

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: September 21, 2025

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

Meetings/Events:

26/7 Attended Walton Field Days

23/8 Attended the community market, Centre Burlington Hall

7/9 Attended “What’s under your feet” workshop at the Super 8, Windsor, concerning geological, mineral and water resources, with geologist, Fred Bonner, hosted by the Nova Scotia Federation of Woodland Owners.

9/9 COTH meeting (by Zoom)

10/9 Attended Municipal Complex workshop

16/9 Chaired board meeting of the Hants Shore Health Association

Discussions with WHRM about locating a structure to house the Dept. of Recreation equipment loan program/equipment at the Hants Shore Community Health Centre.

Ongoing discussion with NS Health concerning the Hants Shore Community Health Centre.

Discussions/Calls/Concerns:

Councillors spend a great deal of time dealing with issues concerning roads. In the past, the provincial switchboard was an effective way for residents and councillors to bring road matters to the attention of Public Works. In one case my call was actually transferred directly to the Area Manager. Staff at the Brooklyn Depot appreciate having issues like potholes, flooding or damaged signage documented so they could tackle them in an efficient fashion. Other more serious issues must be dealt with by the Area Manager and other branches of the department. Unfortunately, there has been a breakdown in communication about issues concerning public safety. The staff at the switch board are pleasant and efficient as always, but the messages

seem to lose traction from there on. Concerns were raised to me by residents about the lack of guardrails on the Beaver Pond Road following the installation of new culverts during the paving project last year. My calls were not returned. Last month there was a serious motorcycle accident at one of these locations. Again, pleasant people at the switchboard, but no response from the province. Rumours have been circulating about how the province may or may not deal with the safety concerns. Without a clear response from the Dept. of Public Works I have no choice but to repeat the rumours and let residents choose what to believe. This is not a constructive way to deal with matters of public safety and it undermines confidence in all levels of government.

Anything else pertinent to Council:

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District Councillor Activity Report**

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

Submitted by: Paul Wheadon

Date: September 18, 2025

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

Meetings/Events:

July 26, 2025 always the best breakfast in Ellershouse. The completely volunteer team served over 200 awesome residents.

August 2, 2025 Avon River Days Tug of War invitational. I was thrilled to be announcer for this growing and popular sport. Falmouth men's and women's teams both victorious. The arena stands and floor were full for this exciting afternoon.

August 3, 2025 Avon River days Antique tractor pull. Once again. I was happy to be the announcer of this annual event, Held at the Exhibition grounds, there were over 40 antique tractors competing. Another full bleacher of fans.

August 8, 2025 Special Council Meeting via Zoom for all participants.

August 23, 2005 Summer finale BBQ and Corn Boil at Ellershouse hall community grounds. This was the final weekend in a summer filled with great music and good times. The Ellershouse volunteers with the support of the Ellershouse Wind Farm were able to offer this to all attendees free of charge. I was the grill man for the day! I think I ate as many tasty burgers as I served!

September 3, 2025 attended the PIM at council chambers in regards to Hants Shore Child care centre. Also on the agenda was a rezoning application by Ski Martock Road.

September 9, 2025 Committee of the Whole

September 10, 2025 Courthouse Tour and strategy session

September 11, 2025 Attended PAC/HAC meeting as a spectator.

September 12-15, 2025 Hants County Exhibition. 260 years old. Very honored to continue my announcing duties at the Oldest Agricultural Fair in North America

September 17, 2025 Special joint council information session with West Hants, Annapolis and Kings County. Preliminary information on a potential Marketing organization for tourism in the Annapolis Valley. Great to meet with other councillors from different municipalities to try to gain recognition and promote the entire Valley.

September 18, 2025 Plan review meeting at Council Chambers.

September 19-21, 2025 Weekend 2 Hants County Exhibition. Busier every year. The Hants County Exhibition offers entertainment for all.

Discussions/Calls/Concerns:

A few calls from Water Haulers concerned about the reduced filling hours. Thanks to Public Works for arranging and accommodating this important service to district residents.

A few residents concerns in regards to wells going dry and increased costs associated with pump maintenance and cost of buying water.

