

West Hants Regional Municipality District Councillor Activity Report

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

Submitted by: Rupert Jannasch

Date: April 21, 2025

The following updates reflects a summary account of highlights since our last Council Meeting.

Meetings/Events: Council planning workshop, March 26; meeting with NS Health Officials, Hants Shore Community Health Centre, March 27, 2025; Committee of the Whole, April 8, 2025; attended Summerville Fire Fish Supper, April 12; Attended the fire and emergency services workshop, April 21; Chaired Hants Shore Health Association monthly board meeting, April 15; attended Easter Market, Centre Burlington Hall, April 19.

Discussions/Calls/Concerns:

Ongoing discussion with community group about constructing a multigenerational park next to the Dr. Arthur Hines School. Further discussions with a community group concerning a daycare facility on the Hants Shore. Took several calls and emails about the deplorable condition of the Walton Bridge on the Walton Woods Road. And there is continued concern about fracking and uranium mining in the municipality.

Anything else pertinent to Council:

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

Submitted by: Scott McLean Councillor District 2

Date: April 15, 2025

The following updates reflects a summary account of highlights since our last Council Meeting.

Meetings/Events:

- attended Council strategic session March 26th
- attended Rules of Order and Meeting Process Training at Super 8 hotel in West Hants on April 11th hosted by Chris McNeill
- attended Committee of the Whole April 8th
- attended Fire services workshop meeting at council chambers April 13th
- attended various men's and women's Hants Bruins broom ball games at GFL – Newport centre and at West Hants Sports plex as they hosted the Canadian Nationals April 8-12th
- attended the James Muenger comedian show at the Mermaid Theatre on March 30th , last event before major renovations of the Mermaid Theatre
- attended the Easter Bunny breakfast at Ardoise Hall with my daughter on April 5th
- attended the Riverview Skating Club Disney Stars show April 4th at GFL – Newport Rec centre. I just wanna say thank you to the coaches of all ages, the parents, the volunteers and everyone who helped make it happen. Allot of time and effort went into holding the event and it did not go unnoticed and it was an excellent show!

Discussions/Calls/Concerns:

- I had many discussions with residents in my district about road conditions. Potholes were then main complaint at this time. I urged residents to reach out to the NS Department of public works through dpw-occ@novascotia.ca or call *511 to report road issues. I did report many potholes on hwy 236, Mantua Bridge, Avondale Road and Walton Woods roads. NS Department

of Public works were out and repaired potholes on hwy 236 and Mantua Bridge within a week or so of reporting them so a big thank you to NS dept of Public works and the Brooklyn Shed for getting these repaired. Avondale and Walton Woods road will be completed soon.

- complaints about roadside litter mostly on hwy 236, working on having it cleaned up in near future

- still receiving complaints from concerned parents from my district about speeding vehicles going through school zone on hwy 14 in Brooklyn during school hours. They feel a digital radar speed sign at both ends of the school zone would be a huge help with reducing vehicle speeds

- residents concerned about the proposed 5G Cell tower in Union Corner and it's close proximity to homes. There was a recent petition "against" the proposed tower location with 75 names of residents of the area and was brought to council as correspondence

- Area residents and trail users asking when the street light will be installed at DAR Trail head beside Chambers road. I believe tree branches have to be trimmed before NSP can install the light. I believe the tree trimming is in the works from conversations with CAO last week

- Concerns with 80km/h speed zone on Hwy 215 at trail head. With this posted speed limit, crossing the road to get to the trail is a safety concern. I reported concern to DPW- OCC@novascotia.ca

Anything else pertinent to Council:

- I've had a few conversations with residents inquiring about the West Hants residential tax rate and where it might be set for 2025 – 2026 Budget.

- Many new homes currently being built or in the early planning stages to be built in District 2 which is nice to see. Many are new residents moving to the area. District 2 West Hants is seeing an increase in population.

