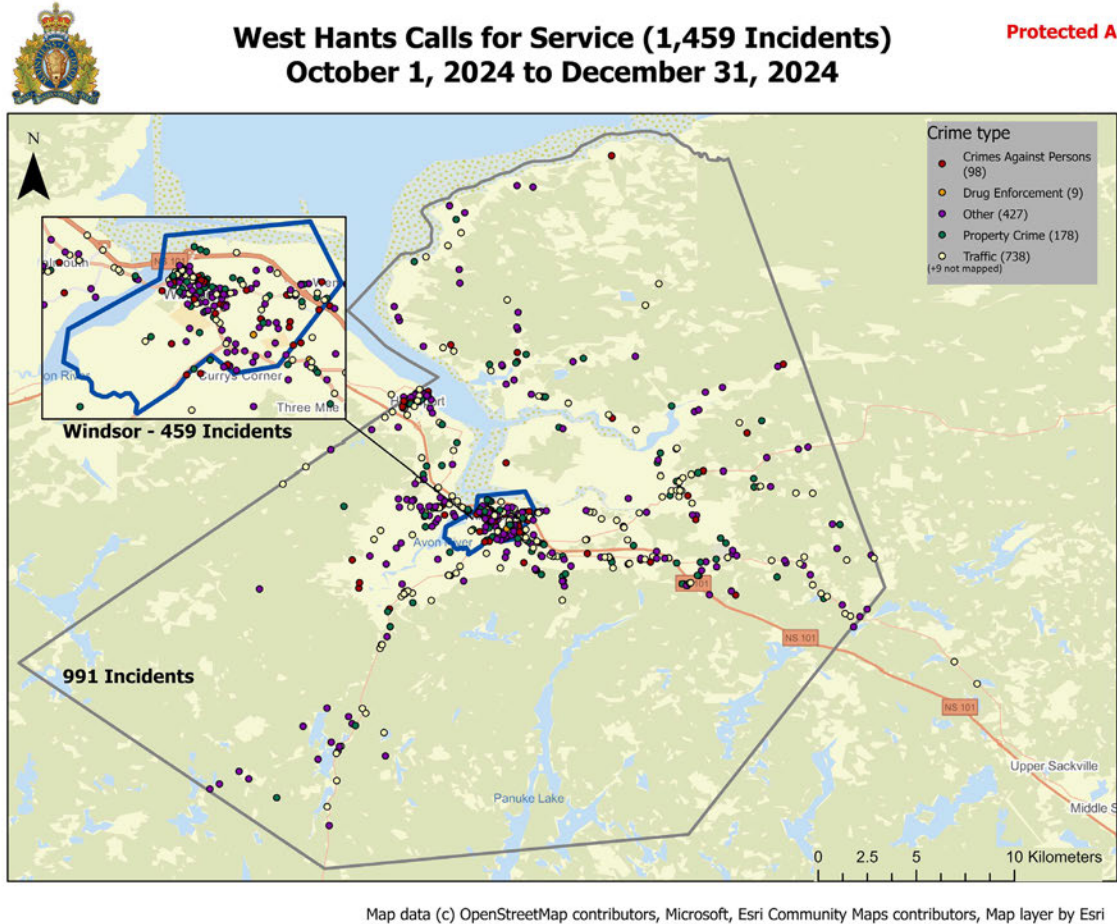
West Hants
October to December Statistics
(Includes Traffic Services and Occurrences taken by Call Back Unit)

Protected "A"

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	2024	2023	Amount of Change
Traffic			
Dangerous Op of MV	6	5	1
Impaired by Alcohol	15	15	0
Impaired by Drug	5	3	2
Failure/Refusal	0	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	33	19	14
Fail to Stop or Remain	8	11	-3
Seatbelt Violation	6	14	-8
Intersection Violation	16	15	1
Speeding Violation	209	89	120
Insurance Violation	36	9	27
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	9	1	8
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	1	0	1
Collision - Fatal	0	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	12	9	3
Collision - Reportable	49	57	-8
Collision - Non Reportable	31	30	1
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	1	1	0
Municipal By-laws	1	0	1
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	196	146	50
Other Traffic Related Duties	4	5	-1
Checkstop	98	37	61
Other			
911 Call	12	28	-16
Breach of Court Order	23	25	-2
Liquor Act	9	9	0
Mental Health Act	53	59	-6
Missing Person	11	12	-1
Municipal Bylaw - Other	4	9	-5
Other	268	281	-13
Suspicious P V P	28	31	-3
Trespass At Night	1	0	1
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	1	-1
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	0	0	0
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	1,378	1,188	190
Total Occurrences*	1,459	1,257	202

