



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

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To: WHRM - Council

Submitted by: Chrystal Remme, Councillor District 3

Date: March 18, 2025

Subject: Councillor Activity Report – March 2025

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DISCUSSION

Meetings & Activities

- **Wentworth Road Public Information Session – March 5, 2025**
I attended the Wentworth Road Public Information Session, where developers shared their vision for a rezoning request. It was encouraging to see stormwater management included in their proposal, showing a thoughtful approach to planning. I was also impressed by how they listened to residents, addressing a lighting concern on the spot. Open conversations like these help strengthen trust and make sure our community's voice is heard.
- **International Women's Day Luncheon – March 6, 2025**
It was an absolute privilege to attend the International Women's Day Luncheon at Walker's Restaurant. Dr. Belinda Seagram gave an inspiring presentation on the incredible work being done by her team at Landing Strong. It was amazing to hear about the meaningful impact they're making and to see how much they've grown.

The event was a wonderful celebration of women and their contributions. Seeing so many talented women in the room highlighted just how many live and work right here in West Hants, making a difference every single day. A special thank you to the sponsors—CBDC, the Municipality, The Avon Chamber of Commerce, Windsor Township, and NS Works—for supporting this inspiring event.

- **WinterThing Event – March 8, 2025**

WinterThing in Windsor was a fantastic event, even with the chilly weather! It was great to see so many families enjoying the activities and supporting local community groups. A huge shoutout to the organizers from Windsor Township for all the hard work they put into making the event happen. Their dedication really paid off in bringing our community together!

- **Annapolis Valley Regional Library Board Meeting – March 17, 2025**

At the Annapolis Valley Regional Library Board meeting, we discussed topics like the library's budget, the need for more funding, and ideas on how we can offer them support. We also talked about programming that is planned for the coming months including the Seed Library project in partnership with NSCC and a collaboration with farmers markets in the region.

Resident Concerns & Issues

- **Pickleball in Brooklyn**

I've heard from several residents about the desire to have pickleball courts at the Brooklyn Middle School. While the school has the necessary equipment, the court itself needs resurfacing before it can be used. Unfortunately, the cost of resurfacing is higher than anticipated.

- **Trail Use and Community Engagement**

It's been great to see how much the new trail is being used. I've heard from residents wondering what's happening next with the trail, including when it will be resurfaced or made more accessible. I'd love to reconnect with those who attended the original community meeting to provide an update on the trail's progress. Many residents shared great ideas and were excited about the project, so sending an update, along with some of the photos from our orientation, could help keep that momentum going. It's encouraging to see the community's continued interest and involvement!

- **Bear Lake Wind Farm & Uranium Mining Concerns**

I've heard from several residents who are concerned about the Bear Lake Wind Farm and the potential for uranium mining in Vaughan. Many are worried about the impact these projects could have on our community. I think it would be great if we, as a municipal council, could look at ways to keep our residents informed about any changes coming from the Provincial government and continue to listen to their concerns while advocating on their behalf.

- **Concerns Regarding the Hantsport Library**

A number of residents have reached out regarding the reduced hours and programming at the Hantsport Library. I understand how important this resource is for the community, and I'm working to better understand the situation and advocate for the resources needed to restore the library's services and programming.

- **Parking Concerns on Chambers Road**

I've heard from residents on Chambers Road concerned about visitors to the trail parking on the side of the road, causing congestion and making it difficult to pass through safely.

Report Prepared by: Chrystal Remme, Councillor District 3

Report Reviewed by: _____

Report Approved by: _____



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To: WHRM - Council

Submitted by: Bonnie Smith, Councillor District 10

Date: March 20, 2025

Subject: Councillor Activity Report – March 2025

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Feb 4th - attended the Windsor Agricultural Society AGM for the first time. It was great to learn a bit about the society, who was on the board of directors, meet the new manager Sheri Donovan

Feb 26th - I had the pleasure of chairing the Climate Action Committee meeting on February 26th. Many updates from Coordinator Ogilvie regarding the Transit Feasibility Study, Solar Installation, and the Climate and Health Vulnerability Assessment.

