THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF RICHMOND
LA MUNICIPALITÉ DU COMTÉ DE

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Council Chambers - 7:00 p.m.
AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Election of Warden**
3. **Election of Deputy Warden**
4. **Opening Acknowledgement**
5. **O'Canada**
6. **Roll Call of Councillors**
7. **Items Added to the Agenda** (Approval of Agenda)
8. **Review of Minutes, Re:**
   a) September 24, 2026, Special Meeting
   b) September 22, 2026, Regular Council
9. **Question Period:**
   - Restricted to items on the Committee Reports
   - Phone: (902) 226-9885 (see question period details below)
10. **Committee Reports:**
    a) Committee of the Whole Report
       i. Fourchu Development Association grant application for the Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $700
       ii. Framboise Community Centre grant application for the Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $500
       iii. Lennox Passage Yacht Club grant application for the Tier 3 Waterfront Development Grant Funds in the amount of $10,000
       iv. Our Lady of Assumption Columbarium – Diocese of Antigonish grant application for the Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $7,500
       v. Councillors' Payment Policy
       vi. Cost-share agreement on the paving of subdivision (J Class) streets – 2027-28 construction season

vii. Resident request for a crosswalk in the Village of St. Peter's

viii. Cape Breton Partnership, Re: Richmond County Economic Development Service Model, Impact Snapshot, and Activity Update

ix. Sharing of the Everwind Engagement Sessions when it is made available

b) By-law/Policy Committee Report

i. Halloween Policy

c) Recreation Advisory Committee Report

i. Staff report on serviced municipal properties available for a multi-use facility

d) Fire Protection Services Committee Report

i. Dry hydrant installation

ii. Explore insurance pricing

iii. Emergency Services Fund Application

iv. Fire Protection Services Committee Terms of Reference

11. Warden, Re:

a) Council for a Day Contest – Municipal Awareness Week - Update

b) Proposed Development in Point Tupper Heavy Industrial Park - Data Centre

i. Speaking notes from event on October 16, 2026

ii. Feedback from residents

iii. Communicating with Council

12. Correspondence

a) Action Required

i. n/a

b) For Information Purposes

i. MOCR letter to Brad Harrison, Area Manager, Nova Scotia Department of Public Works, Re: Request for Sidewalk near East Richmond Education Centre

ii. Letter from Julissa Stewart to the Town of Port Hawkesbury, Re: EverWind data centre campus announcement

iii. Letter from the Honourable Scott Armstrong, MLA, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Re: New billing framework for municipalities that receive RCMP policing services

iv. Letter from the Board of Directors of the Seniors Take Action Coalition (STAC), Re: Appreciation for recognizing STAC through the volunteer recognition program

13. Unfinished Business

a) Letter from Nova Scotia Department of Public Works, Re: Cost-share agreement on the paving of subdivision (J Class) streets – 2027-28 construction season

14. Review of Action Items

15. Items Added to the Agenda

16. Question Period

- Restricted to the remainder of the agenda following the Committee Reports
- Phone: (902) 226-9885 (see question period details below)

17. Adjournment

Question Period Details

Phone In: (902) 226-9885

At each Question Period, members of the public may ask questions without prior notice about the agenda items specified for that Question Period. A maximum of ten (10) minutes is set aside for Question Period. Anyone wishing to ask a question, either in person or by phone, must identify themselves before asking the question.

Comments must be phrased in the form of a question. Council will hear the question and will answer if appropriate.

No person speaking during Question Period shall:

- Speak disrespectfully
- Use offensive words
- Disobey the rules of order or a decision of the Chair

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Special Meeting

September 24, 2026

Location:	Richmond Room/Council Chambers
Present:	Warden Lois Landry, Councillor Brian Marchand, Councillor Brent Sampson (Virtually), Councillor Shawn Samson
Staff:	Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer, Kathleen Jeffrey, Director of Finance, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk
Regrets:	Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette

1. Call to Order

   Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

   Moved by Deputy Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the agenda be approved.

   Motion carried.

3. In Camera Session

   Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the meeting move to an in camera session at 6:01 p.m.

   Motion carried.

   a) Contract Negotiations, MGA Subsection (22)(2)(e)

   Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the meeting revert to regular session at 6:40 p.m.

   Motion carried.

4. Recommendations from in camera session

   Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council direct the Director of Finance to proceed with Desjardins to complete the Defined Benefit pension plan wind-up process, including the purchase of the required annuities, and that the additional costs required to complete the wind-up be recorded as an unbudgeted expenditure under General Administration – Pension Plan.

   Motion carried.

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5. Audit Committee Report

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee and approve the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2026, with the non-substantive changes as discussed.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee and appoint Doane Grant Thornton as the auditors for the March 31, 2027, fiscal year end.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council adopt the Audit Committee Report for the month of September.

Motion carried.

6. Amendments to the Defined Contribution Pension Plan Rules

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council approve the amendments to the Rules of the Municipality of the County of Richmond Defined Contribution Pension Plan, as requested by the Canada Revenue Agency, with the amendments to be adopted as written in the attached correspondence, effective June 16, 2026.

Motion carried.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Chairperson

Municipal Clerk

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Regular Council Meeting

September 22, 2026

Location:	Richmond Room and Council Chambers
Present:	Warden Lois Landry, Councillor Brent Sampson, Councillor Brian Marchand, Councillor Shawn Samson
Staff:	Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Shelley David, Municipal Clerk
Regrets:	Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette

1. Call to Order

   Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. In Camera Session

   Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the meeting move to an in camera session at 6:30 p.m.

   a) Personnel Matters, MGA, Subsection 22(2)(c)

   Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the meeting revert to regular session at 6:40 p.m.

3. Opening Acknowledgement

   The Warden 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. O'Canada

   Warden Lois Landry asked everyone to stand, if able, for the singing of O'Canada.

5. Roll Call of Councillors

   Troy MacCulloch, CAO, took the roll call of Councillors.