*Includes Unfounded and Unsubstantiated

6. CALLS FOR SERVICE MAP (WEST HANTS)



7. ROAD SAFETY REPORT

- West Hants RCMP Members conducted ninety-eight check stops at various locations throughout West Hants during this quarter. This number includes checkstops completed in each West Hants school zone by the School Safety Resource Officer as part of the School Zone Safety Initiative.
- West Hants RCMP Members issued three hundred ninety-one summary offence tickets and three hundred thirty-two written warnings during this quarter.
- Members responded to ninety-three motor vehicle collisions during this quarter which includes one off road vehicle collisions. Twelve resulted in injuries and the remaining collisions resulted in property damage with 31 being non-reportable.

- During this quarter Strategic Traffic Enforcement was conducted on Bog Road as well as Holmes Hill Road in response to concerns identified by community members.
- West Hants members apprehended and charged nine individuals for operating a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.
- In December 2024 West Hants Detachment, assisted by Southwest Traffic Services conducted an impaired driving/road safety enforcement initiative at various locations throughout West Hants. As a result one impaired driver was apprehended along with one suspended driver and six roadside screening device breath tests were administered.
- In October S/Sgt. FERGUSON met with West Hants Mayor, CAO and Police Advisory Board Chair in relation to resident's concerns associated to road safety in West Hants. S/Sgt. FERGUSON reviewed Road Safety initiatives that were created in consultation with the Police Advisory Board at the beginning of the year. Updates for each initiative were provided which highlights the efforts and volume of proactive work generated by members. Established targets are currently being exceeded for West Hants Detachment.

8. GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION

- Cst. Dave TRENHOLM (GIS Investigator) represents policing partners in Nova Scotia on the *Nova Scotia Police Intimate Partner Violence Committee*, which was struck to advocate on behalf of policing in Nova Scotia for collaborative training, necessary support and to assist in addressing domestic violence in Nova Scotia. Cst. TRENHOLM completed additional Intimate Partner Violence training as a result.
- Cst. TRENHOLM attended a Human Trafficking workshop in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.
- West hants GIS continued to liaise with Woodstock Police Service and RCMP Federal Policing in Ontario related to an ongoing investigation of child luring where the victim is a West Hants resident and the suspect has been identified as a Woodstock, Ontario resident. This investigation is also supported by "H" Division Digital Forensic Services.
- In October, 2024 GIS and SCEU investigators assisted Detachment Members with investigating an incident of Intimate Partner Violence. As a result a 64 year old male was charged with 32 offences alleged to have occurred over a period of time. GIS liaised with Crown Counsel and the male was remanded into custody pending trial.

- In November 2024 Cst. TRENHOLM attended a conference hosted by the Sexual Assault Investigators Association of Ontario which included lectures related to human trafficking, homicides and sexual assault investigations.
- GIS assisted Southwest Nova Major Crime Unit with the investigation related to two suspicious deaths associated to a single incident in West Hants in September. There was no concern for public safety in relation to this incident.
- West Hants GIS assisted the Street Crime Enforcement Unit with serving multiple Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrants during this quarter.
- West Hants GIS assisted Southwest Nova Major Crime Unit with multiple tasks related to a suspicious death investigation that occurred in Kings County.

9. SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE OFFICER

Cst. Richard COLLINS remains active within West Hants Schools.

