

WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Police Advisory Board Meeting Agenda
April 20, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.
Sanford Council Chambers, 76 Morison Drive, Windsor, NS
Virtual via ZOOM (also YouTube livestreamed)

Agenda is subject to change due to additions that may not be able to be reflected until after the meeting.



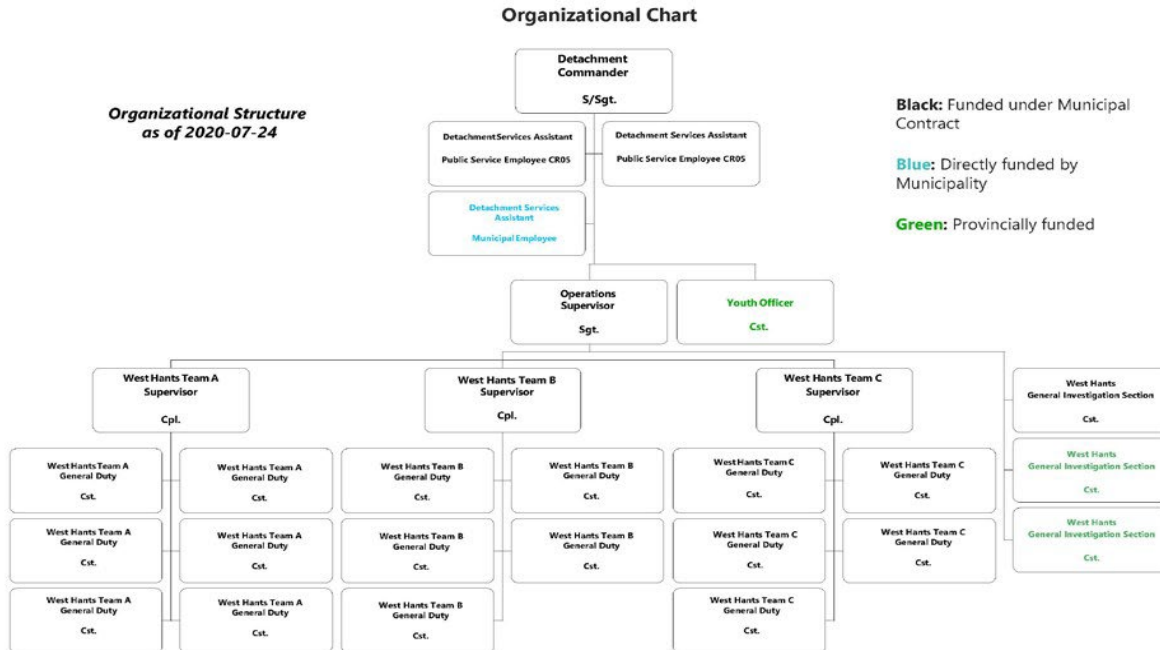
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- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Attendance**
 - 3. Announcements**
 - 4. Approval of the Agenda – Additions/Deletions**
 - 5. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest**
 - 6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - (a) February 17, 2026 Police Advisory Board Minutes
 - 7. Presentations - None**
 - 8. Business Arising from the Minutes / Old Business**
 - (a) Strategy Planning Workshop
 - 9. Reports**
 - (a) West Hants RCMP Quarterly Report January – March 2026
 - 10. New Business**
 - (a) Speeding Falmouth and Three Mile Plains
 - (b) Handling Complaints About Camping on Provincial/Municipal Lands.
 - 11. Correspondence**
 - 12. Public Participation**
 - 13. In-Camera - None**
 - 14. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment – Quarterly meetings on the third (3rd) Monday (Jan – Apr – Jul – Oct) – Next one is July 20, 2026, at 6 pm.**