- One bulk water hauler in my district asking when the water filling station will be installed at Brooklyn Station 2 and be put into service as this would save extra travel time to the Falmouth water filling station during the busy summer season

West Hants Regional Municipality District Councillor Activity Report

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

Submitted by: Chrystal Remme, WHRM Councillor District 3

Date: April 14th, 2025

The following updates reflect a summary of highlights since our last Council Meeting.

Meetings/Events:

March 26th – Council Strategy Session

The Council Strategy Session provided an excellent opportunity to dig into priorities for our districts and address regional matters. We reviewed ongoing projects and explored ways to align with the broader municipal vision. It was a productive session with plenty of great ideas coming from everyone around the table.

March 27th – Accessibility Committee Meeting

The Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting was highly productive. We focused on the Built Environment Accessibility Standards and the approval of our work plan, including actionable steps to make our region more inclusive. A highlight of the meeting was Jordan Stephens' "Day in the Life" video project proposal, which could be a powerful way to raise awareness about the challenges faced by people with disabilities. It's exciting to see such creative ideas taking shape.

April 1st – AVRL Meeting

I met with the CEO of the AVRL and members of the Friends of the Hantsport Library. We discussed local concerns and shared ideas for improvements to enhance the library's services. Libraries are an essential part of our community, and it's always rewarding to collaborate with those who share a passion for these vital resources.

April 4th – Riverview Skating Club Event at Brooklyn Rink

I had the pleasure of attending the Riverview Skating Club's Disney Favorites Ice Show at the Brooklyn Rink. The event showcased incredible local talent and brought the community together for an evening of entertainment. A big thank-you to the Skating Club instructors, volunteers, and rink staff for all their hard work in making the event such a success.

April 8th – VCFN Meeting

The Valley Community Fibre Network meeting included updates on completed equipment moves to the Hantsport Fire Hall. We also discussed plans to improve rural internet access with a two-phase network redesign. Better connectivity is a key priority for our communities, and I'm looking forward to seeing these plans come to fruition.

April 11th – Rules of Order Workshop

The workshop on meeting processes, led by Chris McNeill, provided practical tools for managing meetings effectively. Topics included preparing agendas, maintaining decorum, and handling motions. Sessions like this are valuable for ensuring that council meetings run smoothly and productively.

April 12th – Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt in Brooklyn was a huge success, with over 300 children taking part. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the event. Special thanks to Limitless NS for hosting an accessible egg hunt, ensuring everyone could participate. It was a day filled with smiles and a great reminder of the importance of community events.

April 14th – Valley REN Meeting

At the Valley REN meeting, we reviewed updates to the business plan and discussed projects aimed at enhancing immigration services and supporting local businesses. The approval of three new board members was a key step in strengthening the board's capacity. The Connector Program's revival and plans for business retention initiatives were also highlights of the session.

Discussions, Calls, and Concerns:**Speeding in Brooklyn**

Speeding concerns along Highway 14 remain a top issue for residents. The rapid changes in speed limits are frustrating and pose safety risks for drivers and pedestrians.

Speeding in School Zones

Residents have expressed ongoing concerns about speeding in school zones in Brooklyn. I share their commitment to ensuring these areas are safe for students and families.

Road Conditions in Brooklyn and Wentworth Road

Several residents have raised concerns about potholes and the general condition of roads in Brooklyn and along Wentworth Road. These issues need attention to improve safety and accessibility.

Damage to Sweets Corner Hall

On April 12th, significant damage occurred to the yard at Sweets Corner Hall. While this was disheartening, the community's response has been incredible. Many people have stepped up to assist with repairs and show their support, demonstrating the resilience and spirit of our community.



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Submitted by: Chrystal Remme, WHRM Councillor District 3

Meeting Date: March 27th, 2025

Meeting Location: Council Chambers, Morison Drive

SUMMARY/UPDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

At this meeting, the Accessibility Advisory Committee discussed some important updates and plans for improving accessibility in our region.