- Cst. COLLINS continues to maintain a positive presence within West Hants schools and is responsible for dealing with the majority of occurrences that originate within the schools.
- Cst. COLLINS continues to focus on School Zone Safety and has conducted fifty-five check stops or enforcement initiatives in various school zones throughout West Hants.
- Cst. COLLINS has investigated and managed multiple occurrences related to intimate images involving students in several schools within West Hants during this quarter.
- Cst. COLLINS is liaising with the Annapolis Valley Centre for Education, Brooklyn District Elementary School & the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal in relation to school zone safety concerns on Highway 14.
- In October Cst. COLLINS provided traffic control/cross walk safety for Windsor Elementary School's walk to school event as well as Bike to School event at Windsor Forks Elementary School.
- Cst. COLLINS engaged in threats investigation toward students at Avon View High School. A 17 year old male was arrested and charged as a result.
- Cst. COLLINS attended Remembrance Day ceremonies in multiple schools as well as the ceremony in Windsor.
- Cst. COLLINS continues to participate in the School Sports Program activities and has attended the Sports Complex with multiple schools during this quarter.
- Cst. COLLINS has participated in table top exercises & observed multiple relocation drills, lockdown drills etc. at various West Hants Schools during this quarter.
- Cst. COLLINS co-ordinated with Victim Services and Sobeys and Feeds n' Needs on a "Cram the Cruiser" event to support the local food bank in December. Cst.

COLLINS, was accompanied by his spouse Debbie and his sled dogs Tazer, Ace & Karma. Safety Bear was also in attendance. Cash donations and two SUV's full of food donations were collected.

- Cst. COLLINS accompanied by his spouse Debbie and sled dogs Tazer, Ace & Karma led the West Hants Parade of Lights.



10. STREET CRIME ENFORCEMENT UNIT (SCEU) (PROVINCIAL)

- One of the two SCEU investigators transferred to another unit effective January, 11th, 2024. The successful candidate was identified from within West Hants Detachment but has not yet occupied the SCEU position due to the number of general duty members who are off duty, long term for medical reasons. The identified member will transition to the SCEU position effective February 3rd, 2025.

- Cst. SANSOM attended a Human Trafficking workshop held in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.
- West Hants SCEU assisted Kings District with an investigation related to an incident which occurred in Kings District. This was done to ensure transparency and maintain the integrity of the investigation.
- In November 2024 West Hants SCEU conducted a targeted vehicle stop in Windsor and arrested a 26 year old male for drug trafficking. A subsequent search of the vehicle produced a quantity of cocaine, marihuana, a replica firearm and a quantity of cash. The male was subsequently released from custody and charged with multiple drug trafficking related offences. This investigation was initiated following concerns related to activities occurring on Victoria Avenue.