**Quarterly Police Report
Municipality of West Hants
2025/2026 Fiscal Year
Fourth Quarter
January – March 2026**

1. WEST HANTS DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

"H" DIVISION - SOUTHWEST NOVA - WEST HANTS DETACHMENT



- **1 Staff Sergeant (District Commander)**
- **1 Sergeant (Operations Manager)**
- **3 Corporals (Shift Supervisors)**
- **16 Constables (Investigators)**
- **1 Constable (General Investigations Section Investigator)**
- **2 Constables (Street Crime Enforcement Unit) – Provincial**
- **1 Constable (School Safety Resource/Youth Liaison) – Provincial**
- **2 Public Service Employees**
- **1 Municipal Employee**

1.1 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT UTILIZATION FOR ESTABLISHED POSITIONS

Pay Class	Established	Total FTE
SST-01	1	1.00
SGT-01	1	0.98
CPL-01	3	3.12
CST-01	17	12.59
CR-5	2	1.00
Grand Total	24	18.68

Note: Data as of March 31, 2026.

Vacancy Details as of 2026-03-31:

- **Sergeant** – No longer vacant. Sgt. Tim Doyle returned to work here in early March.
- **Corporal** – Member was on sick leave until the end of the fiscal year but just began a graduated return to work in April.
- **Constable** - off duty for medical reasons since August 28th, 2023. Began graduated return to work in March.
- **Constable** - off duty for medical reasons since July 1, 2025.
- **Constable**- off duty for medical reasons since April 25, 2025, commenced graduated return to work on November 10, 2025, went off duty for medical reasons again November 28th, 2025. Retirement pending, likely in Q4 2025. Replacement inbound
- **Constable**- Vacant. Incumbent transferred out in October, 2025. Replacement inbound.
- **Constable**- Vacant. Incumbent transferred out on October 1, 2025 Replacement inbound.
- **Constable**- Vacant. Incumbent promoted to local corporal position in October, 2025. Replacement inbound.


Notes: Things are looking up from an HR perspective. We have a new member from Depot starting in early May, an experienced police officer recently hired from the Halifax Regional Police starting in June/July, an experienced member from Annapolis County who will hopefully be starting here in June, and another experienced member from Newfoundland coming this summer. We also have a corporal and a constable returning to work from extended sick leave, and the new member who started in December is on track to finish Field Coaching in a couple months.

2. WEST HANTS DISTRICT FLEET

- 5 Patrol Cars (4 Municipal, 1 Provincial)
- 6 Patrol SUVs (all municipal)
- 3 Unmarked police vehicles (2 Municipal, 1 Provincial)
- 2 All Terrain Vehicles
- (2) Patrol Bicycles

Two patrol cars with the highest mileage were originally slated for replacement this fiscal year. Two of our Dodge Chargers suffered irreparable engine failures in Q2, however and were ‘bumped up’ for earlier replacement. One replacement was received in Quarter 3 and we’re about to pick up the second one as I write this (April 17th). My hope of getting it in Q4 didn’t quite come true, but its close enough for me.

3. WEST HANTS DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT 2025/2026 P11 Report (Prepared by RCMP Senior Financial Analyst Kyla DOW)