Equity, Anti-Racism and Accessibility Strategy Plan:

The Committee was told that Council approved the Equity, Anti-Racism and Accessibility Strategy Plan. The committee discussed how we will move forward with this plan, including setting clear goals and tracking our progress.

2025 Work Plan and Accessibility Awareness:

The committee also discussed the 2025 Work Plan, which will focus on addressing accessibility issues in our region. We plan to create a draft work plan and present it to Council. There were also discussions on how we can raise awareness about accessibility and make sure everyone in the community knows about it.

Built Environment Accessibility Standards:

We reviewed the **Built Environment Accessibility Standards**, which are rules to make public spaces more accessible to people with disabilities. You can read more about these standards on the Nova Scotia government website here: <https://novascotia.ca/accessibility/built-environment/>. The rule enforcement starts in April 2026. The committee also discussed the importance of involving people with disabilities in planning these changes, following the principle of "Nothing About Us Without Us."

Jordan Stephens' "Day in the Life" Accessibility Video:

Jordan Stephens, one of our committee members, proposed creating a video to showcase what it's like to navigate businesses and public spaces in the region as someone with a disability. This "Day in the Life" video will follow Jordan's experience and highlight the accessibility challenges he faces. The committee agreed to create a working group to help develop the video project to raise awareness and educate the public on accessibility issues.

Celebrating Kevin Waters:

We also celebrated Kevin Waters, who has moved to a new role with the West Hants Regional Municipality. A new staff representative will join the committee once the position is filled.

Next Steps:

The next committee meeting will be on April 23rd. We will review Jordan's accessibility video plan, hear updates from the working group, and start brainstorming ideas for the 2025 Work Plan.

ACTION ITEMS:

There are no action items for Council from this meeting.

Report Prepared by: Chrystal Remme, WHRM Councillor, District 3



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR VALLEY REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK LIAISON AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Submitted by: Chrystal Remme, WHRM Councillor District 3

Meeting Date: April 14th, 2025

Meeting Location: Zoom

SUMMARY/UPDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

The Valley REN meeting covered several key topics and updates:

Business Plan Updates

The updated business plan was reviewed and approved by the board, with additional refinements made. Once received, I will circulate it to Council.

Funding and Advocacy

Provincial funding remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. However, concerns were raised about the lack of multi-year funding, which limits the ability to secure additional resources. Advocacy efforts, including a roundtable with MLAs, are planned to stress the importance of Valley REN's initiatives.

Immigration and Settlement

The Immigration and Settlement Navigation program supported 67 clients in Q4, including employers and newcomers. Key impacts include talent retention, tax base growth, and fostering a welcoming region. Challenges such as transit limitations and changing public attitudes toward immigration were noted.

Connector Program Adjustments

Paused during Q4 due to staffing changes, the program resumed in March. Updates include a focus on direct-entry apprenticeship matching for trades, with a target to employ 25 apprentices.

Special Projects and Collaborative Opportunities

Collaborative efforts with CAOs and partners have led to a joint proposal addressing supply chain challenges related to US tariffs. The proposal is currently under Provincial Government review.

Upcoming Events and Initiatives

- The AGM is tentatively set for June 23 or 24 in Greenwood, with save-the-date notices to follow.
- The 2025 Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Diagnostics Plan will launch in September, with preparatory work underway.

New Board Members

The board welcomed three new members: Lisa Villeneuve, Kit Leggett, and Brittany Parker. Their expertise will strengthen the REN's efforts. Two additional vacancies remain, with a focus on diversity and legal expertise.

ACTION ITEMS:

There are no action items for Council from this meeting.

Report Prepared by: Chrystal Remme, WHRM Councillor, District 3



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE VALLEY COMMUNITY FIBRE NETWORK (VCFN) and VCFN Authority

Submitted by: Chrystal Remme, WHRM Councillor District 3

Meeting Date: April 8th, 2025

Meeting Location: Zoom

SUMMARY/UPDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

The Valley Community Fibre Network (VCFN) meeting highlighted important updates on operations, plans for the future, and steps to improve services for the community.