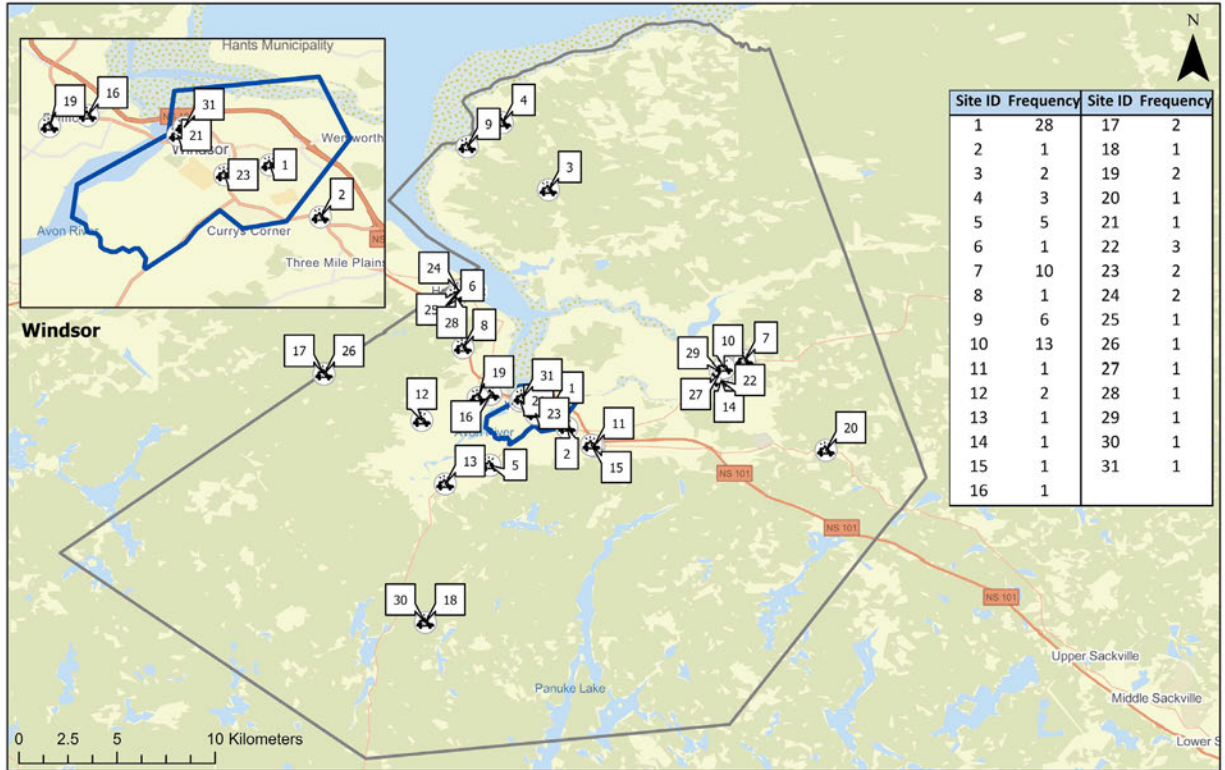
11. WEST HANTS POLICE ADVISORY BOARD PRIORITY INITIATIVES

- Rural Visibility/Police Presence – Increase visibility in rural areas of West Hants
 - Proactive patrols have been assigned for specific rural areas of West Hants during peak times with a focus on Road Safety & Crime Prevention through visibility. Members have proactively maintained a presence in the areas identified below.



**West Hants Check Stop Locations and Frequency
 October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024**

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12. SIGNIFICANT / NOTEWORTHY

Some significant and noteworthy items this past quarter include the following:

- There were thirteen reported break & enters during this quarter. Two resulted in the victim declining to proceed with charges. Seven were unfounded, three remain under investigation and the remaining occurrence resulted in insufficient evidence to proceed.
- West Hants Detachment investigated eleven incidents of individuals reported missing during this quarter all of whom have been located.
- West Hants Detachment responded to forty-eight wellbeing checks during this quarter.

- Fifteen sexual offences were reported during this quarter. In four instances charges were laid. One investigation resulted in the victim not wanting to proceed. Two remain under investigation and the remainder resulted in insufficient evidence to proceed.
- Members conducted ten human death investigations during this quarter.
- Members responded to fifty-three calls for service related to individuals experiencing mental health crisis. Two individuals were responsible for a small portion of mental health related calls. One of these individuals is associated to multiple calls for service that vary between mental health, criminal code and wellbeing checks during this quarter. West Hants RCMP worked with Community Mental Health and POSSE/CIAO to formulate a plan in relation to an individual who had deteriorated to the point of requiring specific services/care. This was facilitated through collaboration of all three community partners.
- West Hants RCMP continues to work with the West Hants Municipality and other community stakeholders on the West Hants Diversity and Inclusion Committee as well as the Supporting and Promoting Equality in Our Community Committee. In addition West Hants RCMP continues to remain engaged with partners in relation to a consistent approach to managing homelessness in West Hants.
- S/Sgt. FERGUSON has met with the Crisis Intervention and Addictions Outreach initiative co-ordinators and other stakeholders on multiple occasions this quarter in relation to the development of a Non-Police Mental Health Crisis Response model for West Hants.
- Sgt. Tim DOYLE remains engaged with the local Chamber of Commerce to discuss and address issues that impact the business community and the downtown core.
- Body Worn Cameras have been rolled out and are being utilized by West Hants RCMP Members. Members each underwent a one day training session along with several hours of online training prior to being issued their camera.
- In November, 2024 a twenty-two year old male was arrested and charged with multiple criminal code impaired driving offences related to a collision that occurred in 2023 in Windsor Forks where two individuals died as a result. This was a lengthy investigation supported by “H” Division Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Service, RCMP Forensic Laboratory Service, and “H” Division’s Interview Assistance Team.
- On December 6th, 2024 West Hants RCMP Members arrested a prolific property crime and impaired driving offender near Gypsum Mines
- On December 7, 2024 West Hants RCMP members were conducting traffic enforcement at a checkpoint on Bishopville Rd. when a traffic stop was completed on a vehicle. The driver, a 39-year-old from Alberta, was found to be