								
Direct Expenditures								
Row Labels	VOTE	Commitment Item Description	2024 Final	2025 Final	Budget	Actual YTD	Forecast	Variance
Cost Shared	OPERATING							
	S010 PERSONNEL	030 Pay - Members	2,119,826	2,535,573	2,975,710	2,015,352	2,201,124	774,586
		031 Extra Duty Pay - Mem	248,877	272,727	255,000	336,228	375,000	-120,000
	S010 PERSONNEL Total		2,368,703	2,808,300	3,230,710	2,351,579	2,576,124	654,586
	S020 TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS	050 Travel	8,685	10,301	15,000	23,929	27,500	-12,500
		052 Training Travel	8,381	9,212	11,500	10,833	11,500	0
		053 Training Travel UCA	642	89	0	686	1,000	-1,000
		070 Freight/Post/Exp/Car	2,508	3,452	3,500	4,107	4,000	-500
		100 Telecomm Services	2,514	0	0	0	0	0
	S020 TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS Total		22,730	23,054	30,000	39,554	44,000	-14,000
	S03 INFORMATION	130 Publication Services	956	293	500	368	500	0
	S03 INFORMATION Total		956	293	500	368	500	0
	S040 PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICES	190 Traning & Seminars	20,800	22,937	24,000	4,816	24,000	0
		191 Training & Sem - UCA	0	0	0	143	150	-150
		219 Professional Svcs	13,472	27,901	22,500	20,885	22,500	0
		220 Other Services	4,198	4,178	3,500	2,777	3,500	0
		221 IM/IT Services	5,286	5,791	0	0	0	0
		223 Radio Comm Svcs	72,087	77,315	64,895	50,081	64,853	42
	S040 PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICES Total		115,843	138,122	114,895	78,702	115,003	-108
	S050 RENTALS	261 Leasing of Aircraft	3,620	9,036	5,000	5,088	7,500	-2,500
		280 Infor Tech Rentals	134	104	200	190	200	0
		290 Rentals - Other	1,147	3,738	1,250	846	1,250	0
	S050 RENTALS Total		4,902	12,878	6,450	6,124	8,950	-2,500
	S060 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	370 Repair of Vehicles	73,615	59,050	27,500	37,588	40,000	-12,500
		390 Repair Misc Equip	4,636	10,796	4,750	4,830	5,000	-250
		393 IT Repair & Maint	789	0	0	0	0	0
	S060 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE Total		79,040	69,846	32,250	42,418	45,000	-12,750
	S070 UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	430 Fuel	104,799	109,270	110,000	79,249	110,000	0
		500 Stationary	12,097	8,758	10,000	9,301	10,000	0
		510 Clothing & Kit	22,393	10,878	27,450	29,010	32,450	-5,000
		540 Supp & Sundry Equip	11,281	8,171	17,500	18,499	17,500	0