6. Recommendations from In Camera Session

   Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council appoint Julissa Stewart and Kelly Yorke to the Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible (IDEA) Committee, appoint Richard Cotton as an alternate representative to the Strait of Canso Superport Board, and direct staff to

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readvertise the vacancy on the Cape Breton Local Immigration Partnership (CBLIP).

Motion carried.

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

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

8. Review of Minutes, Re:

a) Jun 23, 2026, Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the minutes of the June 23, 2026, Regular Council be adopted.

Motion carried.

b) August 18, 2026, Public Hearing

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the minutes of the August 18, 2026, Public Hearing meeting be adopted.

Motion carried.

c) August 18, 2026, Special Meeting

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the minutes of the August 18, 2026, Special Meeting be adopted.

Motion carried.

d) August 27, 2026, Special Meeting

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the minutes of the August 27, 2026, Special Meeting be adopted.

Motion carried.

9. Question Period:

There were no questions.

10. Committee Reports:

a) Committee of the Whole

i. The Committee discussed the September 8, 2026, meeting

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The Committee met on September 8, 2026. No recommendations were made for Council's consideration.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council adopt the report for the month of September.

Motion carried.

11. Correspondence

a) Action Required:

i. Email from Raising the Village, Re: Request to Change the Use of Previously Approved Funding

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council not allocate the previously approved funding and ask Raising the Village to submit a new application.

Motion carried.

b) For Information Purposes

n/a

12. Review of Action Items

a) Action Items List

For information only.

13. Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

14. Question Period

There were no questions.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Chairperson

Municipal Clerk

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Committee of the Whole Report

October 2026

The Committee met on October 13, 2026.

The Committee discussed the Fourchu Development Association grant application for the Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $700.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Fourchu Development Association grant application for the Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $700, to be allocated from the District 5 Fund.

The Committee discussed the Framboise Community Centre grant application for the Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $500.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Framboise Community Centre grant application for the Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $500, to be allocated from the District 5 Fund.

The Committee discussed the Lennox Passage Yacht Club grant application for the Tier 3 Waterfront Development Grant Funds in the amount of $10,000.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Lennox Passage Yacht Club grant application for the Tier 3 Waterfront Development Grant Funds in the amount of $10,000, to be allocated from the Tier 3 Waterfront Development Grant Funds.

The Committee discussed the Our Lady of Assumption Columbarium – Diocese of Antigonish grant application for the Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $7,500.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Our Lady of Assumption Columbarium – Diocese of Antigonish grant application for the Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $2,000, to be allocated as follows: $1,000 from the District 1 Fund and $1,000 from the District 2 Fund.

The Committee discussed the Councillors' Payment Policy.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and refer the Councillors' Payment Policy to the By-law/Policy Committee for further discussion and review, with no increase to Council remuneration pending the outcome of the review.

The Committee discussed the letter from Nova Scotia Department of Public Works, Re: Cost-share agreement on the paving of subdivision (J Class) streets – 2027-28 construction season.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct staff to bring forward the current road list; make the necessary inquiries regarding planned work on Hospital Road, including opportunities for municipal participation and the possibility of requesting additional work; and report back at the next Council meeting.

The Committee discussed the letter from Jennifer Snowdon regarding the request for a sidewalk.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the matter to the Village of St. Peter's and advise the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works that Council is supportive of the decision coming out of the Village of St. Peter's

The Committee discussed the Cape Breton Partnership Update on the Richmond County Economic Development Service Model, Impact Snapshot and Activities.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and receive the Cape Breton Partnership report.

The Committee discussed publishing the dates and time of EverWind's engagement sessions.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct staff to publish the dates and times of EverWind's engagement sessions on the Municipality's website and social media channels when they become available.

This concludes the Committee of the Whole Report for October 2026, and I move that the report be adopted.

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By-law/Policy Committee Report

October 2026

The Committee met on October 13th, 2026

The Committee discussed the Halloween Policy.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and repeal the Halloween Policy.

This concludes the monthly report of the By-Law/Policy Committee for October 2026, and I move its adoption.

Recreation Advisory

Committee Report

For the Month of October 2026

The Committee met on October 8, 2026.

The Committee discussed serviced land for a multi-use facility.

I move that the Council accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Committee and that staff be directed to prepare a report of potential municipal owned serviced property that may be available to house a multi-use facility.

This concludes the Recreation Advisory Committee report for the month of October 2026, and I move its adoption.

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Fire Protection Services Committee Report

September 2026

The Committee met on September 23rd, 2026.

The Committee discussed potential locations for the next dry hydrant installation.
I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Fire Protection Services Committee and proceed with a dry hydrant installation at McNabs, in the Westside Loch Lomond-Grand River Mouth area.

The Committee discussed bulk insurance.
I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Fire Protection Services Committee and, upon the next insurance renewal, have staff explore insurance pricing and obtain an itemized quote.

The Committee discussed the Emergency Services Fund application.
I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Fire Protection Services Committee and approve a regional approach to the Emergency Services Fund application.

The Committee discussed the new Fire Protection Services Committee Terms of Reference.
I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Fire Protection Services Committee and proceed with the adoption of the new Terms of Reference.

This concludes the report for the Fire Protection Services Committee for September 2026, and I move its adoption.

Memorandum

To: **Richmond County Council**

From: **Lois Landry, Warden**

Date: **October 22, 2026**

RE: **Agenda Item – Proposed Development in Point Tupper Industrial Park – Data Centres**

Speaking Note from event on October 16, 2026

I was asked to speak at EverWind's announcement earlier this month. It is customary for municipal officials to participate in announcements of this kind, just as we did, for instance, at their tub boat christening. I am attaching my speaking notes from that event here. They are also found online under the RESIDENTS tab of our website, in the WARDEN'S NEWSLETTER page.

Good afternoon, everyone.

Premier Houston, MPs Blois and Kelloway, Chief Paul, representatives of EverWind and everyone joining us today — welcome to Richmond County.