Operations Update: Equipment moves to the Hantsport Fire Hall have been completed. Discussions focused on improving the handling of outages and after-hours issues, with a potential partnership being explored with a company specializing in monitoring and outage response to improve efficiency and communication.

Work Plan Recommendations: The Committee is developing a comprehensive plan to guide VCFN's future activities. Key priorities include finalizing a lateral connection policy, preparing an annual budget, and ensuring the long-term financial stability of the network.

Addressing Coverage Gaps: Improving internet access in rural areas remains a top priority. Efforts include expanding VCFN's network to underserved communities and collaborating with local facilities, such as libraries, to help reduce costs and improve accessibility.

Network Redesign: The Committee has approved a two-phase project to upgrade the network. Phase 1 will focus on reviewing the current setup and developing a new design for improved efficiency. Phase 2 will involve purchasing and installing necessary equipment, funded by surplus fees from the existing internet services.

ACTION ITEMS:

There are no action items for Council from this meeting.

Report Prepared by: Chrystal Remme, WHRM Councillor, District 3

West Hants Regional Municipality District Councillor Activity Report

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

Submitted by: Paul Wheadon, Councillor District 4

Date: April 15, 2025

The following updates reflects a summary account of highlights since our last Council Meeting.

Meetings/Events: Attended the monthly meeting for Ellershouse Hall March 12th.

Attended Ardoise Hall annual meeting on March 23rd.

Attended St. Croix Community Hall annual meeting March 29th.

Great to see the members in the district doing really good work at maintaining the halls and implementing new and proven events to help keep the funds coming in to keep these important facilities open.

Lots of auctions and events planned for the spring and summer season.

Happy to be able to announce the Breakfast at Ellershouse Hall on March 29 in support of the Scott family raised \$1800.00; over 300 attendees made for a great day of community and support for the local family in their recovery from a devastating barn fire.

Was able to attend and assist the Easter Bunny serving breakfast at the Ardoise Hall April 5th. Attendance of over 100 people.

A very successful auction was held at Ardoise community Hall on April 12 and 13 to support the Cleveland family, owners of Ardoise Mechanical which suffered a terrible fire before Christmas.

It's very heartwarming to see the community come together to help those in need. It is the very essence of being a Nova Scotian, to lend a hand.

Took my wife on an anniversary drive and site visits on April 2nd. Visited Old Walton Road, Upper Water Street, and Windsor forks Bent Ridge winery.

Also attended the Public Information Meeting for these properties the same evening.

Exciting to see progress and development in West Hants.

Discussions/Calls/Concerns:

A few calls and letters regarding speeding in the district.

Call requesting hidden driveway sign along Highway #1



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To: Mayor Zebian and Council

Submitted by: Deputy Mayor Francis, Councillor District 5

Date: April 22, 2025

Subject: Councillor Activity Report - April

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Meetings and Events

April 4, 2025

I attended the UDI's Breakfast with Mayor Zebian. Having the opportunity to hear Mayor Fillmore and his Deputy CAO Brad Anguish speak regarding other revenue/funding streams, their infrastructure needs and growth of HRM was intriguing and something to reflect on.

April 7, 2025

Walk and Roll session at Three Mile Plains Community Hall, unfortunately this was not well attended however there was input previous provided from residents through emails.

April 8, 2025

COTW meeting

April 9, 2025

Climate Action Committee

As Chair of the Climate Action Committee and we recently met to discuss the following

Terms of reference, and a report will be coming to Council.

NSPI Level 3 EV Chargers at the Sports Complex courtesy of Nova Scotia Power.

Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessment John attended a meeting on this.

Solar PV Feasibility Study

April 11, 2025

Attended the Meeting Rules and Procedures - This was a very informative session, and I would suggest any councillors that did not have the opportunity to attend to watch for the next session. There is improvements I can make with our COTW meetings, and I look forward to making changes that will have us better follow our Policy and Procedures for Meetings. As Chris said if we are meeting longer than two hours, we are not being effective.