Cost Shared	S070 UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES Total		150,570	137,077	164,950	136,059	169,950	-5,000		
	S090 ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT		440 Transport Supp/Acc	15,663	13,828	12,000	21,346	23,000	-11,000	
		441 Vehicle Changeovers	19,585	7,246	23,400	18,111	23,400	0		
		450 Comm Parts/Consum	0	0	250	282	300	-50		
		480 Firearms/Annun/Weap	50,699	34,710	37,350	325	37,350	0		
		770 Radio Comm Equip	150	5,902	15,000	0	15,000	0		
		810 Laboratory Equipment	110	515	500	0	500	0		
		841 Acq Computer Equip	15,115	19,879	16,500	1,043	30,943	-14,443		
		842 Acq of Software	120	335	0	0	0	0		
		860 Investigational Aids	3,507	31,354	12,804	0	13,500	-696		
		910 Ofc Machines/Equip	2,730	248	1,000	757	1,000	0		
		920 Security Equipment	0	4,615	0	0	0	0		
		S090 ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT Total		107,680	118,632	118,804	41,865	144,993	-26,189	
		S120 OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS		229 CADC	-219	-560	0	0	0	
			580 Other Expenditures	0	3,007	1,000	3,095	5,000	-4,000	
		S120 OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS Total		-219	2,447	1,000	3,095	5,000	-4,000	
		OPERATING Total		2,850,205	3,310,649	3,699,559	2,699,764	3,109,520	590,039	
		CAPITAL								
		S090 ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT		860 Investigational Aids	0	0	26,000	26,001	26,000	0
			890 Vehicles	233,628	131,849	159,000	159,038	159,000	0	
			900 Other Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		S090 ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT Total		233,628	131,849	185,000	185,039	185,000	0	
		CAPITAL Total		233,628	131,849	185,000	185,039	185,000	0	
	CREDITS TO CP									
	S020 TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS		050 Travel	0	-24	0	0	0	0	
	S020 TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS Total		0	-24	0	0	0	0		
	S03 INFORMATION		130 Publication Services	-157	0	0	0	0	0	
	S03 INFORMATION Total		-157	0	0	0	0	0		
	S070 UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES		540 Supp & Sundry Equip	-153	0	0	0	0	0	
	S070 UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES Total		-153	0	0	0	0	0		
	CREDITS TO CP Total		-309	-24	0	0	0	0		
Cost Shared Total			3,083,524	3,442,474	3,884,559	2,884,803	3,294,520	590,039		
Chargeable at 100%	OPERATING									
	S010 PERSONNEL		010 Pay - PS	143,833	99,741	138,785	60,040	70,127	68,658	
			011 Overtime - PS	883	6,344	0	0	0	0	
		S010 PERSONNEL Total		144,716	106,084	138,785	60,040	70,127	68,658	
	S040 PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICES		170 Cont Svcs-Real Prop	166,985	132,143	135,182	108,373	135,182	0	
			213 Corps of Commission	40,058	73,605	75,000	78,432	90,000	-15,000	
		S040 PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICES Total		207,044	205,748	210,182	186,805	225,182	-15,000	
	S050 RENTALS		240 Rental Land/Bld/Wrks	0	0	0	9,152	0	0	
		S050 RENTALS Total		0	0	0	9,152	0	0	
	S060 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE		310 Repair Bldgs & Works	12,732	59,861	61,238	22,772	31,238	30,000	
		S060 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE Total		12,732	59,861	61,238	22,772	31,238	30,000	
	S070 UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES		400 Utility Svcs/Heating	31,765	33,275	34,041	22,608	34,041	0	
		S070 UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES Total		31,765	33,275	34,041	22,608	34,041	0	
	S090 ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT		830 Furniture & Fixtures	0	0	0	0	7,000	-7,000	
		S090 ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT Total		0	0	0	0	7,000	-7,000	
	S120 OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS		570 Prisoners' Expenses	1,562	554	1,000	2,234	2,500	-1,500	
			592 Pymts in Lieu of Tax	9,393	9,393	10,145	0	10,145	0	
		S120 OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS Total		10,955	9,948	11,145	2,234	12,645	-1,500	
		OPERATING Total		407,213	414,916	455,391	303,610	380,233	75,158	
		CREDITS TO CP								
	S120 OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS		570 Prisoners' Expenses	-195	0	0	0	0	0	
		S120 OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS Total		-195	0	0	0	0	0	
		CREDITS TO CP Total		-195	0	0	0	0	0	
Chargeable at 100% Total			407,017	414,916	455,391	303,610	380,233	75,158		
Grand Total			3,490,541	3,857,389	4,339,950	3,188,413	3,674,753	665,197		

Manual Adjustments								
Row Labels	VOTE	Text	2024 Final	2025 Final	Budget	Actual YTD	Forecast	Variance
Cost Shared	(blank)	Body Worn Cameras – Implementation Phase - Credit	0	-4,355	0	0	0	0
Cost Shared	OPERATING	PAYE	29,922	0	0	0	0	0
Cost Shared Total			29,922	-4,355	0	0	0	0
Grand Total			29,922	-4,355	0	0	0	0

