WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Police Advisory Board Meeting Agenda
October 19, 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) April 20, 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 January 18, 2027, at 6 pm.

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1. Call Meeting to Order - Chair Morton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Attendance - Councillor Paul Morton, Councillor Rupert Jannasch (ZOOM), Jane Davis, Guide Furlani (ZOOM), Carla Rafuse, Mark Phillips (CAO), Cpl. Travis MacDonald, and Deanna Snair. There were no members of the public in the gallery.

3. Announcements - Chair Morton provided the Land Acknowledgment.

4. Approval of the Agenda

   MOVED BY CARLA RAFUSE AND JANE DAVIS THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNAMIOUSLY

5. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest - None

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
   a) April 20, 2026 Police Advisory Board Minutes

   MOVED BY CARLA RAFUSE AND JANE DAVIS THAT THE APRIL 20, 2026 POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNAMIOUSLY

7. Presentations – None

8. Business Arising from the Minutes / Old Business
   a) Strategy Planning Workshop - CAO Phillips stated he and S/Sgt Nugent have not met to set dates for the Strategic Workshop; this will need to be done.

9. Reports
   a) West Hants Quarterly Report

   Cpl. Travis MacDonald provided a high-level overview of the 2026/2027 Fiscal-Year Second Quarter report (July – September 2026).
   Key highlights included the Street Crime Enforcement Team previously assigned to the district have been restructured, with two members now dedicated to focusing on priorities within West Hants. Their efforts over the coming months will be concentrated on issues affecting the local area.
   The former School Liaison Officer position, previously held by Richard Collins, was a provincially funded role that has transitioned into a position within the Street Crime Enforcement Team. Responsibility for school-related matters has been assumed by the local detachment. Team leaders and members have been assigned specific schools and were responsible for conducting visits, supporting safety planning initiatives, and reviewing lockdown procedures. Members

were already handling criminal complaints involving schools prior to this change, so service delivery in that area was not expected to be impacted.

Statistics indicate an increase in calls for service; however, staffing levels have been sufficient to manage the additional workload. The detachment currently has only one member away from duty, which has helped alleviate pressure associated with the higher call volume.

As part of the annual performance plan, the detachment has identified two key priorities:

1. *Traffic Enforcement*: Enhanced enforcement efforts were being focused on two areas of public concern, including Falmouth. Action plans have been developed, and progress was being regularly reported against established objectives.
2. *Crime Reduction Through Prolific Offender Enforcement:* Recognizing that a small number of individuals were responsible for a significant proportion of criminal activity, the detachment was concentrating resources on prolific offenders. A Warrant Apprehension and Prolific Offender Team was established and conducted three operations during October. Members sought 25 individuals wanted on endorsed and unendorsed warrants, attended 24 separate locations, and successfully located six wanted offenders. Among those apprehended were a prolific property crime offender and a convicted sex offender. Eight outstanding warrants were cleared, which was considered a strong result during the initial phase of the initiative. Efforts continue to locate another prolific property crime offender through judicially authorized investigative measures. This dedicated team has provided members the opportunity to focus specifically on these enforcement efforts.

The detachment also highlighted the success of its foot patrol initiative. Local businesses have provided positive feedback regarding the increased police visibility and the impact it has had within the community. Given the strong community response, RCMP intends to continue the program while balancing demands on frontline resources.

<u>Discussion Points</u>

- *Bike Patrols:* The possibility of reintroducing bike patrols was discussed. While the detachment has bicycles available, RCMP policy requires specialized training related to bicycle operations, including offender apprehension procedures and officer safety. Currently, only one or two members possess the required training, making deployment challenging. RCMP indicated that expanding bike patrol capacity remains under consideration and that opportunities to train additional members will be explored. Bike patrols were identified as a potential tool to increase officer visibility, particularly within the downtown business district.
- *Foot Patrols in Hantsport:* Questions were raised regarding the possibility of implementing foot patrols in Hantsport. While foot patrols have not been introduced there, RCMP indicated that the approach used in Windsor could potentially be expanded to Hantsport if there was community interest. It was noted that members respond to calls for service as a priority; however, efforts were being made to encourage newer members to adopt a more proactive policing approach in identified areas of concern, including Hantsport. The detachment acknowledged ongoing concerns within the community and advised that enforcement and crime reduction efforts were already underway. One challenge identified was Hantsport's location near district boundaries,

which can make it easier for individuals from neighbouring areas to enter and leave the community quickly. RCMP suggested that targeted foot patrols during specific times of concern may be beneficial in increasing police presence and crime prevention efforts within the community.

- *Windsor Foot Patrols:* Discussion highlighted the positive impact of foot patrols within the Town of Windsor. RCMP advised that the increased police presence has been effective in deterring unwanted activity, as members were specifically targeting areas where concerns had been identified. Simply having officers visible and actively walking through the community was viewed as a significant deterrent, encouraging some individuals to reconsider engaging in disruptive or criminal behaviour. Foot patrols helped reduce loitering and gatherings that were negatively affecting local businesses and creating concerns for customers. The majority of complaints had been concentrated in the area surrounding Tim Hortons, where businesses and residents had reported ongoing issues.

10. New Business

a) Speeding in Falmouth and Three Mile Plains

Additional enforcement efforts will be directed toward addressing these issues. While significant policing resources were dedicated throughout the year to major events, including the Exhibition and other community activities, the detachment's traffic enforcement action plan will provide a more structured approach to targeting areas where speeding concerns have been identified. As resources become available, officers will be assigned to focused enforcement activities in priority locations. RCMP also noted that recent staffing changes have created some challenges, as many new recruits arriving from Depot have not yet completed radar certification training. Arrangements will be made to ensure these members receive the required training. The detachment further advised that partnerships with RCMP Traffic Services may be utilized to support local enforcement efforts and increase police presence in areas of concern. Effective traffic enforcement requires a balance between deterrence and education, with the objective of encouraging safer driving behaviours while addressing speeding complaints raised by residents.

b) Handling Complaints About Camping on Provincial/Municipal Lands

Concerns related to individuals living rough on municipal property would be addressed by the Municipality through its By-Law Enforcement Officers. Where encampments or related concerns were identified on private, provincial, or federal lands, the Municipality's role was limited by jurisdiction. In such cases, the Municipality would communicate the concern to the appropriate property owner or government authority for review and action as required within their respective jurisdiction.

Along the Hants Shore, between Upper Burlington and Walton, there were a combination of municipal properties, provincial beaches, and Crown lands. During the summer months, concerns were raised regarding campers occupying locations such as Hobart's Beach, the Quarry, provincial beaches, and areas at the end of Ocean Beach Road. These complaints often

occurred on weekends, and there was uncertainty regarding which agency was responsible for enforcement and response.

For provincial beaches and provincial park properties, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Conservation Officers and Park Wardens have primary authority and were the appropriate first point of contact. They were responsible for enforcing regulations within these areas and responding to concerns related to unauthorized camping and other park-related issues. The RCMP may provide assistance and support when required but were not the lead agency for these matters.

Where beaches or coastal areas were Crown lands managed by the Province and accessible to the public, the Department of Natural Resources should be contacted first, as they were responsible for the management and oversight of Crown lands. The RCMP may become involved if there were public safety concerns, enforcement matters beyond DNR's authority, or if assistance was requested by provincial officials.

11. Correspondence – None

12. Public Participation – None

13. In-Camera – None

14. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment - Next meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2027, at 6 pm.

MOVED BY JANE DAVIS AND CARLA RAFUSE THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN AT 6:24 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNAMIOUSLY