November 4, 2026

Re: Annapolis Valley Library Board Appointment

Dear West Hants Council,

I understand that on November 10, 2026, West Hants Council will meet as Committee of the Whole to recommend Council appointments to various boards and committees. I urge you to not re-appoint the current West Hants Council representative to the Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL) Board.

The current representative has lost the respect and trust of the community. When concerned community members met, wrote, or called, they received no information or action in response to their concerns -- and were given no indication that closing the Hantsport Library was even being considered.

What did happen was that the representative participated in, and supported, AVRL in-camera discussions where decisions were made to close Hantsport Library, and also adversely impacted library services in Windsor. The representative's continued refusal to explain or defend their actions to our community or at public Council meetings is totally unacceptable.

Isn't the job of Council's representative to ensure the voice of the people they represent is heard? If so, then the current representative has not served you or our community well. I therefore, urge Council to appoint a representative who respects the duty and obligation to provide appropriate Board oversight. In addition, a representative who values community input and consultation, and respects the need for open communication.

Sincerely,
Lorraine McQueen,
Hantsport Citizen