March 8 - Second annual WinterThing was a great success - I helped out at the Windsor Day Care bake sale table and it was a pretty busy spot at times! Lots of great music and smiling faces. Kudos to the organizers. The DayCare raised \$1225 from their bake sale towards their play yard revitalization initiative.

March 12 - attended the Information Session put on by Nova Scotia Health at Avon View. It was well attended by the community. That committee is looking for more community members.

March 13 - attended the Planning Advisory Committee meeting here in council chambers. I usually will watch the meetings after the fact however attending it in person gave a different perspective. You could see people's body language that you may miss watching the video.

March 14 - Councillors Ivey, Wheadon and myself had visits with 2 of the residents on Stannus Street in the flood zone. We heard about their struggles during a major weather event, what it means to their physical as well as mental health, how it affects their homes, and what they would like to see as an outcome. We heard whether they would prefer to stay and see the problem resolved or if they would prefer the buyout program if that comes to fruition.

March 18 - along with most councillors I attended the Stormwater Information Session at the Super 8. There was a nice turnout of residents - most whose homes are affected when we have a significant weather event. Lots of great questions were asked and answered.



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To: Councillors, West Hants Regional Municipality

Submitted by: Councillor Jim Ivey, District 11, Windsor South

Date: March 25, 2025

Subject: March Councillor Report from Jim Ivey

I am pleased to provide the following as updates for the month of March reflecting a brief summary account of highlights since our last meeting as well as other items brought to my attention or addressed over the last 30 days since we last met as a Council on February 25 2025.

Along with Council and Committee of the Whole, I was able to attend Committee's of Council meetings & events which included:

- **February 26, 2025:** Updates from Climate Action Coordinator John Ogilvie on topics including:
 - Transit feasibility Study Update. (a priority of the 2025 CAC Workplan). West Hants was unable to secure funding last fall through the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund with coordinator Ogilvie now working with the NS Department of Natural Resources to consider funding for a transit study with a focus / objective to achieve a zero-emissions transit system.
 - Solar Installation Update. Funding set aside a couple of years ago for a small-scale solar project. A feasibility study was completed with a report and ideally, we will see a small scale build in the coming year.
 - Climate and Health Vulnerability Assessment Update. Coordinator Ogilvie advised that he was recently informed that funding was approved for this initiative. Locations will be identified where residents are at risk of health impacts occurring from climate change.
- **March 5, 2025 Public Information Meeting (PIM):** This meeting was to introduce Files #25-07, #25-11, and #25-12 Rezoning and Development Agreement for PIDs 45055241, 45190386, and 45366457, Wentworth Rd, Windsor.
- **March 8 2025, Windsor Township Business Association's 2nd Annual Winter Thing.** A winterful, cold-blowing wind and freezingly fun experience. The organizers volunteers and members of the public are to be congratulated for getting us out to breathe in the last of winter on such a Winterful day. (Images on following page).
- **March 10, 2025, Diverse and Inclusive Community Committee.** Attended this meeting solely to keep abreast of discussions and possible initiatives to further enhance the diverse and inclusive nature of

our communities. It is a good working committee, and I appreciate the opportunity to attend even when solely observing.



March 13, 2025 Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting. The committee was reconstituted and undertook a full agenda with much discussion on many topics including new and pending applications, a review of its name, future agenda items and other topics.

- **March 14, 2025 Meeting with Residents on Stannus Street.** Councillors Bonnie Smith, Paul Wheadon and I, attended a site meeting requested with two of the households on Stannus Street. The meetings were informative, serving to be reminded on issues & challenges faced by those who live in this area and to better understand the significance & impacts on their lives, their health (mental & physical), & the importance of immediate-term mitigation of the combined sewer flooding into their properties.
- **Calls and Visits:**
Discussions over the last month has included taxation levels and assessments tax rates at the borders. Questions and concerns meriting continued discussion relate to flooding, stormwater management, traffic and safety issues. Issues about water rate credits, utility bills, also continue to consume time.