in violation of his parole conditions. The passenger, a 28-year-old Prince Edward Island man, initially gave a false name. Members quickly determined the man's identity and confirmed both were wanted on arrest warrants for being unlawfully at large. Both men were arrested and remanded into the custody of the Correctional Service of Canada.

- West Hants Detachment began using an electronic disclosure (e-disclosure) process to disclose investigative files to Crown Counsel for prosecution. The e-disclosure process has been utilized by all other RCMP Detachments and Public Prosecution Offices for several years now.

Respectfully Submitted,

David FERGUSON

Staff Sergeant David FERGUSON
District Commander
West Hants RCMP

From: [Ferguson, David \(RCMP/GRC\)](#)
To: [Brown, Rhonda \(RCMP/GRC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Lights in school zone
Date: October 9, 2024 7:47:10 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

For the PAB Agenda.

From: Mark Phillips <MPhillips@westhants.ca>
Sent: October 4, 2024 9:29 AM
To: Scott McLean <smclean@westhants.ca>
Cc: PublicOnlyCouncilEmail <allcouncil@westhants.ca>; Todd Richard <trichard@westhants.ca>; Troy Burgess <tburgess@westhants.ca>; Ferguson, David (RCMP/GRC) <david.ferguson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Doyle, Tim (RCMP/GRC) <tim.doyle@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: Re: Lights in school zone

Good Morning Scott and Others

I anticipate Public Works will highlight that these road sections are the responsibility of the Province, I would concur. However, it does not mean we should not be engaged to improve the safety conditions of these zones. This could be through advocacy or joint initiatives depending on the wishes of Council.

Troy,

This matter has been raised in the past, how many digital speed indicators do we have and how often are they placed on provincial roads? Further, do we know how many the local NS PWs depots have and their method of dispatch?

I have copied Dave Ferguson and Tim Doyle as well in my response so that the RCMP are aware of the concern. They may be planning community education surrounding school safety or have suggestions. This would be a good discussion for the Police Advisory Board as well and a topic they could take on or make a recommendation to Council and Province. I'll request the matter be added to the next PAB.



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From: Scott McLean <smclean@westhants.ca>

Sent: October 4, 2024 9:12 AM

To: Mark Phillips <MPhillips@westhants.ca>

Cc: PublicOnlyCouncilEmail <allcouncil@westhants.ca>; Todd Richard <trichard@westhants.ca>; Troy Burgess <tburgess@westhants.ca>

Subject: Fwd: Lights in school zone

Hi Mark,

Wondering if we can do something here with school zone digital speed warning signs at both ends of the school zone for West Hants Middle School / Brooklyn Elementary School. Its being becoming increasingly dangerous as noted in the correspondence below and I witnessed a near miss yesterday with a truck (in my opinion) going well above the posted 30km/h when the children were present during school hours,

Thanks

Scott McLean

Councillor District 2

West Hants Regional Municipality

902-790-3100

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tasia Robinson [REDACTED]
Date: October 1, 2024 at 5:38:47 PM ADT
To: Scott McLean <smclean@westhants.ca>
Subject: Lights in school zone

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Hi Scott,

I'd like to address the traffic concerns in the Brooklyn School district. I am a resident of highway 14 and see daily the amount of traffic that flows through this area at high speeds. I personally have seen an increase of speeding 18 wheelers/ basic traffic during school hours. There is also an increase of cars lined up on one or both sides of the road during students drop off, pick up and after school activities. We live in an area where local kids have no access to a bus and are also forced to walk home on a narrow shoulder and no cross walks. I, at the very least think this area could benefit from speed signs to warn the drivers of kids in the area and to slow down.