Indirect Expenditures								
BILLABLE_MUNICIPAL	Category	SubCategory	2024 Final	2025 Final	Budget	Actual YTD	Forecast	Variance
Cost Shared	Category 1: Pension Insurance	Canada Pension Plan	69,509	77,672	93,563	73,551	79,639	13,924
		Company Pension: RM/CM Pensionable Salaries	403,548	500,243	587,939	397,748	434,028	153,911
		Member Employment Insurance	21,394	23,197	27,944	20,887	22,615	5,328
		PS/Reservists Employment Insurance	28	0	0	0	0	0
	Category 1: Pension Insurance Total		494,480	601,112	709,446	492,187	536,282	173,163
	Category 2: Support Programs	Divisional Administration	931,757	971,235	1,185,074	760,874	823,851	361,223
		Enhanced Reporting and Accountability	2,216	2,292	2,694	2,008	2,175	519
		Legal Advisory Services	3,827	3,911	4,665	3,478	3,766	899
	Category 2: Support Programs Total		937,800	977,438	1,192,433	766,361	829,792	362,641
	Category 3: National Programs	Body Worn Cameras	0	21,773	56,540	34,773	37,651	18,889
		Cadet Training Program	85,682	94,424	117,282	85,522	92,601	24,681
		Recruiting	26,524	31,768	43,912	31,411	34,010	9,902
	Category 3: National Programs Total		112,207	147,964	217,734	151,706	164,262	53,472
	Category 5: Other Capital Cost Recoveries	Police Reporting and Occurrence System	13,851	16,870	19,977	14,681	15,896	4,081
	Category 5: Other Capital Cost Recoveries Total		13,851	16,870	19,977	14,681	15,896	4,081
	Category 6: Other Government Departments	Civilian Review & Complaints Commission	15,155	16,167	19,000	14,166	15,338	3,662
		Shared Services Canada, Windsor - West Hants	8,063	6,980	6,980	6,398	6,980	0
	Category 6: Other Government Departments Total		23,219	23,147	25,980	20,564	22,318	3,662
Cost Shared Total			1,581,556	1,766,533	2,165,570	1,445,498	1,568,551	597,020
Chargeable at 100%	Category 1: Pension Insurance	Canada Pension Plan	7,621	5,933	8,506	4,108	4,484	4,022
		Company Pension: PS Employees Pensionable Salaries	13,586	9,317	12,907	5,768	6,522	6,385
		PS/Reservists Employment Insurance	2,825	2,115	3,031	1,397	1,524	1,507
	Category 1: Pension Insurance Total		24,033	17,365	24,444	11,273	12,530	11,914
	Category 4: Accommodations	Cost of Accommodation, Windsor - West Hants	103,604	103,604	103,604	91,696	100,032	3,573
	Category 4: Accommodations Total		103,604	103,604	103,604	91,696	100,032	3,573
Chargeable at 100% Total			127,637	120,969	128,048	102,968	112,562	15,486
Grand Total			1,709,193	1,887,502	2,293,619	1,548,466	1,681,113	612,506

FTEs								
Employee Category	Employee_Type	Employee Subcategory	2024 Final	2025 Final	Budget	Actual YTD	Forecast	Variance
Member	CM	Civilian Member	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	RM	Regular Member	18.13	18.72	22.00	16.40	17.76	4.24
		Reservist	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Member Total			18.15	18.72	22.00	16.40	17.76	4.24
PSE	PS	Indeterminate	1.99	1.43	2.00	0.92	1.00	1.00
PSE Total			1.99	1.43	2.00	0.92	1.00	1.00
Grand Total			20.14	20.15	24.00	17.32	18.76	5.24

Summary							2025 Final	Budget
2024 Final						Actual YTD	Forecast	
						Variance		
Cost Shared	Direct Expenditures	OPERATING	2,850,205	3,310,649	3,699,559	2,699,764	3,109,520	590,039
		CAPITAL	233,628	131,849	185,000	185,039	185,000	0
		CREDITS TO CP	-309	-24	0	0	0	0
		NON-RESPONDABLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
		ADJUSTMENTS	29,922	-4,355	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL DIRECT		3,113,446	3,438,119	3,884,559	2,884,803	3,294,520	590,039
	TOTAL INDIRECT		1,581,556	1,766,533	2,165,570	1,445,498	1,568,551	597,020
TOTAL COST SHARED			4,695,003	5,204,651	6,050,129	4,330,301	4,863,071	1,187,059
Chargeable at 100%	Direct Expenditures	OPERATING	407,213	414,916	455,391	303,610	380,233	75,158
		CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
		CREDITS TO CP	-195	0	0	0	0	0
		NON-RESPONDABLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
		ADJUSTMENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL DIRECT		407,017	414,916	455,391	303,610	380,233	75,158
	TOTAL INDIRECT		127,637	120,969	128,048	102,968	112,562	15,486
TOTAL CHARGEABLE AT 100%			534,654	535,885	583,439	406,578	492,795	90,644
Partner Share			4,760,157	5,220,071	6,028,555	4,303,849	4,869,559	1,158,997

4. CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service Include unfounded and unsubstantiated Criminal Code, Federal & Provincial Statutes as well as Assistance to other agencies and by-law enforcement within West Hants District. Calls for service also includes those investigations managed by the Street Crime Enforcement Unit funded by the province through the Additional Officer Program.