It's a pleasure to be here as we learn more about what could be a significant opportunity for our municipality and the Strait Region.

Point Tupper has been part of Nova Scotia's industrial history for more than half a century. Generations of families have built their livelihoods around industries that created jobs, supported local businesses, and strengthened our communities.

While industries have changed, the skills, determination, and experience of the people of this region remain. Today, we're learning about another potential chapter in that history.

The scale of the proposed investment is remarkable. More than $10 billion in planned private investment across the data centre and renewable energy developments represents a remarkable opportunity, particularly for rural communities like ours.

As Warden, though, I look at this through a local lens.

What could it mean for our residents? What opportunities might it create? And how do we ensure our communities and resources are protected while sharing in the benefits?

These are important considerations for Richmond County Council, and today's information gives us reasons to be encouraged.

We're hearing about potential construction and long-term employment, opportunities for local businesses, and infrastructure investment that could support future growth.

For a rural municipality, these possibilities matter. We want young people to see a future here, skilled workers to find opportunities close to home, and local businesses to succeed.

I'm particularly encouraged by the proposed commitment to direct community benefits.

We're hearing about tens of millions of dollars in dedicated community benefits for the first phase alone, with more proposed should the development expand.

For a municipality our size, that is significant. Such an investment could help address priorities like infrastructure, housing, recreation, health, and workforce development.

Equally fundamental to our consideration of this proposal is responsible development.

Richmond County has been clear that a project of this scale must address questions about electricity, water, the environment, and existing infrastructure, with clear answers supported by sound technical evidence.

Today, we've received encouraging information about proposed technology to minimize water consumption, arrangements intended to protect electricity ratepayers, and commitments concerning infrastructure costs and renewable energy generation.

It's encouraging to see federal and provincial expectations reflected in these commitments. Protecting resources, protecting ratepayers, and ensuring meaningful local benefits - align closely with Council's priorities.

Community engagement is also essential.

Residents deserve good information and opportunities to ask questions, express concerns, and understand what this proposal could mean for their communities.

I'm pleased EverWind is planning public information and engagement sessions, and I encourage residents to participate.

Ask questions. Learn about the proposal. Share your concerns and ideas.

Today's announcement should begin a more informed public conversation, not conclude one. Meaningful engagement can identify challenges, strengthen commitments, and ensure local concerns are understood.

I want to acknowledge the federal, provincial, and Mi'kmaw leadership here today, and thank EverWind and its partners for the discussions to date and their recognition of the importance of community benefits.

Richmond County has much to offer — industrial infrastructure, an experienced workforce, and people who care deeply about their communities.

We are open to opportunities that build on those strengths, provided they are developed responsibly, protect the interests of our residents, and deliver meaningful, lasting benefits.

There is still much to learn and important work ahead, but I welcome the opportunity for our community to be part of that conversation.

Thank you, and welcome once again to Richmond County.

Feedback from Residents

I will present information on the volume and type of feedback we have received before end of day Monday, October 26, 2026. This part of my report will be verbal so it can include feedback received just prior to our October 27, 2026 Council meeting day.

Communicating with Council

Again, based on feedback received before end of day on October 26, I'll explain the guidelines I've been following around:

- Use of personal email and social media messengers vs. Council emails
- Messages posted on social media
- Messages that include profanity
- Messages that include threats

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WARDEN

October 14, 2026

Brad Harrison
Area Manager
Inverness South/Richmond County
Department of Public Works
via email

Dear Brad,

Thank you for seeking the Municipality's input regarding the request for a crosswalk near East Richmond Education Centre, as forwarded to both Richmond County and the Village of St. Peter's by MLA Trevor Boudreau.

Given that the proposed crosswalk is located within the Village of St. Peter's, we believe the Village Commission is best positioned to assess the request. The Commission has a more thorough understanding of local traffic patterns, pedestrian activity, and safety concerns within its community.

Accordingly, Richmond County Council will defer to the Village Commission's assessment and support whatever decision it makes regarding the proposed crosswalk.

Thank you for consulting with us on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lois Landry

Lois Landry, Warden
Municipality of the County of Richmond

cc: Esther MacDonnell, Chair, St. Peter's Village Commission
Councillors, Municipality of the County of Richmond
Troy MacCulloch, CAO, Municipality of the County of Richmond
Hon. Trevor Boudreau, MLA for Richmond

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October 19, 2026

Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton and Members of Council
c/o Municipal Clerk / CAO
Town of Port Hawkesbury
606 Reeves Street
Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia B9A 2R7
Via email

Letter to the Town of Port Hawkesbury – Committee of the Whole (October 20, 2026)

Dear Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton and Members of Council,

I am writing as a resident of neighbouring Richmond County, approximately twenty minutes from Point Tupper, to place concerns on the public record regarding the EverWind data centre campus announcement of October 16, 2026, and to request specific actions from this Council at tomorrow's Committee of the Whole.

I attended and spoke at the Port Hawkesbury Council meeting that first placed the project on the public agenda. I also attended the Richmond County Committee of the Whole on October 13. The contrast between those two meetings and the private announcement event three days later is stark and warrants examination.

Timeline and comparison of the two council discussions

Late September 2026:

- Point Tupper data-centre interest first publicly noted.

October 6, 2026 (Port Hawkesbury):

- First formal council discussion. Mayor Chisholm-Beaton introduced general information.
- It could not be confirmed whether the facility would be AI-focused.
- Landrie Lake was identified as the municipal water source with "room for growth," but no spare capacity figure was provided for a data centre.
- Councillor questions about utility capacity and the volume of water that would be "sacrificed" received no numbers.
- EverWind was still working through commercial agreements; no size, customer, or timeline was public. Council noted it would continue seeking information.
- A motion for staff to collect more information, conduct further research, and bring options for next steps was moved, seconded, and carried.