Finalized the NSCC course for Code of Conduct.

Report Prepared by: Deputy Mayor Francis

West Hants Regional Municipality District Councillor Activity Report

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

Submitted by: Councillor Bob Morton, District 6

Date: April 19, 2025

The following updates reflects a summary account of highlights since our last Council Meeting.

Meetings/Events:

April has been a productive and community-focused month in District 6, with a number of meaningful engagements and initiatives taking place.

Throughout the month, I've spent a considerable amount of time connecting directly with residents, both formally and informally. Many of these conversations have centered around provincial concerns, particularly road conditions and speeding. While these issues fall outside of our municipal jurisdiction, I've been doing my part to help residents understand the appropriate avenues for addressing them and have taken note of recurring concerns to pass along where appropriate.

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to attend a comprehensive workshop on Rules of Order and Meeting Procedures alongside fellow members of Council and administrative staff from across the province. This session was incredibly valuable, not only for strengthening our understanding of formal procedures but also for fostering a deeper sense of collaboration and professionalism among municipal representatives across Nova Scotia.

Closer to home, I've continued to work on the street light petition for The Crossing. This has been a key concern raised by residents in the area, and I'm pleased to report that the petition should be rolling out within the community this week. I'm hopeful this process will bring about positive change and improve safety and quality of life for residents.

I also had the pleasure of attending the Broomball Nationals, which brought thousands of visitors to our region. This was a tremendous event for our community, not just in terms of economic activity, but also for community spirit and pride. The event also gave me another great opportunity to speak with many residents and visitors about the area and the work we're doing at the municipal level.

All in all, it's been a very busy and engaging month, and I'm grateful for the continued opportunities to represent and advocate for the residents of District 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bob Morton

District 6 – West Hants Regional Municipality

West Hants Regional Municipality District Councillor Activity Report

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

Submitted by: Councillor Kayla Leary-Pinch, District 7

Date: April 22, 2025

The following updates reflects a summary account of highlights since our last Council Meeting.

Meetings/Events:

- **March 26, 2025, CBCL Stormwater Workshop:** Attended with co-councillors and staff, productive discussions on strategic priorities, municipal vision and alignment.
- **March 29th, 2025: Windsor Station #4 and Southwest Hants Station #5 Fire Department Banquet:** Attended Annual banquet celebrating the dedication and contributions of both fire service members, auxiliary and board volunteers. Awards were presented to recognize outstanding service, leadership, and commitment, underscoring the invaluable efforts of individuals who serve and support the community through the fire service.
 - Awards Presented: Long Service Medals to Doug Matheson and Jamie Juteau for 30 years of service, Southwest Hants Ellis Wile Memorial Award to Michael Mahoney, WFD Veteran Association Outstanding Achievement Award to Jonathan DeMont and appreciation was extended to DeMont Family was thanked for over 132 years of service.
- **March 29th, 2025, 4-H Speech and Demonstration Day:** The youth of the 4-H Border Riders delivered their speeches and demonstrations at the Upper Vaughan Hall, showcasing their talents, confidence and passions. These young leaders are the future of our community.
- **March 31, 2025, Coffee with your Councillor:** I held a successful “Coffee with Your Councillor” meeting at the Upper Vaughan Hall, which provided a welcoming and casual atmosphere for residents to connect with their local representative. Attendees appreciated the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and engage in open conversation in a relaxed, comfortable environment that encouraged community dialogue.
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- **April 04th, 2025 Riverview Skating Club:** Another amazing season wrapped up with the Riverview Skating Club Ice Show. This group of youth, instructors and volunteers bring compassion, inclusion, positivity, dedication and kindness to the ice. So much talent, hard-work and heart. Looking forward to next season.
- **April 10th, 2025, Planning Advisory Committee/Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting:** Attended this session with Councillor Ivy, Mayor Zebian and Councillor Bonnie Smith in the gallery. There were two informative presentations, the first from Dalhousie University students on Housing Infill Opportunities in West Hants and the second was provided by GIS Technician Hartley Atwell on the Old Parish Burial Grounds and GIS Mapping of the property. Other new business included planning updates, Public Participation Program Policy and the new Q&A section for committee members and staff.
- **April 10th, 2025: NSFM Fall Conference Planning Committee:** Members include Chair – Mayor David Mitchell, Town of Bridgewater, Councillor Kayla Leary-Pinch, West Hants Regional Municipality, Councillor Adele MacDonald, Town of Annapolis Royal, Mayor Jamie Myra, Town of Lunenburg, Councillor Deborah Wadden, County of Pictou Juanita Spencer, CEO, NSFM, Judy Webber, Director of Events and Member Development, NSFM, Charlotte Tavenor, Administrator, NSFM.
- **April 12th, 2025: Southwest Hants Fire Breakfast:** Volunteered and attended the first monthly fundraiser breakfast of the season. As always, the food was delicious, the company was top-notch, and it support a great cause. See you May 10th 8-10am at the firehall for the next one!

