



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

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Meeting Date: April 20, 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>

Overview

The RCMP strategy meeting remains in the planning stage. Overall call-for-service volumes have remained relatively stable, with a slight reduction observed during the winter months.

Staffing Updates

The current officer vacancy rate is 5.32 officers, with 18.68 of 24 officer positions filled this year. While the number of vacancies is notable, it is not considered crippling to operations. At present, there are four hard vacancies, all of which are in various stages of being filled:

- One vacancy is expected to be filled by May 15 by a graduating cadet.
- A second officer is transferring from Halifax Regional Police and is expected this summer.
- A third officer is transferring from Annapolis, pending final confirmation within the next few months.
- The fourth vacancy is actively being worked on.

In addition, two officers are currently on gradual return-to-work plans and are progressing back to full-time duties

Fleet and Resources

Fleet remains in good condition. A new vehicle has been received and is awaiting decals.

Financial Overview

The RCMP budget for the current year was under budget, primarily due to staffing vacancies. However, a significant expense is anticipated for the purchase of a drone equipped with forward-looking infrared (FLIR) technology, which will allow for clear imaging at distance and enhanced situational awareness.

Operational Updates

Calls for Service: Slight increase from last year; notable incidents include shoplifting and theft under \$5,000.

Call Volume and Enforcement Activity

Calls for service for the quarter decreased from 1,643 to 1,506. GIS activity remained busy in the Southwest Region during this period. Fraud incidents have increased significantly compared to previous years and was a growing concern.

Enforcement and service activities during the quarter included:

- 12 impaired driving tickets issued
- 12 check stops conducted
- 110 tickets issued
- 55 wellness checks completed

Other Matters

Beach access issues were discussed, with further discussions planned at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted Paul Morton