October 13, 2026 (Richmond County Committee of the Whole):

- Warden Landry placed answers to media questions and correspondence on the record, including my October 12 letter raising regulatory gaps, financial risk, digital sovereignty, closed-loop cooling and coolant disposal, and the need for enforceable rules.
- Council directed staff to advertise any confirmed EverWind engagement sessions.
- Discussion again confirmed that no detailed project description was available for public release, that the County did not yet know whether the facility would be AI or conventional, and that most environmental and industrial regulations sit with the province or federal government.
- Water service would require engineered design, a formal utility contract, and volume limits.
- The Warden noted that once shovels are in the ground, addressing concerns becomes harder.
- Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette was not present at this meeting.

October 16, 2026:

- EverWind publicly announced more than $10 billion in planned private investment (approximately $8 billion for the data-centre campus and $2 billion for associated wind), a long-term lease with a leading frontier AI developer (later identified in some reporting as Anthropic), an initial 95 MW phase targeted for late 2027, expansion toward 420 MW, and claims of closed-loop cooling with low water use.
- Preliminary construction activity has been reported. The announcement event included Premier Houston, federal representatives, Warden Landry, Deputy Warden Mombourquette, Mayor Chisholm-Beaton, MLA Trevor Boudreau, and others.
- At both municipal meetings, elected officials and staff indicated limited knowledge of concrete project details and no released written project description.
- Days later, a high-profile announcement proceeded with elected representatives present.
- The rapid sequence from limited public information and a staff-research motion on October 13th, to a formal multi-billion-dollar announcement three days later with elected representatives present, raises legitimate questions about information flow and the status of the research work that both councils had just directed.
- The site is in Richmond County. The Landrie Lake Water Utility is jointly owned and managed by the Town of Port Hawkesbury and the Municipality of the County of Richmond and is the Town's municipal drinking-water source.
- The utility operates under Board-approved rates and regulations (NSUARB Order M09763 and subsequent decisions).
- Richmond jurisdiction over land use does not move the lake or eliminate the Town's interest and responsibility.

Core concerns that remain unanswered

Regulatory gap

Canada's Responsible Data Centre Development Principles are five voluntary expectations,

not binding rules or a new approval process. There is still no tailored provincial regulatory regime for AI-scale data centres and large-scale data centres. Existing warehouse or general industrial rules do not adequately address the power density, continuous operational profile, chemical use, noise, lighting, or backup-generation risks of these facilities. Expectations are not regulations. If a built facility exceeds initial representations on power, water, noise, chemical handling, or projected tax revenues, current local enforcement tools are mostly absent.

Water, closed-loop cooling, chemicals, and disposal

Closed-loop systems reduce ongoing consumptive use relative to evaporative cooling, but they are not zero-impact. Commissioning requires flushing; systems require ongoing chemical treatment (corrosion inhibitors, biocides, pH adjusters, and in some two-phase or immersion systems fluorinated fluids that fall under the PFAS family of “forever chemicals”). Spent coolants and flush water must go somewhere. Developers routinely treat formulations as proprietary and rely on NDAs, making independent public verification difficult. Recent Canadian incidents involving chemical releases or contaminated wastewater from data-centre related operations have illustrated how hard it is for the public to obtain clear information once proprietary claims and commercial confidentiality are invoked.

I formally ask:

- What specific coolants, additives, and treatment chemicals are proposed?
- Where will flush water and spent coolants be managed, treated, or disposed of?
- Will independent, publicly reported testing of any discharges or residual fluids be required, and by whom?

These answers must be on the public record before any irreversible approvals are made.

Power demand, grid stability, and backup generation

The full campus is described at up to 420 MW against a provincial system of roughly 3,000 MW. Even with company commitments to fund connection costs and prioritize other customers during grid pressure, the scale raises legitimate questions about system stability, the interim use of fossil generation when wind is unavailable, and long-term rate impacts.

What is the contingency plan if the facility loses primary power? Backup diesel (or other) generators can and do run for extended periods. In Sterling, Virginia (Vantage VA2 campus, July 2026), on-site power failure caused dozens of diesel backup generators to operate for nearly 24 hours during a Code Red air-quality alert. State regulators stated they could not order the generators offline under the emergency exemption in the air permit. Nearby residents reported noise above local limits and fumes severe enough that at least one left their home because of lung irritation. What enforceable municipal or provincial rules currently prevent a similar outcome here, and what air-quality, noise, and emergency-response standards would apply?

Digital sovereignty and data ownership

Canadian data held in a facility operated by or for a foreign-controlled entity remains subject to the U.S. CLOUD Act. The tenant has not been transparently identified in the primary municipal discussions and has since been revealed as a company falling under CLOUD-Act jurisdiction. This is not a purely local land-use question.

Financial and community-benefit risk

Large data-centre proposals routinely project substantial tax and employment benefits. Once approved, proponents seek every available incentive, exemption, and relief available to them. Permanent operating jobs are a fraction of peak construction numbers. Community Benefit Agreements are difficult to enforce after the fact. Net municipal benefit is often far lower than initial projections.

Meaningful public consultation

Consultation that begins after a formal multi-billion-dollar announcement and reported site activity is not meaningful consultation. Residents deserve complete project information, independent analysis of water, power, chemical, noise, and air-quality impacts, and a genuine opportunity to shape whether and under what conditions the project proceeds—before hard yes decisions are locked in.

Formal requests

I respectfully request that the Committee of the Whole and Council:

1. Direct staff to provide an immediate public update on the research and options work motioned at the earlier meeting, incorporating the October 16 announcement details and any new information received.
2. Add this correspondence to the public record.
3. Seriously consider, and if possible, impose a temporary development pause on data-centre development until such time that:
    - complete, publicly available project information is released (including cooling chemistry, water balance, power demand profile, backup generation, and data-tenant arrangements);
    - binding municipal and provincial rules addressing the issues above are developed through meaningful public consultation; and
    - independent assessment of Landrie Lake capacity, cumulative impacts, and contingency risks is complete.

