

**West Hants Regional Municipality
District Councillor Activity Report**

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

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The following highlights my activities from mid-February through early March.

February 24 – Regular Council Meeting

February 25 - District 7 & 9 Town Hall – Councillors Smith and Leary-Pinch

I attended the District 7 and 9 Town Hall hosted by Councillors Smith and Leary-Pinch. It was great to see such a strong turnout.

There were a couple of presentations shared, including a neighbourhood-based community safety initiative and an update on the family park project in Falmouth. Both were great examples of what can happen when communities come together and take the lead on something they care about.

February 26 – Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at the Hantsport Fire Hall.

March is Accessibility Month in West Hants, and I really want to recognize the work happening both at the Committee level and within the organization. Staff have been sharing a series of posts that highlight accessibility in a practical, easy-to-understand way, helping to build awareness and support across the community.

This Committee continues to do meaningful work. The conversations are thoughtful, grounded in lived experience, and focused on real, practical improvements. It's not just discussion; there is follow-through, and we are seeing changes happen as a result. That kind of work makes a difference, and it's something we should be proud of as a Municipality.

We also discussed the accessible viewing area at the Sports Complex. It had been used for a purpose other than what it was intended for, which raised concerns. Staff addressed it immediately, met with members of the Committee, and have put measures in place to ensure the space remains available and respected as an accessible area moving forward. I appreciate how quickly that was handled and the willingness to work directly with the Committee on a solution.

March 3 – Accessibility Month Flag Raising

I attended the Accessibility Month flag raising on March 3. It was great to see so many people there, including several members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

It was a nice way to recognize the work happening in this space and a reminder that accessibility is something we need to keep building on every day, not just during one month.

March 5 – International Women’s Day Luncheon

I attended the International Women’s Day Luncheon held at Walker’s Restaurant Ballroom, organized by Ballroom. Through the support of sponsors, the event was offered free of charge to 120 women across the region.

The 2026 theme, “Give to Gain,” was reflected throughout the event. The idea that when we support one another and share what we can, we all move forward, really came through in the conversations.

The panel featured Lisa Bland, Laura MacLachlan, and Lisa Drader-Murphy, who each shared their experiences, challenges, and perspectives. It was a strong reminder of the leadership and impact of women across our communities.

The Deputy Mayor and I also had the opportunity to hand out flowers at the end of the event, which was a nice way to close out the afternoon.

March 10 – Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting

Discussions/Calls/Concerns:

Over the past few weeks, I’ve heard from residents on a range of topics:

- **Accessibility:** There has been a noticeable increase in conversations around accessibility, which is great to see. People are paying attention, asking questions, and thinking about how we can continue to improve.
- **Trail Use and Activity:** I’ve received a number of questions related to our trail system, particularly with increased use and activity on the new trail in Brooklyn.
- **Road Conditions:** I’ve heard from many residents about road conditions following the winter season. Concerns are being raised not just in Brooklyn, but across the region. I’ve been helping direct residents to the appropriate contacts depending on jurisdiction.
- **School Zone Speeding:** Speeding in the Brooklyn school zone continues to be raised, and it remains a concern for families in the area.
- **Library Funding:** I have received a number of calls and messages related to library funding, which reflects the broader conversations happening regionally. People care deeply about these spaces and the services they provide.
- **Provincial Budget Impacts:** I’ve also been hearing from non-profits, organizations, and groups I work with through various committees who are trying to understand what the

recent provincial budget will mean for their programs and sustainability moving forward.

- **Local Business Activity:** I've had a chance to connect with a couple of business owners in Brooklyn, and it's been really encouraging to hear about increased foot traffic and visitors in their shops. That kind of activity is important for our local economy and speaks to the strength of our community.

As we head into budget deliberations next week, there is a lot of information to work through. My focus will be on making sure we are being responsible, thoughtful, and making decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of our residents. If anyone has questions, concerns, or input, I encourage you to reach out.

I also want to take a moment to recognize the volunteers across our communities. So much of what happens here, from events to community spaces to local initiatives, relies on people giving their time and energy. It does not go unnoticed.

As always, I remain available and appreciate residents reaching out with questions, concerns, and ideas.