Discussions/Calls/Concerns:

- **Park Clean-up and boat launch maintenance:** Calls from residents regarding municipal parks, waste concerns and the debris from the fall/winter that is now visible with the melting snow. Non-motorized boat launches requiring maintenance for ease of use. Forwarded concerns to Kathy Kehoe and she has been actioning as able.
- **Sewer flow concern Cottage Street, Windsor Nursery School:** Phoned after-hours line for public works, helpful, responsive and mitigation was successful. Staff were highly efficient, kind, an overall fantastic customer service experience.
- **Windfarm Development:** Ongoing concerns over additional deforestation and large infrastructure development in a designated Hamlet area. Distances from property lines, height, sound and the resulting cultural and lifestyle changes among the concerns.
- **Speed limit in front of Lakeside Convenience:** Residents entering and leaving Highway 14 via the store concerned for their safety with bi-directional traffic flow proximal to highway speeds.

- **Concerns with residual equipment, signage and waste from the construction zone in Mill Section.** Attended the site and took photos of the concerns, contacted the Department of Transportation and concerns were mitigated within 48 hours.
- **Concerns over Waste Management/pick-up Destination Way:** Discussed with Mayor Zebian and requests have been forwarded to Waste Management Coordinator.

Anything else pertinent to Council:

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Jam Session SWH Firehall April 29th at 7pm
 - Upper Vaughan Garden Club meetings the first Wednesday of the month at the Upper Vaughan's Hall (Little Red Schoolhouse)
 - Falmouth Community Hall Jam Sessions every Friday evening from 7-9pm

West Hants Regional Municipality District Councillor Activity Report

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

Submitted by: Bonnie Smith

Date: April 17, 2025

The following updates reflects a summary account of highlights since our last Council Meeting.

April 2 - attended the Public Information Meeting at the Municipality office. It was great to see so much support for the great projects that are proposed!! What a positive meeting.

April 9 - attended the Climate Action Committee meeting.

April 10 - attended the Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee meeting. There was a great presentation from the Dalhousie Student Team on Housing Infill Opportunities in West Hants. Also a very nice presentation by Hartley Atwell regarding GIS Mapping at the Old Parish Burying Grounds.

April 11 - I was fortunate to be able to attend the Workshop on Municipal Rules of Order and Code of Conduct. It was a great day with a wealth of information. Getting the perspectives of other municipal units was eye-opening.

I received several calls and emails regarding the activities at various locations around the Windsor area after dark and had a request for extra lighting. There was also a request for extra RCMP presence if possible. The request for more lighting was discussed with staff and RCMP have stepped up patrol in various areas.

I also received a request regarding the crosswalks on King St. I met with Troy Burgess regarding this, and we discussed possible solutions.