Other Canadian municipalities have already used interim control by-laws, zoning restrictions, or other pause-mechanisms for exactly this purpose while they study impacts and write appropriate rules that actually account for this new type of facility. Examples include Oakville and Mississauga, Ontario (one-year pauses), and the Municipality of Cumberland, Nova Scotia (advancing a moratorium). These measures are not anti-development; they are prudent governance when a novel, high-impact land use arrives ahead of the regulatory framework.

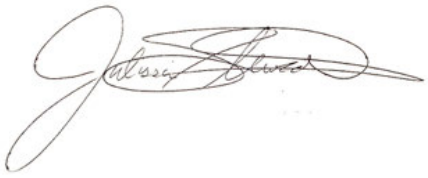
4. Confirm the Town's position on any existing or proposed Community Benefit Agreement or similar arrangement that could expand project scope, and ensure ratepayers are protected from infrastructure or engagement costs.
5. Urge the Province, through formal correspondence, to establish clear, binding provincial standards for AI-scale data centres—covering water, chemicals and disposal, power and backup generation, noise, lighting, digital sovereignty, and enforceable community benefits—after genuine public consultation, rather than relying solely on voluntary federal principles.

A temporary pause protects residents on both sides of the municipal boundary, strengthens the Town's and the Utility's negotiating position, and allows the staff research already underway to be completed properly. Once construction advances, options narrow dramatically.

I am not opposed to economic development. I am opposed to proceeding without the information, enforceable safeguards, and public process that residents of Port Hawkesbury and Richmond County have a right to expect. The Town has both the interest (through the shared water utility and proximity) and the tools to insist on a responsible process.

I am prepared to appear at Committee of the Whole or Council to speak to these points and answer questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter of shared public interest.

Respectfully,



Julissa Stewart

cc: Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton and all Councillors, Town of Port Hawkesbury
CAO / Senior Staff, Town of Port Hawkesbury
Landrie Lake Water Utility / Water Utility Board
Warden Lois Landry and Councillors, Municipality of the County of Richmond
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October 20, 2026

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Dear Mayor Mitchell and Juanita Spencer:

Re: NSFM Mayors, Wardens, and CAOs Meeting on New Billing Framework

Thank you for your letter dated October 1, 2026, regarding the September 16, 2026, meeting with municipal mayors, wardens and chief administrative officers on the new billing framework for municipalities that receive RCMP policing services under the Provincial Police Service Agreement.

I appreciate the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities' (NSFM) continued engagement on this important work, as well as the thoughtful and constructive manner in which municipal leaders have raised questions throughout the development and implementation of the new framework. The Department of Justice values the operational knowledge, financial expertise and local perspective that municipalities bring to discussions concerning policing, community safety and the effective use of public resources.

The Province recognizes that the introduction of a new billing framework represents a significant change for municipalities. It affects not only how municipal contributions toward RCMP policing services are determined, but also how municipalities plan for future policing costs and how savings generated through the Province's increased financial contribution are directed toward additional public safety priorities. It is therefore important that the framework be implemented transparently, consistently and in a manner that provides municipalities with sufficient information to support responsible financial and operational planning.

I also wish to acknowledge NSFM's request that this response be suitable for distribution to its membership. The information below addresses the principal matters raised in your letter, recognizing that municipality-specific amounts, implementation issues and proposed public

safety investments will continue to be discussed directly with individual municipalities.

Reinvestment in Public Safety Initiatives

The central objective of the new billing framework is not simply to reduce the amount recovered from municipalities for RCMP policing. The Province's additional financial contribution is intended to create meaningful fiscal capacity that can be reinvested in local public safety measures, including complementary approaches that strengthen community safety while allowing sworn police officers to focus on core policing responsibilities and higher-risk demands. Municipal savings generated through the new framework are therefore expected to support new or expanded public safety initiatives approved by the Province. The intention is to provide municipalities with meaningful flexibility to identify initiatives that respond to local circumstances, rather than to prescribe a single model for every community.

Eligible initiatives may include, but are not limited to:

- layered policing approaches, including community safety officers, special constables, by-law enforcement capacity and other appropriately trained personnel who can respond to suitable lower-risk or non-emergency matters;
- community safety and well-being planning;
- crime and violence prevention initiatives;
- mental health and addictions response partnerships;
- community liaison and outreach positions;
- initiatives intended to improve safety for seniors, youth and other potentially vulnerable populations;
- school and youth safety programming;
- locally designed prevention or early-intervention initiatives;
- public safety technology, equipment or infrastructure where a clear and demonstrable connection to community safety can be established;
- collaborative or regional public safety initiatives undertaken by two or more municipalities; and
- an expansion of an existing municipal initiative where the municipality can demonstrate that the proposed investment will create additional public safety capacity, service or benefit.

The Province is deliberately maintaining a sufficiently broad approach to allow municipalities to bring forward proposals that reflect local needs and opportunities. At the same time, the reinvestment requirement must remain connected to the public safety purpose for which the additional provincial funding is being provided. General municipal operating expenses, routine capital work without a substantive public safety purpose, or the continuation of an existing expenditure without any identifiable expansion or enhancement would not ordinarily meet the intended requirements of the framework.

We recognize that the distinction between an eligible public safety investment and a general municipal expenditure will not always be self-evident. For that reason, the Department intends to work directly with municipalities before final determinations are made. Municipalities will be invited to submit proposed initiatives for review, and the Department will provide written confirmation as to whether a proposal is approved in whole or in part. This approach will allow unusual or innovative proposals to be considered on their individual merits while supporting consistent treatment across municipalities.

The Department will also develop and distribute additional guidance describing the categories of initiatives that would generally be considered eligible, as well as examples of expenditures that may not satisfy the public safety purpose of the framework. That guidance should be understood as illustrative rather than exhaustive. Municipalities will continue to have the opportunity to propose initiatives that are not specifically identified in the guidance where they can demonstrate a clear and reasonable connection to public safety outcomes.