2024/2025 FY To Date	2025/2026 1 st Quarter	2025/2026 2 nd Quarter	2025/2026 3 rd Quarter	2025/2026 4 th Quarter	2025/2026 Total
4794	1,757	1,948	1,634	1,506	6,845

2020/2021 FY Total	2021/2022 FY Total	2022/2023 FY Total	2023/2024 FY Total	2024/2025 FY Total
4,598	4,998	5,290	5,097	6,208

5. QUARTERLY CRIME STATISTICS

Caveat for the following Data Tables:

All data are working data and are subject to change through ongoing investigations and data quality measures.

*Statistics represent first line scoring, consistent with Stats Can. Files marked unfounded and unsubstantiated have been removed. Files marked insufficient evidence to proceed are **included**.*

Detachment information is parsed from the "Notes" field in the PROS data. If the location was not properly entered in this field, the stat will not be included in the dashboards.

Traffic stats and stats coded to Traffic Units have been removed.



West Hants
Quarterly Statistics

Includes Street Crime Enforcement Unit (SCEU) and Traffic Services

Protected "A"

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	2026	2025	Amount of Change
	Q4	Q4	
	Current	Previous	
Crimes Against Persons			
Offences Related to Death	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	12	11	1
Assault	37	30	7
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	3	-3
Robbery	1	0	1
Extortion/Intimidation	0	0	0
Criminal Harassment	8	8	0
Indecent Harassing Comm.	20	8	12
Uttering Threats	17	14	3
Property Crime			
Arson	1	3	-2
Break and Enter	9	9	0
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	1	2	-1
Theft Over	1	1	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	3	0	3
Theft of Other MV/Motorcycle	0	0	0
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0	0
Theft Under	39	16	23
Shoplifting	23	12	11
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	3	3	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	1	-1
Possession of Stolen Goods	7	3	4
Fraud	17	27	-10
Identity Theft	0	1	-1
Mischief	59	48	11
Drug Enforcement			
Possession	2	6	-4
Trafficking	4	7	-3
Import/Export	0	0	0
Production	0	0	0
Other	3	2	1



West Hants
Quarterly Statistics

Protected "A"

Includes Street Crime Enforcement Unit (SCEU) and Traffic Services

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	2026	2025	Amount of Change
	Q4	Q4	
	Current	Previous	
Traffic			
Dangerous Op of MV	2	4	-2
Distracted Driving	2	1	1
Impaired by Alcohol	15	20	-5
Impaired by Drug	0	0	0
Failure/Refusal	4	2	2
Driving while Disqualified	17	17	0
Fail to Stop or Remain	5	9	-4
Seatbelt Violation	1	2	-1
Intersection Violation	27	22	5
Speeding Violation	293	260	33
Insurance Violation	12	8	4
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	9	2	7
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	2	1	1
Collision - Fatal	0	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	4	2	2
Collision - Reportable	58	55	3
Collision - Non Reportable	30	26	4
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	1	0	1
Municipal By-laws	3	0	3
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	183	175	8
Other Traffic Related Duties	7	8	-1
Checkstop	29	65	-36
Other			
911 Call	11	28	-17
Breach of Court Order	15	30	-15
Liquor Act	7	5	2
Mental Health Act	63	46	17
Missing Person	6	6	0
Municipal Bylaw - Other	3	2	1
Other	239	200	39
Sudden Death	4	12	-8
Suspicious P V P	56	53	3
Wellbeing Check	55	67	-12
Trespass At Night	2	2	0
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	1,446	1,355	91
Total Occurrences*	1,506	1,411	95