Anything else pertinent to Council:

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

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

Date: **Tuesday September 23, 2025**

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

Meetings/Events:

July 28 – Councillor Ivey and I met with Jackie and Nicole from the Avon Community Farmer's Market to learn more about the inner workings of the program and discuss ideas on how to grow the market. One of the findings was that they could use some more power outlets for vendors.

August 1 – Attended the Avon River Days events on Gerrish St and assisted the Windsor Day Care with their pizza fundraiser. Avon River Days was an excellent event hosted by some fabulous people and looked to be enjoyed by a great number of attendees!

August 8 – Attended the Special Council Meeting via Zoom

August 17 – Myself along with Councillor Leary-Pinch assisted with water distribution at the Municipality office.

August 20 – Met with Manager Burgess, 2 members from By-Law Enforcement and a resident on King St regarding parking between the sidewalk and the street.

August 25 – Councillor Ivey and I met with a few members of the Windsor Township Business Association. It was an excellent meeting with some great suggestions to "Inspire" Windsor/West Hants. Including: A Tower at the former visitor info centre so people can watch the tide, more availability and better access for equipment loan program, beautifying the trail around the causeway, etc. The comment was made that the "Street Closed, Businesses Open" signage used for Avon River Days was fantastic and Inspiring! The benefits of supporting the downtown business district by ALL of the Municipality. Did you know that stats show that 95% of visitors to Windsor are West Hants residents?

September 3 – attended the Public Information Meeting in Council Chambers regarding

September 9 – took a few calls from local water haulers concerned with the hours of operation of the water station in Garlands Crossing.

September 9 – Attended COTW

September 10 – Met with Troy Burgess and Peter Johnston regarding bus stop on Water Street.

September 10 – Attended Climate Action Committee meeting. Updates were given regarding the 2026/2027 Work Plan, Terms of Reference, and the Zero Emissions Transportation Feasibility Study. We were also informed that the application to the Province for the Flood Risk Infrastructure and Investment Program to assist with funding for the Home Flood Protection Program was unsuccessful.

September 10 – Toured the Courthouse and attended a workshop regarding Municipal complexes.

September 11 – Attended the PAC/HAC meeting regarding PID 45053220 on King St, and a presentation from KJ Conyers-Steele regarding an Historic Downtown Revitalization Framework. The meeting also included several updates on various Development Agreements.

September 17 – Attended the Joint Council Information Session at the Old Orchard Inn regarding Destination Management & Marketing Organization (DMMO) Funding Model. We were given an overview of the Tourism Project by David Hovell (Magic Winery Bus), DMMO & Marketing Levy Presentation with Tourism Strategy Manager Genevieve Allen-Hearn. Listened to Insights from 3 different perspectives regarding the DMMO and broke into discussions with members from 5 other councils regarding questions about the proposed DMMO funding model. It was a great opportunity to learn more about this proposal.

September 18 – attended the Plan Review Council Workshop.

August Resident calls/concerns:

1. Call from residents regarding unhoused near Riverview Trail. Concerns were about fire in the extremely dry, wooded area. This was brought forward.
2. Call from resident on King St regarding parking between the sidewalk and street. This made it harder to see oncoming traffic when pulling out onto road. Followed up with By-Law and Traffic Authority. Met with resident to discuss.
3. Call regarding the unhoused staying by the old tourist bureau site. The resident doesn't feel they can access the picnic table there and observe the tidal flow as they once were able to. Garbage lying around and drug use concerns.
4. Call regarding the old Day Care property at the corner of Stannus and Victoria St's. They have witnessed a person leaving the premises in the morning several times and believe there is someone squatting in the building.

Anything else pertinent to Council:

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To: West Hants Regional Municipality Council Meeting

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

Date: September 23, 2025

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

I am pleased to provide the following as updates for the month of August/Sept to date, reflecting a brief account of highlights since our last Council meeting as well as other items brought to my attention or addressed.

- **Jul 26, 2025:** Attend the wonderful *breakfast* put on each month at the **Ellershouse Hall** in...



Ellershouse, one of the many exceptional halls we have operating in West Hants. 😊

- **Aug 1, 2025:** Attended the **Emancipation Day** flag raising which was well attended as one of the the opening events for Avon River Days at the waterfront park next to the Coach House. Other events throughout the day included the Superstore BBQ and the Street Fair and wrestling event.

