



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR VCFN

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Meeting Date: May 22, 2026

Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams

SUMMARY/UPDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

At the May 22, 2026 meetings of the Valley Community Fibre Network (VCFN) and Valley Community Fibre Network Authority (VCFNA), members received operational updates, approved the 2026/27 Business Plan, discussed planned infrastructure upgrades, and addressed several governance and administrative matters.

Staff advised that network operations continue to run smoothly, with no significant outages or service disruptions reported. Updates were also provided on recent infrastructure work and new customer agreements that continue to generate revenue for the network.

The VCFN Board approved the 2026/27 Business Plan as previously presented. Highlights include maintaining municipal partner contributions at current levels, continued efforts to reduce the operating deficit, and planned investment in equipment upgrades and consulting services. The Board also confirmed the appointment of Doane Grant Thornton as auditor under the existing multi-year agreement.

The VCFNA Board received an update on a planned network infrastructure upgrade. Staff advised that existing equipment is approximately 15 years old and will be replaced as part of a significant upgrade intended to improve network capacity and support future growth. The Board also addressed routine governance and administrative matters, including auditor appointments and CRA account administration.

The next meetings of the VCFN and VCFNA are anticipated to take place in early fall 2026.