**Includes Unfounded and Unsubstantiated*

6. ROAD SAFETY REPORT

- West Hants RCMP Members conducted 29 check stops at various locations throughout West Hants during this quarter.
- West Hants RCMP Members issued 110 summary offence tickets and 155 written warnings during this quarter.
- Members responded to 92 motor vehicle collisions during this quarter, including one off-highway vehicle crash. This was down significantly from the 121 collisions last quarter. As with last quarter, five collisions resulted in injuries, including the off-highway vehicle crash. The remaining 87 collisions resulted in property damage only, 30 of which were non-reportable (damage under \$2,000). Overall, the collision numbers were much better than Q3, and roughly on par with Q4 of 2024-2025 in which we had 84 collisions in total.
- West Hants members apprehended and charged 12 individuals for operating a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. They also issued 11 roadside suspensions for driving after consuming alcohol or drugs below criminal thresholds.



7. GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION

- West Hants GIS member Cst. Trenholm took responsibility for a number of significant investigations including distributing intimate images without consent and assaults.
- Cst. Trenholm also assisted West Hants General Duty members with numerous investigations including the alleged creation of written child pornography at a local school. He participated in subject interviews in a joint investigation with Child Services of possible child abuse and helped prepare judicial authorizations (search warrants and production orders) for several criminal investigations.

8. SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE OFFICER

Our West Hants SSRO, Cst. Richard Collins, is currently off-duty so the General Duty members are covering his commitments with the West Hants Schools.





9. STREET CRIME ENFORCEMENT UNIT (SCEU) (PROVINCIAL)

- Integration of West Hants SCEU into SWN SCEU is now complete. SCEU is deployed as a SWN resource targeting mid-level organized crime specifically.
- This Quarter our SCEU members assisted with a number of significant investigations across Southwest Nova while still furthering their own local investigations. Both also assisted with a number of local general duty investigations, in uniform.

10. WEST HANTS POLICE ADVISORY BOARD PRIORITY INITIATIVES

- Rural Visibility/Police Presence – Increase visibility in rural areas of West Hants
 - Proactive patrols continue to be assigned for specific rural areas of West Hants during peak times with a focus on Road Safety & Crime Prevention through visibility.

11. SIGNIFICANT / NOTEWORTHY INVESTIGATIONS

Some significant and noteworthy items this past quarter include the following:

- There were 11 reports of break & enters this quarter, down from 18 in Q3. One file is still under investigation, two victims declined to proceed with the investigation, and two reports were determined to be unfounded. There was insufficient evidence to proceed with the remaining investigations.
- West Hants Detachment investigated six incidents of individuals reported missing during this quarter, all of whom were found safe. The first missing persons case of the new year was a particularly frightening one; two small kids put on their boots and walked into the woods shortly before supper time on a cold January day. The responding RCMP members called out the cavalry and raced to the scene, only to find a family friend returning with the two kids on his ATV. I was at home and in the process of getting a Ground Search and Rescue team rolling when that occurred, so I can confirm it was a major relief for all concerned.
- West Hants Detachment responded to 55 wellbeing checks during this quarter. These calls include instances of family asking for checks on a relative they can't reach, helpline workers concerned about a caller, and concerned citizens reporting unhoused people outside in bad weather.

- Twelve sexual offences were reported during this quarter. There was one instance where charges were laid, three files are still under investigation, one was deemed unfounded, one victim decided not to proceed further, and in the remaining cases there was insufficient evidence to proceed.
- Members conducted five human death investigations during this quarter, down significantly from twelve in Q3. None were deemed suspicious.
- Members responded to 63 calls for service related to individuals experiencing mental health crisis, thankfully down a fair bit from the whopping 81 in Q3.
- West Hants RCMP continues to engage with partners committed to a consistent approach to managing homelessness in West Hants. Cpl. Travis MacDonald and I met with representatives from the POSSE organization again this quarter and discussed strategies for working together more effectively.
- I attended meetings with the Windsor Business Association to discuss and address issues that impact the business community and the downtown core.
- I also attended several meetings of the West Hants Diverse, Inclusive, and Equitable Communities Committee this quarter. Productive discussions were held and work was completed on initiatives to make policies, workplaces, and events in West Hants more inclusive, safe, and representative.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report or any other community matters, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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