Bonnie Smith,

Councillor, District 10

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To: West Hants Regional Municipality Council Meeting

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

Date: April 22, 2025

Subject: Councillor Report, Jim Ivey, District 11 Windsor South

I am pleased to provide the following as updates for the month of April reflecting a brief account of highlights since our last meeting as well as other items brought to my attention or addressed

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

- **March 26, 2025 - CBCL Stormwater Workshop:** Attended the CBCL Stormwater Workshop information sessions along with other members of Council and staff.
- **March 29, 2025 – Kochanoff Cup – In Memory of Stan Kochanoff:** I was pleased to attend and bear witness to the awarding of the first annual Kochanoff Cup. Stan Kochanoff was an avid participant, supporter and advocate for many activities within our region and had a keen focus on hockey. The players involved in the annual alumni between the Windsor Regional High School Warlords and the Hants West Flames played their annual game again this year. The new plaque is named in honor of Stan who was involved annually in this friendly match up between the schools.



Jeff Burgess, Captain, Windsor Warlords, Avar Woolaver (Windsor Hockey Heritage Society), Ricky Conners, Captain, West Hants Flames

- **April 2, 2025 – Planning Site Visits:** Planning Advisory Committee members (Acting Director Kerry Fougere, Senior Planner Alex Dunphy and Planner William Hong), provided site visits to 3 properties in preparation for upcoming Planning Information Meetings (PIMs). Accompanied by Councillor Bonnie Smith, Councillor Paul Wheadon and myself, the property locations for development agreements and /

or rezonings included an Auto Repair Shop on the Old Walton Road, amendments to a development agreement for a vacant lot PID 45056363 on Upper Water Street as well as an application for tourist accommodations on Highway 14 PID 45382934.

- **April 2, 2025** – I was pleased to be able to chair the **PIMs** (Public Information Meetings) for the three properties noted immediately above (60 Old Walton Road, development agreement amendment for PID 45056363 Upper Water Street as well as potential for tourist accommodations on Highway 14 PID 45382934.
- **April 8, 2025** – Meeting with Director of Public Works Todd Richard, Mayor Zebian and myself with Tremain Crescent resident Rick Smith for follow up discussion on alternative options for reducing stormwater flow in the area.
- **April 8, 2025** – Committee of the Whole Meeting with all West Hants Councillors and staff.
- **April 9, 2025** – Climate Action Committee, attended this session with Councillor Bonnie Smith, Chair Debbie Francis and myself. Topics covered by Climate Action Coordinator John Ogilvie included the following:
 - Update on amendments to the Climate Action Committee Terms of Reference
 - An information update regarding Solar PV Feasibility Study
 - An update on the Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessment as well as
 - An update regarding NSPI Level 3 EV Chargers at the Sports Complex.

Discussion on potential solar installation options were also identified.

Additionally, the suggestion was put forward to include the ongoing Stormwater Studies as part of the Climate Action Committees documentation of research undertaken in regards to its influence on work undertaken by the Climate Committee. It was noted as part of the RFP that the Stormwater studies were to be included as part of a review and assessment by the Climate Action Committee in the initial study which began in November 2021.

- **April 10, 2025 – Planning Advisory Committee / Heritage Advisory Committee (PAC/HAC)**, Attended this session with Mayor Zebian, and Councillor Leary-Pinch and myself with Councillor Bonnie Smith joining us in the gallery.

With a full agenda, we were fortunate to have **2 presentations** on this evening. The initial presentation was provided by a group of students from **Dalhousie University** on **Housing Infill Opportunities in West Hants**. The second presentation was provided by staff member and **GIS Technician Hartley Atwell** on the **Old Parish Burial Ground and GIS mapping** of the property.

New business included 1177 King Street PID 45053816 Rezoning Report, an Information Report on the Public Participation Program Policy, an information report in response to a prior discussion of the committee on possibly renaming the Planning Advisory Committee and Heritage Advisory.

