



Committee of the Whole Meeting

June 9, 2026

Location: Council Chambers

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

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

Regrets: Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette

1. Call to Order

Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Opening Acknowledgement

The Warden made the following opening acknowledgement:

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.

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

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

4. Review of Minutes – May 12, 2026

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the minutes of the May 12, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

Motion carried.

5. Presentations:

- a) Tom Kozlowski, Coastal Engineer, CBCL, Re: Extreme Storm Event Flood Hazard Mapping for Point Tupper

Tom Kozlowski presented the Extreme Storm Event Flood Hazard Mapping for Point Tupper presentation.



6. New Business

a) Isle Madame Boat Club sponsorship request for \$1,000

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Isle Madame Boat Club sponsorship request in the amount of \$1,000, to be allocated from the Sponsorship Fund.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the main motion be amended to reduce the sponsorship amount to \$500. Motion carried with three (3) in favour and one (1) opposed. (No: Councillor Shawn Samson)

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Isle Madame Boat Club sponsorship request in the amount of \$500, to be allocated from the Sponsorship Fund.

Motion carried with three (3) in favour and one (1) opposed. (No: Councillor Shawn Samson)

b) La Société du Festival Acadien de Petit-de-Grat grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for \$1,000

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the La Société du Festival Acadien de Petit-de-Grat grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000, to be allocated as follows: \$250 from the District 1 Fund, \$250 from the District 2 Fund, and \$500 from the Regional Fund.

Motion carried.

c) Kitchen Rackets Organization - Celtic Colours International Festival grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for \$500

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Kitchen Rackets Organization - Celtic Colours International Festival grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$500, to be allocated from the District 4 Fund.

Motion carried.



- d) Kitchen Rackets Organization grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for \$500

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Kitchen Rackets Organization grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$500, to be allocated from the District 4 Fund.

Motion carried.

Warden Lois Landry provided an update regarding the Tier 2 - Community Grant Funds approved for the St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum. The approval was contingent on provincial funding being secured by September 30. The Club has since advised the Municipality that its provincial funding application was not approved.

Councillor Brent Sampson declared a conflict of interest regarding the St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum, grant request for the Tier 2 - Community Grant Funds, and left the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to rescind the motion granting funding in the amount of \$7,500 to the St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum, as their provincial funding application was not approved.

Motion carried.

Councillor Brent Sampson returned to the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

- e) Lakeside Community Association grant request for the Tier 2 - Community Grant Funds for \$7,500

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Lakeside Community Association grant request for the Tier 2 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$7,500, to be allocated as follows: \$500 from the District 4 Fund and \$7,000 from the Regional Fund.

Motion carried.



- f) Royal Canadian Legion Branch 150 sponsorship request for \$1,500
Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 150 sponsorship request for \$1,500, to be allocated from the Sponsorship Fund.
Motion carried.
- g) Louisdale Lions Club grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for \$1,000
Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Louisdale Lions Club grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000, to be allocated as follows: \$500 from the District 3 Fund and \$500 from the Regional Fund.
Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the main motion be amended to allocate funds as follows: \$750 from the District 3 Fund and \$250 from the Regional Fund.
Motion carried.
Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Louisdale Lions Club grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000, to be allocated as follows: \$750 from the District 3 Fund and \$250 from the Regional Fund.
Motion carried.
- h) New Horizons Senior Citizens Club grant request for the Tier 2 - Community Grant Funds for \$7,320
Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the New Horizons Senior Citizens Club grant request for the Tier 2 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$3,195, to be allocated as follows: \$600 from the District 1 Fund, \$595 from the District 2 Fund, and \$2,000 from the Regional Fund.
Motion carried.



- i) River Bourgeois Mariner Society grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for \$1,000

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the River Bourgeois Mariner Society grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$750, to be allocated as follows: \$500 from the District 4 Fund and \$250 from the Regional Fund.

Motion carried.

- j) Lennox Passage Yacht Club grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for \$1,000

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Lennox Passage Yacht Club grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000, to be allocated as follows: \$300 from the District 1 Fund, \$300 from the District 2 Fund, and \$400 from the Regional Fund.

Motion carried.

7. Warden, Re:

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

For information only.

- b) Budget Committee

A discussion ensued regarding the establishment of a Budget Committee. It was noted that budget deliberations may be better suited to a committee structure, allowing for more focused discussion outside of Special Council meetings.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to refer the discussion on the Terms of Reference for a Budget Committee to the By-law/Policy Committee.

Motion carried.

- c) Attachments to Cheques to Community Groups

A discussion ensued regarding attachments included with cheques issued to community groups. Following discussion, the Committee agreed that the



content and any attachments accompanying cheques to community groups be left to the discretion of the Warden.

d) Policy, Re: Trail and waterfront development fund allocations

A discussion ensued regarding applications to the Trail and Waterfront Development Fund. Following discussion, the Committee agreed that staff will continue to administer and process trail applications, and that waterfront development funding applications will continue to come to Council for review and consideration.

8. CAO, Re:

a) Administration Operations Report

For information only.

9. Community Acknowledgements

For information only.

10. Correspondence

a) Action Required

n/a

b) For Information Only

- i. MOCR letter to the Honourable Scott Armstrong, Minister of Justice, Re: Mi'kmaw versions of Public Awareness Posters
- ii. MOCR letter to the Allen J. MacEachen Regional Airport Management Committee, Re: Request for agenda item – Correspondence from Port Hastings Volunteer Fire Department
- iii. MOCR letter to the Allen J. MacEachen Regional Airport Management Committee, Re: Emergency services representation on the Airport Management Committee
- iv. MOCR letter to Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton, Town of Port Hawkesbury, Re: Annual contribution toward the operation of the SAERC pool
- v. MOCR letter of support to Kevin MacEachern, Acadia Broadcasting, regarding the work being undertaken to explore economic development opportunities related to Canada's defence, security, and marine sectors.
- vi. MOCR letter to Terry Doyle, CAO, Town of Port Hawkesbury, Re: Annual contribution to the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport
- vii. New Dawn Enterprises, Trustee Program



viii. Raising the Villages Annual Spring Health Fair Update

ix. Richmond County Warden's Monthly Newsletter (May and June)

11. Review of Cheques Issued Re:

a) May 2026

For information only.

12. Review of Action Items

a) Action Items

For information only.

13. Items Added to the Agenda

n/a

14. 15 Minute Question Period - (902) 226-9885

There were no questions.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Chairperson

Municipal Clerk