

West Hants Regional Municipality
April 14, 2026
Chief Administrative Officer Report



The following report captures activities and events between the March 2026 COTW meeting and the date of the report.

Governance

Meetings and Events

- COTW Meeting – March 10th
- Council Meeting – March 24th

Administration

- Meetings and Events
 - Avon View High School Grad Ceremony at Sports Complex Meeting – March 11th and April 14th
 - DEICC Meeting – April 13th
- Warming Centre Update / Shell Park Site – The Warming Centre is now closed as of March 31st. The pool facility has been vacated and cleaned in preparation for the swimming season. A Thank You is extended to The Caremongers for their support to the community through the provision of the Centre over the winter months. A Coordinated Regional Homelessness Engagement Model report has been prepared for Council at their request listing supports within the West Hants Community and beyond assisting those in need. The Shell Park site off Wentworth Road remains the only identified site for those living rough. A clean up of the site is being scheduled immediately as well as renewed municipal supports such as the port-a-potties and waste collection scheduling. All other Parks and open spaces are restricted from overnight use.

Finance

- Meetings and Events
 - Departmental 2026/27 Budget Preparation Meetings – ongoing
 - 2026 /27 Budget Meetings – March 25, 26 and April 8
 - Pension and Benefit Committee Meeting – March 23rd

Community Development

- Meetings and Events
 - Operational Meetings regarding Sports Complex, Trails, Parks and Open Spaces, Economic Development, Capital Projects and Community Events
- Halfway River Bridge Replacement – Work has started on the installation of the bridge on the former rail line approaching the Stanley area. The bridge and washout repairs immediately east of the Vaughan Road Crossing are priorities for the department during this construction season. With these two projects completed a continuous Active Transportation (AT) and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) route will be established from the GFL Arena through to the Stanley Airport. An application to designate the section of trail to be part of the Trans Canada Trail will be forth coming.





Planning and Development

- Meetings and Events
 - Monthly Inter-Developmental Development Related Meetings
 - Public Information Meeting (PIM) – March 19th
 - Regional Planning Strategy Review Meeting (Internal) – March 19th
- Windsor Courthouse – The proposal for the Courthouse has been formalized through the purchase and sales agreement. We are awaiting the buyer to start the planning approval process. When that process commences, we will share further details of the project with the general public.

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Economic Development

- Meetings and Events
- The Valley Regional Enterprise Network (VREN) was provided a termination notice by the Municipality in accordance with Council's direction and the intermunicipal service agreement (IMSA).

Public Works and Infrastructure

- Meetings and Events

Protective Services

- Meetings and Events
 - Alert Ready Quarterly Training – March 24th
- The Fire Services Director Recruitment – The recruitment for a Director of Fire Services for the municipality will be entering a second application process as the first process did not result in securing a candidate. A recruiting firm will be engaged for this second process to ensure the process is as thorough as possible in recruiting a candidate through a National search.

Sincerely,



Mark Phillips
Chief Administrative Officer
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