



Committee of the Whole Excerpts
October 6, 2025

DIVERSE EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE EXCERPTS

The Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive Communities Committee continues to explore solutions to address longstanding systemic issues impacting marginalized residents in West Hants. Recent discussions have focused on the Province not releasing the Environmental Racism Panel Report. The Committee is requesting Council's support in advocating for transparency by sending a formal letter urging the Province to release the report.

Additionally, the Committee submitted a letter to Council on June 9, 2025, advocating for continued municipal funding for a warming centre, similar to support provided in the winter of 2024/25, and urging stronger advocacy to the Province regarding homelessness in West Hants. Council did not provide direction in response to the letter in June. As a follow up the letter was referenced in September during the Council meeting with discussion surrounding the municipality's commitment to providing the space for a winter shelter but not the funding as provided in the 2024/25 budget. Upon reflection, procedurally the request from the committee should have been provided through an excerpt and not a letter. The Committee remains concerned about the lack of resources and volunteers to properly operate a warming shelter. For procedural correctness a second recommendation is provided for Council's consideration.

The recommended motion was that Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive Communities Committee recommends ...

COUNCIL DIRECT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE PROVINCE REQUESTING THE IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM PANEL REPORT.

COUNCIL DIRECT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE PROVINCE URGING THEM TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING A WARMING SHELTER IN WEST HANTS FOR THE COMING WINTER.