



Committee of the Whole Meeting

May 12, 2026

Location: Richmond Room & Council Chambers

Present: Warden Lois Landry, Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Councillor Brent Sampson, Councillor Brian Marchand, Councillor Shawn Samson

Staff: Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

1. Call to Order

Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

2. In Camera

Moved Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded Councillor Shawn Samson, that the meeting move to an in camera session at 6:13 p.m.

Motion carried.

a) Legal

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, that the meeting revert to regular session at 7:11 p.m.

Motion carried.

3. Opening Acknowledgement

The Warden reconvened the regular session in Council Chambers at 7:13 p.m. and made the following opening acknowledgment:

We are gathered today on Unama'ki, the Land of Fog, a part of Mi'kma'ki, the unceded traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people, since time immemorial. We honour and thank the Mi'kmaq for sharing their land and home with us.

4. Recommendations from In Camera (if applicable)

There were no recommendations from the in camera session.

5. Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda)

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.



6. Review of Minutes – April 14, 2026

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the minutes of the April 14, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

Motion carried.

7. Presentations:

a) Matt Campbell, Deloitte, Strait of Canso Domestic Use Clean Fuels Strategy: Final Report

Matt Campbell and Jennifer Rocard of Deloitte, Phil Nash of WESI, and Martin Thomsen, Manager of Energy Sector Development with the Municipality of the County of Richmond and the Town of Port Hawkesbury, presented the Strait of Canso Domestic Use Clean Fuels Strategy presentation.

8. Warden, Re:

a) Review of Warden's Council Report – April 2026

For information only.

9. CAO, Re:

a) Administration Operations Report

For information only.

10. Community Acknowledgements

For information only.

11. Correspondence

a) Action Required

i. Letter from Glenda Kipp, Manager of Home and Community Care, Victoria Order of Nurses, Re: VON Week proclamation request

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden

Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to proclaim May 17- 23, 2026, as VON Week in Richmond County.

Motion carried.

ii. Email from Blair Sampson, Beekeeper, Richmond County, Re: No Mow May Campaign

A discussion ensued, and it was the consensus of the Committee to reaffirm its support for the No Mow May Campaign and to encourage residents to consider observing the initiative.



- b) For Information Only
- i. Letter from the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) to the Eastern District Planning Commission, Re: Coastal Planning Support Program
 - ii. Letter from the Honourable John A. MacDonald to NSFM, Re: 12-Month Notice of changes for the 2027-2028 fiscal year
 - iii. Letter from Derek Amalfa, Mayor, Town of Lockeport, to the Honourable Tim Houston, Re: Request for five-year freeze on power rates and exploration of public ownership of Nova Scotia Power
 - iv. Letter from Jim Cavanagh, Fire Chief, Port Hastings Volunteer Fire Department, Re: Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport Management Committee Update
12. Review of Cheques Issued Re:
- a) April 2026
For information only.
13. Review of Action Items
- a) Action Items
For information only.
14. Items Added to the Agenda
- n/a
15. 15 Minute Question Period - (902) 226-9885
- Jim Cavanagh, Fire Chief of the Port Hastings Volunteer Fire Department, addressed Council regarding the questions raised in his letter to Council.
- a) Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct the Warden to write a letter to the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport Management Committee recommending that emergency services representation be included on the committee.
Motion carried.
 - b) Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct the Warden to forward the correspondence from Jim Cavanagh, Fire Chief of the Port Hastings Volunteer Fire Department, to the Allan J.



MacEachen Regional Airport Management Committee, with a request that the items raised be placed on the agenda for discussion at an upcoming committee meeting.

Motion carried.

Paul Shears addressed Council, suggesting that the Municipality of the County of Richmond's Emergency Services Coordinator be included in the discussions. The Warden acknowledged the suggestion and noted that there is also discussion happening with the new Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO).

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Chairperson

Municipal Clerk