



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE POLICE ADVISORY BOARD (PAB)

Submitted by: Paul Morton, WHRM Councillor District 8

Meeting Date: March 24, 2026

Meeting Location: Council Chambers, 76 Morison Drive

SUMMARY/UPDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Police Advisory Board (PAB) meeting highlighted important updates on operations.

The meeting can be viewed on the West Hants YouTube channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/@westhantsregionalmunicipal6378>

Minutes for the meeting can be found at <https://www.westhants.ca/police-advisory-board/2025-police-advisory-board-minutes.html>

Strategic Planning for Police Advisory Boards:

Most members attended the Strategic Planning session held at the Old Orchard Inn in Greenwich on January 7, 2026. The session reviewed strategic planning for the board and discussed the role of board members.

Staffing Updates

RCMP staffing continues to experience challenges:

- 7 front-line members currently off duty
- 1 sergeant temporarily off duty
- 1 retirement pending
- 4 hard-to-fill vacancies; 3 expected to be filled by summer

Fleet and Resources

Fleet remains in good condition.

Financial Overview

Overspending occurred in overtime, training, and clothing. Despite this, projected surplus is expected to be between \$450,000 and \$600,000 for the year.

Operational Updates

Calls for Service: Slight increase from last year; notable incidents include shoplifting and

theft under \$5,000.

Traffic Enforcement:

- Speeding tickets and impaired driving enforcement increased from last year.
- 140 summary offence tickets issued across 38 check stops.

Motor Vehicle Crashes: 121 crashes attended by RCMP members.

School Liaison Program

The School Liaison Officer remains off duty; coverage being provided where possible.

Street Crime Unit

- Active across Southwest Nova Scotia.
- Investigated 18 break-and-enter incidents and 10 missing person reports, all of whom have been safely located.

Respectfully Submitted Paul Morton