

**West Hants Regional Municipality
District Councillor Activity Report**

To: Mayor Zebian and members of the West Hants Regional Municipal Council

Submitted by: Chrystal Remme, Councillor District 3

Date: July 22, 2026

The following highlights my activities from mid-June to late July.

- **June 19 – Meeting with Provincial Representatives Regarding AVRL**

I met with MLA Melissa Sheehy Richard, Peter Harrison from the Province, Mayor Abraham Zebian, Councillor Paul Morton, our CAO, and Municipal Clerk to discuss the financial challenges facing the Annapolis Valley Regional Library and the work taking place to find a path forward. It was an opportunity for everyone to sit down together, ask questions, and better understand where things stood at that point in the process.

- **June 26 – Valley REN Task Force Meeting**

I met with the Valley REN CEO to talk about the work of the Task Force and some of the ideas being explored as the organization adjusts to changes in provincial funding. We talked about different opportunities, including private partnerships similar to those used by the Halifax Partnership, and some of the challenges that come with making those changes.

I left the meeting feeling really positive about where the REN is headed. There is a lot of work happening behind the scenes, and it's clear that the staff and volunteer Board have put a great deal of thought into what comes next. I'm excited to see where it goes.

- **June 30 – Valley REN AGM**

I attended the Valley REN Annual General Meeting at Glooscap First Nation. It was a great opportunity to hear about the work Valley REN has been doing throughout the past year and where the organization is headed next. There was a lot of discussion about partnerships, supporting economic development, and adapting to changes in provincial funding while continuing to support businesses and communities throughout the Valley.

One of the highlights of the day was hearing from Michael Peters of Glooscap Ventures. Learning more about the work happening there and the vision behind it was incredibly interesting and really tied into the conversations taking place throughout the day.

Following the AGM, we toured the new market at Glooscap Landing. Seeing it in person was impressive. It's much more than a place to buy seafood. I think it's going to become a

destination for both residents and visitors while creating opportunities for local businesses, tourism, and the regional economy.

- **July 1 – Canada Day in Hantsport**

I spent part of Canada Day in Hantsport and, as always, my favourite part was the parade. There were so many floats, and it was wonderful to see local organizations, businesses, community groups, and volunteers taking part. Events like this don't happen without a lot of people giving their time, and it was great to see so many residents out enjoying the day together.

- **July 6 – Joint Council Meeting re AVRL**

Representatives from the library's funding municipalities met to continue discussions around the future of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library. It was helpful to hear the different perspectives around the table and continue the conversations that had been taking place over the previous several months.

- **July 14 – Committee of the Whole**

- **July 21 – Accessibility Advisory Committee**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met in Council Chambers. We reviewed the first draft of the Committee's accessibility walkthrough guide, which is being developed as a practical resource that businesses and community organizations can use to assess their own spaces and identify ways to improve accessibility.

We also received updates on several accessibility projects happening throughout the Municipality. It's encouraging to see accessibility continuing to be incorporated into projects and to hear about organizations making improvements that help make their spaces more welcoming and accessible for everyone.

Discussions/Calls/Concerns:

Over the past several weeks, I've heard from residents on a variety of topics:

- Libraries continue to be one of the topics people reach out about most often. While there are still residents with concerns about the recent service changes, I've also heard from people who recognize how difficult the decisions were and the work that went into making them. As time has gone on, the conversations have become more balanced, with many people simply wanting to better understand what happened and what comes next.
- Morison Drive Accessibility and Safety: I've also heard concerns about pedestrian safety and accessibility along Morison Drive. The area is home to several important community services, yet there are still gaps in the pedestrian infrastructure. This was also discussed at the Accessibility Advisory Committee, and I think it highlights

an area where improvements could make a real difference for residents.

- **Dry Weather and Drought Concerns:** Dry weather and drought conditions continue to be a concern for many residents. Following the challenges experienced last year, people are paying close attention to water levels, wells, and weather conditions. With summer well underway, I expect this will remain an important topic over the coming weeks.
- **Scam Calls:** Several residents, particularly seniors, have also mentioned receiving scam phone calls. I've encouraged residents to report these calls to the RCMP, to be cautious when receiving unexpected phone calls or requests for personal or financial information, and to check in with family members who may be more vulnerable to these types of scams.
- **Proposed Textile Mill Development:** I've heard from a few residents regarding the proposed 19-storey development on the former textile mill property. Most of the feedback I've received has focused on the height of the proposed building and what it could mean for the surrounding area. As the proposal moves through the planning process, I expect this will continue to be a topic of discussion within the community.