Our kids should feel safe going to and from school and their safety should be a high priority.

Thank you

Tasia Robinson

From: Abraham Zebian <AZebian@westhants.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:00 PM

To: ekelly [REDACTED]; Paul Morton <PMorton@westhants.ca>; Rhonda Brown RCMP <RhondaB-RCMP@westhants.ca>; Deanna Snair <DSnair@westhants.ca>

Subject: Re: Re - Speeding on the South Rawdon Road

Thank you for the email Ed. We will have this as an item for discussion at the next police advisory board meeting.

Thank you for being engaged and caring for the safety of the community.

Kindest regards.

Mayor Abraham Zebian
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On Oct 22, 2024, at 2:34 PM, ekelly [REDACTED] wrote:

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Staff Sergeant David Ferguson
RCMP West Hants Detachment,
Windsor, Nova Scotia

October, 2024

Dear Sir:

Some Background Information:

My name is Ed Kelly.

My wife and I have been residents here in Lakelands, West Hants Municipality, on [REDACTED] South Rawdon Road for over fifty years.

In fact, we began living here before it became a paved road.

The South Rawdon Road (Route 202) connects Windsor Highway Route # 1 with the Rawdon Highway Route # 14,

for some 19 kilometres in length.

Our residence, at # [REDACTED], is located one kilometre up from the Lily Lake intersection on the Windsor Route # 1.

The area has become heavily residential over the last several years.

In fact, more and more house construction has occurred on the South Rawdon Road and on its many side roads.

Consequently, the vehicular traffic has increased significantly during the last several years.

The Problem:

The posted Speed Limit for the area in which we reside is 80 kilometres per hour.

The irony here is that the Speed Limit on the Windsor Highway Route # 1 in the Lakelands area is 70 kilometres per hour.

An important point here is that the shoulder of the South Rawdon Road where we live is very narrow.

The shoulder of this road in our area, and probably beyond, is only approximately one metre wide or less.

In many sections of the road shoulder, the width is less than one metre wide.

This is due to the erosion of the shoulder because of weather conditions.

With more house construction comes an increase in the human population.

Many people walk along this road, some with infant carriages and many who walk their dogs as well as joggers.

Of course, the residents have driveways that enter and exit on the South Rawdon Road as well.

The major problem at present is the large number of vehicles that travel at excessive speeds on the South Rawdon Road.

These speeds far exceed the posted Speed Limit of 80 kilometres per hour.

These speeds often exceed 100 kilometres per hour. The South Rawdon Road has become a 'Race Track'.

Although these speeding vehicles can and do occur at any hour of the day, the peak hours seem to occur at 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. as well as 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The various types of speeding vehicles include Pickup Trucks, Motorcycles, Automobiles and ATV's.

In addition, ATV's drive on the South Rawdon Road and the road shoulder at all hours of the day, and especially during the evening hours and late at night. They often travel in groups, disturbing the peace and quiet of the day with little or no regard for anyone else.

The Solution

There needs to be an increase in the presence of the RCMP along the South Rawdon Road.

The speed of vehicular traffic must conform to the posted Speed Limit.

Ideally, the posted Speed Limit should be lowered, possibly to 70 kilometres per hour or lower.

The present excessive speeding has to be curtailed for the safety of individuals on the road shoulder, residents in vehicles entering and exiting driveways as well as the drivers and passengers in the speeding vehicles.

The vehicular traffic has to be monitored with radar. Speeding Tickets may have to be issued.

The rare appearance of a RCMP cruiser has not resulted in the reduction of speeding on the South Rawdon Road.

In my area, the entrance to Frederick Avenue would be an ideal location for the monitoring of speeding vehicular traffic.

It has a very wide entrance/exit location, situated approximately 1/2 kilometre up from the Lily Lake interchange.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Kelly

c.c. Mayor, West Hants Regional Municipality - Abraham Zebian <azebian@westhants.ca>

c.c. Councillor - District 4, West Hants Regional Municipality - Paul Wheadon