Treatment of Municipal Reserves

NSFM has asked whether savings generated under the new framework may be held in reserve for future public safety costs. The Province recognizes the importance of sound multi-year financial planning and acknowledges that some worthwhile public safety initiatives may require more time to design, approve, procure or implement than is available within a single fiscal year. For the 2026–27 fiscal year, the Province intends to permit identified savings to be held in reserve and reinvested in provincially approved public safety initiatives during the 2027–28 fiscal year. This transitional flexibility is intended to recognize the timing of implementation, municipal budget cycles and the practical work required to develop responsible initiatives. This was communicated via email from Departmental staff on September 1, 2026.

The Department is prepared to consider reasonable implementation circumstances, including larger-scale or regional initiatives that may require phased planning or expenditures over more than one fiscal year. The objective will be to preserve accountability for the public safety investment while avoiding an approach that compels municipalities to make hurried or lower-value expenditures simply to meet an artificial year-end deadline.

The Department recognizes the concerns raised by municipalities regarding the potential difference between forecasted and actual policing costs under the new billing framework. The Department had initially intended to establish an annual reconciliation process whereby actual eligible policing costs reported by the RCMP would be compared with the amounts used to establish municipal billings, with any resulting adjustment reflected in the subsequent fiscal year. As the Department has continued to assess the feasibility and administrative complexity of implementing an annual reconciliation process, including the differing budget cycles and timelines of the Province, municipalities, and the RCMP, it has been determined that, at this time, reconciliation will be used solely as an internal evaluation tool to assess the outcomes of the new billing model. Reconciliation will not result in an adjustment to municipal billings in the subsequent fiscal year.

Municipalities will continue to be billed based on the approved annual contribution established under the new billing framework. Any additional eligible policing costs identified through the reconciliation process will be absorbed by the Province and will not be charged to municipalities through a subsequent billing adjustment.

The Department will continue to monitor the results of the new billing framework, including the relationship between forecasted and actual eligible policing costs. This analysis will support the ongoing evaluation of the framework and inform future refinements, as appropriate.
The Department also intends to provide municipalities with regular reporting that supports a clearer understanding of the administration of the framework. This is expected to include information regarding significant staffing changes, resource levels, contract administration and cost details. The Province will continue working with municipal representatives to ensure that the reporting is useful, understandable and proportionate to the administrative requirements

placed on both levels of government.

Five-per-cent Cost Protection and the Five-Year Transition

I appreciate the opportunity to clarify the application of the five-per-cent protection, as the first five years of implementation involve a transitional mechanism that is more nuanced than a uniform five-per-cent limit in every direction.

The transition mechanism is intended to avoid abrupt changes as municipalities move from the former per-officer billing approach to the new service-based and data-informed methodology. Adjustments during the first five years will be calculated in relation to the municipality's contribution in the preceding fiscal year.

The planned transition parameters are:

- in Year 1, a municipality's contribution may decrease by no more than 25 per cent and will not increase;
- in Year 2, the maximum decrease is 20 per cent and the maximum increase is five per cent;
- in Year 3, the maximum decrease is 15 per cent and the maximum increase is five per cent;
- in Year 4, the maximum decrease is 10 per cent and the maximum increase is five per cent; and
- in Year 5, the maximum decrease is five per cent and the maximum increase is five per cent.

Following the five-year transition period, a permanent annual cap of five per cent is intended to apply to increases or decreases in the municipal contribution.

Accordingly, for municipalities concerned about annual increases, the framework is designed so that there will be no increase in the first implementation year and no increase exceeding five per cent in Years 2 through 5, subject to the final terms of the governing agreement. After the transition period, the permanent five-per-cent annual cap will apply.

This framework is designed to provide greater predictability, but it is important to distinguish predictability from a guarantee that policing costs will remain static. The underlying cost of policing may change because of RCMP compensation settlements, inflation, staffing requirements, operational pressures, equipment and technology requirements, federal-provincial cost-sharing arrangements, and other factors affecting the delivery of policing services. The cap is intended to protect municipalities from sudden year-over-year changes in the amount recovered from them under the framework. It does not eliminate the underlying cost pressures facing policing services.

The Province intends to incorporate the transition mechanism and the permanent cap into the written billing and cost-recovery agreements with municipalities. This will provide the formal written clarity requested by NSFM and will ensure that participating municipalities have a common understanding of how the protections are to be applied.

A five-year modelling was undertaken to understand how municipalities would move from the former per-officer approach to the new allocation methodology and to avoid immediate or

disproportionate changes for individual municipalities.

The modelling considered the municipal contribution produced by the new formula, compared that result with the amount determined under the previous approach, and then applied the transition parameters described above. Each year's permitted adjustment is based on the previous year's municipal contribution. The stepped reduction limits allow municipalities that would otherwise experience a significant decrease to move toward the full formula over time, while the maximum annual increase limits protect municipalities whose calculated contribution may rise.

The model will not remain static throughout this period. The Department will administer, monitor and annually recalibrate the framework using updated cost, budget, staffing and allocation information. Recalibration is necessary to ensure that the model continues to reflect changes in policing costs, municipal circumstances, approved resources and the information used in the allocation formula.

The Department will provide NSFM with additional explanatory material on the five-year transition methodology. Municipality-specific projections will continue to be discussed directly with each municipality, as individual results depend on the municipality's allocation factors, approved policing resources, applicable subsidies, shared service costs and the operation of the annual transition cap.

Calculation of Municipal Contributions

The new framework replaces an approach that relied primarily on the number of officers attributed to a municipality. Although officer assignment remains an important factor, officer count alone does not fully reflect the circumstances that affect policing demand or a municipality's capacity to contribute.