The PIM's conducted earlier in the month (identified in this report on April 2, 2025), were presented informationally to the Committee. Updates on files previously undertaken by the Committee were included in the written reports.

The [Building and Development Activity Reports March for 2025](#) were also presented to the committee.

A new section was added to the PAC / HAC agenda to include Q&A for committee members and staff. It will serve to address anything that Committee members have questions on and to facilitate potential items for future agendas. As this is a new item, it is considered an item in progress.

- **April 11, 2025 – Rules of Order Workshop:** Attended the Rules of Order workshop along with Councillors John Smith, Bonnie Smith, Chrystal Remme, Bob Morton, Debbie Francis, Mayor Zebian and Scott McLean. A very informative session on the ins and outs of the rules of order for meetings. It was very helpful in identifying the areas we may not have experienced previously, confirming some of the areas we were familiar with and more importantly perhaps, identifying and correcting the things we thought we knew, but were mistaken, such that we do not continue with the same missteps in the future. 😊
- **April 12, 2025 South West Hants Monthly Community Breakfast.** Was pleased to be able to attend the monthly South West Hants Community breakfast which is one of the highlights of the many fine breakfasts served within our region on a monthly basis. Great food, wonderful people and marvelous way to start your day in West Hants.
- **April 13, 2025 – Canadian Broomball Championships, West Hants Sports Complex:** I was fortunate to have the time and ability to be able to attend the locally hosted Canadian Broomball Championships in West Hants last week.

A real tribute to the volunteer organization behind bringing this event to West Hants as well as to the staff and event volunteers that played such a big role in presenting such an exciting event as they always do. Having never seen or attended a broomball event previously, it was a real eye opener of the sport, its demands on the athletes and greater exposure that it should receive. With congratulations to all involved!



Winning Goal by #28 in the Women's Gold Medal Game, April 12, 2025

Additional photos captured of the event are noted with addresses below for those unable to attend.

Two of the event photographers that you might follow on social media (Facebook) for a larger selection of incredible images: **Steve Grant Media** www.SteveGrantMedia.com & **Craig MacDonald Photography** www.CraigMacdonaldPhotography.ca
A fantastic selection of photos awaits those who wish to see them.

- **Calls and Visits:**

Deer, Deer and More Deer: We have had previous conversations on Deer without any resolution at present that I can recall. The volume of the deer population within Windsor and reported in other areas of West Hants is becoming unmanageable. At this stage to date, I am not aware of accidents or personal harm that has occurred with any residents, however if left unattended the problem will only continue to exacerbate itself such that we may experience an unfortunate incident.

- **Speeding, Irresponsible Driving and Speed Bumps:** Concerns continue to be raised by residents regarding the speeds of cars seen racing in and around Windsor on main and arterial streets, including Tremain, King, O'Brien, Wentworth, Clifton, Wiley, Gerrish, Water and more. Previous discussions regarding traffic calming and highlighting the issue with the RCMP as the agency for the infractions seem to have minimal impact. It seems it may be time to consider an additional or an alternate approach.
- **Flooding, Stormwater Management:** Questions and concerns regarding future plans and action continue within the community - for those experiencing combined sewer overflows as well as those who are experiencing flooding without sewer. This is likely the greatest demand we'll ever have on infrastructure throughout the region.
- **Sidewalks – Need of Repair and New Sidewalks Wanted:** Further investment in infrastructure as well as repair of pre-existing infrastructure is a common concern raised by residents. Those without sidewalks would like to have them, those with sidewalks in disrepair (tripping, falling and flood / water hazards) would like to see repairs. (Clifton Avenue, King Street, Tremain and many others needing new or repaired sidewalks).
- **Strategic Priorities, Taxation, and Budget Discussions** are all impacted by the preceding items and more. We have demands for initiatives we must do, as well as an interest in also wanting to do things that would be nice to do. There is plenty of demand in place for the services we provide and this year's budget will require careful consideration of everything that we do.