- **Aug 2, 2025:** As part of the weekend's **Avon River Days** events was able to attend the Avon River Days Car Show, the Kids Carnival on the waterfront,

Bandstand performances including, Children's Parade and Grand Street Parade on Gerrish Street, Touch the Truck and the West NS Regiment at the Armouries and the Rock the Rink event featuring Joel Plaskett with Ced Marty & Dave as well as Chairman of the Blues

- **Aug 3, 2025:** For the final day of **Avon River Days** events, was pleased to catch the, Avon Communities Farmers Market, Nova Scotia Antique Engine and Tractor Pull, the Emancipation Day Film Screening for "Speak It", provided through the Diverse Equitable and Inclusive Community Committee in Three Mile Plains. Though weather events necessitated





cancelling the Fireworks Display food trucks, local vendors and musicians Slightly Slanted and Tyler Salsman, had the waterfront spectators rockin' it!

The whole weekend was a fantastic celebration within the community reflecting the vibrancy of West Hants. The volunteers who organized these events are to be congratulated for continuing such a spectacular long weekend of activities.

- **Aug 8, 2025:** Attended the *Special Council* zoom meeting to address the drought related fire risk and relocation of the unhoused members in our community living in the wooded areas.
- **Aug 9, 2025:** Attended the ***West Hants Historical Society's*** "Honouring Acadian Heritage in West Hants'" event with a presentation at the Museum; Acadian Heritage and stories of Acadian families, including the deportation in 1755 from Fort Edward and Acadian prisoners at the Fort from 1760-1763.
- **Aug 11, 2025** Attended the ***Diverse Equitable Inclusive Community Committee*** meeting as an alternate in an observer role.
- **Aug 25, 2025** Attended an informative meeting with the ***Windsor Township Business Association*** (Ezra Edelstein and Karen Cooper), with Councillor Bonnie Smith to talk about the forward plans of the Association and means of enhancing programs moving forward.
- **Sept 9, 2025** Attended the ***Diverse Equitable Inclusive Community Committee*** in my role as alternate. The meeting included a review of the previous session. Future consideration was accepted for the development of guiding principles its next meeting. A few of the items discussed on the agenda included The HealthADAPT program from Nova Scotia Health. It is considered a good option to have this group present at the next Committee meeting as available on Oct 6, 2025. Additionally, it was identified as part of the announcements that the Valley Regional Enterprise Network (VREN), in collaboration with the Immigration Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS), will be hosting an Immigration & Community Fair on November 1, 2025. Work undertaken through the previously established sub-committees were discussed with future work continuing in progress.
- **Sept 10, 2025** Attended a property tour with Council members and staff at the West Hants County Court House to view its condition and options for future use. At the end of the tour a head count was taken with nobody remanded into custody and required to spend the night.
- **Sept 10, 2025** Special Council information workshop session regarding West Hants properties was initiated from discussions during the budget process.
- **Sept 11, 2025** Attended the AGM for the ***Valley Community Fiber Network (VCFN)*** in my role as alternate. Following the meeting they convened a regular meeting of the Board for a discussion on current and potential future business matters.

- **Sept 11, 2025** Attended the AGM for the **Valley Community Fiber Network Authority (VCFNA)** in my role as alternate. Following the Annual General Meeting, a regular meeting of the Board was convened for the purpose of discussions regarding current and pending business matters.



- **Sept 11, 2025** Attended the monthly Planning and Heritage Committee ("PAC/HAC") meeting. The Agenda was full with the video able to be viewed here: [Meeting Video](#) Minutes for the meeting once approved can be viewed here [Minutes for 2025 to date.](#)
- **Sept 19, 2025** Attended the Nova Scotia Power Corp's grand opening for its EV Fast Charging Station newly installed at the West Hants Sports Complex earlier this summer.

Calls and Visits:

The most significant item to surface with this council is the most recent drought and water shortage. Rain is badly needed and will hopefully soon appear.

Many items raised with Council continue on an ongoing basis including:

- Speeding,
- Deer,
- Wind farms,
- Mining,
- Completion of the highway,

Discussions and comments in the past month relate to the budget have been challenging. With the copy of the budget just released it should prove to be a task that is more easily addressed.

The tax rate difference along the borderlines of the former Town of Windsor and West Hants (specifically The Crossing development) is an item that continues to surface from the Developer of the project.