



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

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To: Committee of The Whole

Submitted by: Paul Wheadon Councillor district 4

Date: September 1, 2026

Subject: Snow Plowing Forest Lakes Development

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act (MGA): Section 65A (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), the municipality may only spend money for municipal purposes if (a) the expenditure is included in the municipality's operating budget or capital budget or is otherwise authorized by the municipality;

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

Recommended that Council direct staff to explore possibility of engaging NS Department Public Works in plow swapping with West Hants Regional Municipality. NS department Public works to Plow Eagle View and Highland Drive in Forest Lakes and then municipality would in Turn plow an equal length of a current provincial road. This would be effective for the 2026-2027 plowing season. Findings to be reported at next council meeting September 22, 2026

BACKGROUND

Property ☐	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☐	Social ☐	Economic ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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Forest Lake Development in Ardoise, is a private road which currently has no snowplow service for the upcoming season. For the past few years, a resident of the development took care of the snow plowing. This year that resident has sold his tractor and is not able to plow. The 22 residential homes are left without plowing.

The residents do not have a traditional road association group.

The residents have requested assistance from the municipality as the cost for plowing by private contractor has been quoted between 30 and 60 thousand dollars. The residents are looking for the municipality or the province to plow the developments main streets, Eagle View Drive and Highland Avenue.

The roads in this development are built to a high standard. They would accommodate a full-size snowplow or grader. The length of these roads is approximately 3.1 kms.

There are no municipal plows in the area of this development. It would only be feasible if a trade with the province was possible and the provincial plow did the work. Hence the municipality could plow a like distance of provincial road.

DISCUSSION

This report is to see if council would agree to direct staff to explore if this type of a plow / road swapping is a solution.

NEXT STEPS

If recommended by council,

Staff present the possible findings to council at the next council meeting Sept 22, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To be determined depending on feasibility.

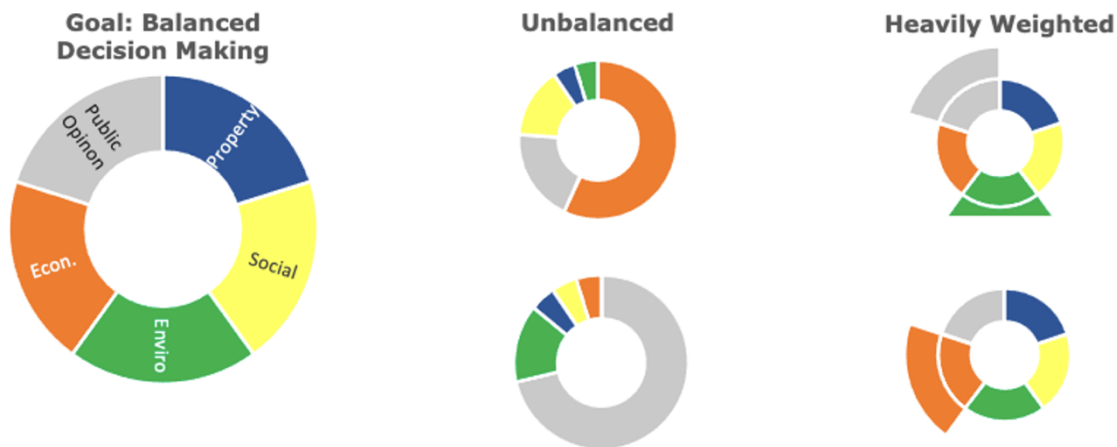
There would be a minimal cost to taking on another section of provincial roads to the municipality.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS

the road construction and the ability to maintain the road conditions for safe travel during all seasons and two, the responsibility cost of maintaining the private roads throughout the year.

Service expansion is the responsibility of Council and staff await direction on the matter. If directed to explore I would suggest a contract price be confirmed for the service requested.

Council has been provided with a reference taken from the Meeting and Committee Procedural Policy , Appendix C “Decision Making by Council and Committee of the Whole” as a reminder of the principles highlighted for good decision making.



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