It's been wonderful to see so many people out enjoying our communities. Whether it's community events, fundraisers, or local celebrations, there has been an incredible turnout everywhere I've gone.

I've also heard great feedback from residents who have been enjoying our trails and outdoor spaces. Between that, the work happening around accessibility and inclusion, and all of the community events taking place, there is a really nice sense of community throughout West Hants right now.

As always, if there is something on your mind, please don't hesitate to reach out. I appreciate hearing from residents and from my fellow Councillors, and I always value the conversations, questions, concerns, and ideas that are shared with me.

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Submitted by: Paul Wheadon Councillor District 4

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Meetings/Event

June 24, 2026 West Hants Housing Coalition. Virtual meeting concerning housing and unhoused persons in West Hants

June 25, 2026 Supportive Housing and Homelessness Policy Framework. Virtual meeting with other municipalities across the province.

June 25, 2026 WHRM Unhoused Community Meeting. Council Chambers Windsor. A very important meeting with various service providers dealing with unhoused and vulnerable persons.

June 27, 2026. Community Breakfast. Ellershouse. Tasty treats and community spirit always on the menu. All volunteer staffed. Always a good will offering.

July 6, 2026 Annapolis Valley Regional Library meeting. Hosted at Council Chambers in Coldbrook Kings County. A very informative meeting discussing the future of Annapolis Valley Libraries. Several councillors and mayors from across the Annapolis Valley in attendance.

July 7, 2026 Public Information Meeting. Council Chambers Windsor. On the agenda were the old Courthouse building and the Former Lyndsay's funeral home.

July 9, 2026 Public Information Meeting Council Chambers Windsor, On the agenda potential development on the site of the old Textile Mill Building. Proposed 19 Storey apartment building on Nesbitt Island.

July 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole, Council Chambers, Windsor

July 16, 2026 Attended 2 information sessions at Ellershouse Community Hall. Potential for a large scale development on Dawson Road. This meeting was hosted by COG developments. Both sessions were well attended with many concerns from the residents. Road access, fire safety, water were a few of the topics. This potential development is in its infancy and this meeting was held to receive community feedback.

July 18, 2026 Ardoise Community Hall Family fun day. A great event with awesome food and a great car show.

July 22, 2026 West Hants Housing Coalition. Virtual meeting discussing challenges and strategy to help the unhoused community.

Discussions/Calls/Concerns:

Concerns and calls in regard to curb-side waste pickup in Forest Lake Development, Ardoise.

Calls about lack of road repairs

Calls concerning Audit Committee.

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To: Mayor Zebian and members of the West Hants Regional Municipal Council

Submitted by: **Bonnie Smith, Councillor District 10**

Date: **July 28, 2026**

June 3 – Attended the Public Information Meeting regarding the proposal for stacked townhouses on Panuke Rd

June 9 – Committee of the Whole

June 11 – Attended the PAC/HAC Meeting in Council Chambers

June 23 – Council Meeting

July 4 – Attended the 50th Anniversary of the Windsor Day Care as they held a community event in Victoria Park. Great celebration that was well attended by Day Care families as well as community members.

July 7 – Attended the Public Information Meeting regarding 2 proposals for King St in Windsor. Great presentations followed by questions from residents

July 9 – Attended the Public Information Meeting regarding 2 proposals

No discussion regarding the proposal to slightly change the proposed development on Wentworth Rd behind the newly constructed 5 storey building.

Much discussion regarding the proposed development at 368 Nesbitt St for a 19 storey building along with other buildings such as a restaurant and other commercial space.

July 14 – Committee of the Whole

July 21 – Met with a few residents from Nesbitt St regarding the proposal for the old textile mill property

July 16 – Attended the Noyava Development presentation on a proposed development for the Ellershous area

July 28 – Council Meeting

Discussions/Calls/Concerns:

Took calls from residents regarding the proposed development at 368 Nesbitt St.