For the 2026–27 calculation, population information is derived from the 2021 Census, uniform assessment information is drawn from provincial uniform assessment data as of February 24, 2026, and officer information reflects approved RCMP resources for the 2026–27 fiscal year. The annual billing letter and supporting information provided to each municipality are intended to explain the municipality's estimated contribution and the basis for its calculation. The written agreements will further describe the methodology, including the provincial contribution, allocation factors, treatment of shared services, Crime Severity Index-related support, transition protections and annual reconciliation process. If any municipality wishes to have a more granular breakdown, Public Safety and Security Division will be happy to provide this information.

The Province is committed to implementing the new framework in a manner that is transparent, practical and responsive to legitimate municipal concerns. The one-on-one municipal meetings, the September 16 session and NSFM's present correspondence have identified areas where further clarity will support implementation. That feedback is valuable and will inform the Department's guidance, agreements and ongoing reporting.

The Province and municipalities share responsibility for supporting safe communities, although our respective legislative, financial and operational roles are not identical. The success of this framework will depend on respectful engagement, a clear understanding of those roles and a willingness to work through implementation issues in good faith.

I have asked Department officials to continue working with NSFM and individual municipalities on the matters raised in your letter, including the development of clearer reinvestment guidance, the treatment of transitional reserves, municipality-specific billing information and further explanation of the five-year modelling process.

Thank you again for writing and for NSFM's continued partnership. I welcome the opportunity for continued dialogue as the new framework is implemented and as municipalities develop public safety initiatives suited to the needs of their communities.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Scott Armstrong, M.L.A.
Attorney General and Minister of Justice

c: The Honourable John A. MacDonald, M.L.A., Minister of Municipal Affairs
Hayley Crichton, Executive Director, Public Safety and Security Division

Seniors Take Action Coalition

...promoting age-friendly communities

Coalition des aînés en action

...soutien aux communautés amies des aînés

October 21, 2026

Lois Landry, Warden
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Dear Warden Landry and Councillors,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Seniors Take Action Coalition (STAC) of Richmond County, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Municipality of the County of Richmond for recognizing STAC through the municipality's volunteer recognition program.

We are also grateful for the acknowledgment at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 13, 2026. Your remarks and support provide valuable encouragement to our volunteer Board members and community partners.

We greatly value the Municipality's recognition of STAC's work and its commitment to supporting and advocating for older adults in communities throughout Richmond County.

Please accept our sincere thanks for acknowledging our organization's contributions and for your continued support of volunteerism and community engagement.

Sincerely,

Noreen LeBlanc
Board Chair, Seniors Take Action Coalition of Richmond County

cc: Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

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September 8, 2026

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Dear Mr. MacCulloch:

RE: COST SHARE AGREEMENT 2026-018 ON THE PAVING OF SUBDIVISION (J CLASS) STREETS

The Department of Public Works expects to fund, subject to budget approval, the paving, repaving, and double chipping of Subdivision streets during the 2027-28 construction season.

Cost sharing, regardless of type of treatment (paving, repaving, or double chip), will be fifty per cent for eligible streets (50/50).

As per section 3.1 of the agreement, the Municipality must provide notice to the Province on or before October 31, 2026.

Attached, you will find a Road Submission List to be filled out electronically and returned to me electronically by October 31, 2026.

Examples of how to fill out the form are provided. Due to funding limitations, please limit your priorities to a maximum of **five** candidates **and please put these in order of priority**. If any of the columns are not filled in, the list will be rejected by the Province and you will be asked to re-submit.

The submitted streets will be reviewed to verify eligibility and to determine if the condition of the proposed streets meets the minimum criteria for paving, repaving, or double chip.

Please submit this information to **my attention via email** to ensure your list will be considered for the upcoming fiscal year.

Please consider your Municipality's fiscal funding limitations when preparing your list and limit the list to only the projects the Municipality intends to fund in fiscal 2027-28.

