



1. **Call to Order** – Chair Morton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **Attendance** – Councillor Paul Morton, Councillor Rupert Jannasch, Jane Davis, Guide Furlani, Mark Phillips (CAO), S/Sgt. Ed Nugent, and Rhonda Brown. There was one member of the public in the gallery.
3. **Announcements** – Chair Morton stated West Hants Regional Municipality acknowledges that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People and that 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.
 - (a) **Introduction of Staff Sergeant (S/Sgt) Ed Nugent** - S/Sgt Nugent introduced himself noting his 19-year RCMP career started in British Columbia in 2007 on limited duty positions; becoming a Corporal while posted in Prince Rupert, British Columbia. He held the position of Detachment Commander at two posts in Labrador before becoming a Detachment Commander for Richmond County District RCMP in Cape Breton. During his last posting in New Minas RCMP, he was the S/Sgt – Senior Operation Non-Commission Officer and has been active at West Hants RCMP as the S/Sgt for three weeks. S/Sgt Nugent moved to Falmouth when he joined New Minas RCMP where he still resides and is also a Ground Search and Rescue Incident Commander for the RCMP.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JANNASCH/ JANE DAVIS THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.
MOTION CARRIED.
5. **Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest** – None.
6. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - (a) July 21, 2025, Police Advisory Board Minutes
MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JANNASCH / GUIDE FURLANI THAT THE JULY 21, 2025, POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES BE APPROVED.
MOTION CARRIED.
7. **Presentations** – None.
8. **Business Arising from the Minutes / Old Business**
 - (a) Farm Vehicle Traffic - Councillor Jannasch informed the Farm Safety Office of the Nova Scotia

Federation of Agriculture has had a “One Road” campaign since 2020 that deals with road safety from a farmer’s perspective and the issue of aggressive drivers overtaking slow vehicles.

Discussion Points

- The campaign is most active in July when there are more out of province drivers and in the spring.
- According to Margaret Ells the program director, the Campaign has had little interaction with RCMP regarding promotion, mostly with vehicle enforcement.
- S/Sgt Nugent will reach out to RCMP Strategic Communications to make them aware of the Campaign and see what can be done to promote it locally and provincially.

9. Reports

(a) West Hants RCMP Quarterly Report July – Sept 2025 – S/Sgt Nugent thanked Sgt Tim Doyle for covering the S/Sgt position and covering the Police Advisory Board for the last while. He reviewed the report noting the following:

- There are staff shortages due to the seven soft vacancies; three hard vacancies will be filled in the next week or two when people complete transfers or retire.
- Two vehicles (Chargers) have engine failures and will be replaced sooner than expected. Kings District was able to loan a car to help with the shortage for a few weeks.
- S/Sgt Nugent is meeting with Kyla Dow soon to get a better understanding of the financials for the West Hant detachment so can expand on the financial report later.
- There has been a significant increase in the number of files year after year; this year to date there have been over 1500 more files than at the same point 2023/2024.
- Based on the statistics S/Sgt Nugent was impressed by the road safety and impaired driving efforts.
- As the two ATV collisions also resulted in injuries, it may also indicate we do not hear about the ATV incidents that go unreported.
- For impaired driving, blood alcohol levels between 50-80 mg a driving license suspension can be issued and over 80 mg criminal charges laid.
- The School Safety Resource Officer is on extended leave; members are covering these duties.
- The members from Street Crime Enforcement Unit are also helping with call coverage when shifts are short.
- The detachment is still figuring out transport issues for those in custody to court in Kentville.

Discussion Points

- The Quarterly Report included a bit of humor which the Police Advisory Board members appreciated to keep some lightness and human aspects to the seriousness of crime.

10. New Business

(a) Peace and Good Order By-Law – Jane Davis stated previously Police Advisory Board was able

to review a previous version of the Peace and Good Order By-Law before sending it to Council. She inquired why the latest Peace and Good Order By-Law had gone directly to Council and not the Police Advisory Board for suggestions, as the Board deals directly with the RCMP.

Discussion Points

- During the last two years, the Peace and Good Order By-Law had not changed regarding its RCMP involvement, so it went straight to Council. It is already before Council at the Public Hearing stage so it would be unlikely to come back before the Police Advisory Board.

(b) Opportunity for Strategic Planning Training – CAO Phillips reviewed the email about the opportunity for training in strategic planning for Police Advisory Board, noting they were looking for entire boards to volunteer for a one-day session in late November or early December.

Discussion Points

- Members of the Police Advisory Board agreed it was a good opportunity, and most could be available.
- Only 2-3 Boards across the Province will be selected to participate.
- Prior public consultation was ideal but not required, but the Municipality does have avenues for public feedback.
- Training would be close to the communities the Boards represent.
- Every municipality in the province is required to have a Police Advisory Board made up of five to seven people.
- The West Hants Police Advisory Board functions well and has knowledge of community needs and wants, so it already has input into policing priorities.
- CAO Phillips will submit our willingness to participate in the training.

11. Correspondence

(a) 2025-08-12 – Minister of Justice – Provincial Appointment to Police Advisory Board

Discussion Points

- The appointment is a 3-year term.

12. Public Participation – Councillor Jim Ivey of Windsor attended stated it was nice to present and hear the conversation.

13. In-Camera – None.

14. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment – Quarterly meetings on the third (3rd) Monday (Jan – Apr – Jul – Oct) – The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

Chair Morton reminded residents that if they think something is suspicious or are uncomfortable about something they can call the RCMP non-emergency line at 902-798-2207; even if it is a week or two later.

Residents can contact member Guide Furlani through Facebook about their policing concerns.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JANNASCH / GUIDE FURLANI THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN AT 6:44 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Paul Morton