Sincerely,

Laura Cunningham

Laura Cunningham
Capital Program Administration Officer

c: Andrew MacPherson, Construction Manager, Eastern

Description	Z_Community	Z_FromDesc	Z_ToDesc	Z_.ofLanes	Z_CenterKM	Z_Surface
BEN BOUDREAU: (0544), SECT 001	BOUDREAUVILLE	JCT WEST SIDE PETIT DE GRAT (0527)	END OF PAVEMENT	1	0.095	PA
BENNYS LANE BR: (0618), SECT 001	LOUISDALE	JCT BENNYS LN (0530)	JCT GRANDIQUE FERRY (0442)	2	0.128	PA
BENNYS LN: (0530), SECT 001	LOUISDALE	JCT GRANDIQUE FERRY (0435)	END OF ASPHALT	2	0.587	PA
BENOIT: (0547), SECT 001	PETIT DE GRAT	JCT LITTLE ANSE - WEST ARICHAT (0460) (TOWARDS SHORE)	0.14KM FROM RTE206 (0206)	2	0.141	PA
BINETS LN: (0614), SECT 001	ARICHAT	JCT LITTLE ANSE - WEST ARICHAT (0460)	JCT RTE206 (0206) NEAR HIGHLAND ST	2	0.114	PA
BOOTH FISHERIES: (0534), SECT 001	BOUDREAUVILLE	JCT WEST SIDE PETIT GRAT (0527)	FISH PLANT	2	0.103	PA
BOUDREAU: (0542), SECT 001	BOUDREAUVILLE	JCT WEST SIDE PETIT DE GRAT (0527)	END OF LISTING	1	0.155	PA
BOUDREAUVILLE: (0552), SECT 001	BOUDREAUVILLE	JCT WEST SIDE PETIT DE GRAT (0527)	END OF PAVEMENT	1	0.154	PA
BURKE'S: (0538), SECT 001	SOUTH SIDE RIVER BOURGEOIS	JCT SOUTSIDE RIVER BOURGEOIS (0517)	END OF LISTING	2	0.275	PA
CAMPBELL: (0548), SECT 001		JCT BLACK RIVER (0409)	END OF LISTING	2	0.6	GR
CHURCH LN: (0613), SECT 001	ARICHAT	JCT LITTLE ANSE - WEST ARICHAT (0460)	JCT RTE206 (0206) NEAR CHURCH	2	0.14	PA
COGSWELL: (0567), SECT 001	EVANSTON	JCT EVANSTON (0447)	END OF SERVICE	2	0.25	GR
COURTHOUSE LN: (0616), SECT 001	ARICHAT	JCT LITTLE ANSE - WEST ARICHAT (0460)	JCT RTE206 (0206) NEAR COURT HOUSE	2	0.132	PA
DUNCAN RD: (0528), SECT 001	LOUISDALE	JCT GRANDIQUE FERRY (0435)	END	2	0.704	PA
FORGERON: (0535), SECT 001	WEST ARICHAT	JCT RTE206 (0206)	END OF LISTING AT JOSEPH BOUDREAU'S	2	0.353	DG
GODFREYS LN: (0617), SECT 001	ARICHAT	JCT LITTLE ANSE - WEST ARICHAT (0460)	JCT RTE206 (0206) & RTE320 (0320)	2	0.134	PA
GROS NEZ: (0446), SECT 001	PETIT DE GRAT	JCT LITTLE ANSE - WEST ARICHAT (0460)	END OF LISTING	2	0.482	PA
HARBORVIEW: (0559), SECT 001	PORT ROYAL	JCT PORT ROYAL (0498) & MACEACHERN (0476)	END OF LISTING	2	0.217	GR
HARBOURVIEW CRES: (0566), SECT 001	LOUISDALE	JCT RTE320 (0320)	END OF LISTING	2	0.66	PA
HIGHLAND ST: (0564), SECT 001	ARICHAT	JCT RTE206 90206)	TURNING CIRCLE	2	0.36	PA
ISLANDVIEW: (0568), SECT 001	LOUISDALE	JCT DUNCAN (0528)	END OF LISTING	2	0.68	PA
LANDRY: (0529), SECT 001	LOUISDALE	JCT RTE320 (0320) 0.1KM NORTH OF HWY104 OVERPASS IN LOUISDALE	END	2	0.287	PA
LANGLEY LN: (0573), SECT 001	POINT TUPPER	JCT PULP MILL (0456)	END	2	0.36	GR
LEVESCONTE LN: (0626), SECT 001	RIVER BOURGEOIS	JCT CHURCH POINT LOOP (0623)	0.3KM SOUTH OF CHURCH POINT LOOP (0623)	2	0.29	GR
LITTLE ANSE - WEST ARICHAT BR: (0629), S	SAMPSONS'S COVE	JCT LITTLE ANSE - WEST ARICHAT (0460)	END AT SAMPSONS COVE	1	0.385	PA
LOBSTER PLANT: (0576), SECT 001	CAPE AUGET	JCT CAPE AUGET (0417)	FISH PLANT	2	2.034	GR
LUNDRIGAN: (0546), SECT 001	PETIT DE GRAT	JCT LITTLE ANSE - WEST ARICHAT (0460)	END OF PAVEMENT	1	0.143	PA
MARCHAND LN: (0577), SECT 001	LOUISDALE	JCT RTE320 (0320)	END OF LISTING	1	1.28	PA
MARINE DR: (0571), SECT 001	PETIT DE GRAT	JCT SOUTH SIDE PETIT DE GRAT (0516)	END OF LISTING	2	0.17	GR
MATTHEWS: (0565), SECT 001		JCT COUNTY LINE (0453)	END OF LISTING	2	0.5	GR
NORTH VERNARDS LN: (0602), SECT 001	LITTLE ANSE	JCT LITTLE ANSE - WEST ARICHAT (0460)	END AT FENCE	1	0.31	PA

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OAK RIDGE: (0572), SECT 001	GRAND ANSE	JCT TK4 (0004)	END OF LISTING	2	0.45	GR
OLD FERRY BR: (0634), SECT 001	PETIT DE GRAT	JCT OLD FERRY (0463)	END AT WHARF	2	0.213	PA
OLD FERRY: (0463), SECT 001	PETIT DE GRAT	JCT LITTLE ANSE-WEST ARICHAT (0460)	END OF LISTING	2	0.395	PA
OLD PETIT DE GRAT: (0543), SECT 001	PETIT DE GRAT	JCT LITTLE ANSE-WEST ARICHAT (0460)	START OF K SECTION (0.15KM SOUTH OF JCT LITTLE ANSE - WEST ARICHAT (0460))	2	0.148	PA
POINT TUPPER STREETS: (0494), SECT 001	POINT TUPPER	JCT POINT TUPPER (0493)	END AT TPW FIELD OFFICE	0	0.68	PA
POND LN: (0630), SECT 001	LITTLE ANSE	JCT LITTLE ANSE - WEST ARIfCHAT (0460)	END	1	0.27	PA
PONDVILLE REAR BR: (0637), SECT 001	PONDVILLE SOUTH	JCT PONDVILLE (0496)	END OF LISTING	1	0.14	PA
PROCTOR: (0523), SECT 001	LOWER RIVER INHABITANTS	JCT LOWER RIVER (0451)	END OF LISTING AT RAILROAD	2	0.466	GR
SAMPSON LN: (0531), SECT 001	LOUISDALE	JCT RTE320 (0320)	END OF LISTING	2	0.23	PA
SHANNON: (0430), SECT 001	MARTINIQUE	JCT RTE320 (0320)	SHORE	2	0.486	GR
SINGERS LANE: (0627), SECT 001	RIVER BOURGEOIS	JCT LEVESCONTE LN (0626)	0.3KM EAST OF LEVESCONTE LN (0626)	2	0.3	GR
STAN FRANSISCO LN: (0589), SECT 001	LITTLE ANSE	JCT NORTH VERNARDS LN (0602)	END OF LISTING	1	0.21	PA
TOUESNARD'S: (0563), SECT 001	RIVER BOURGEOIS	JCT GRAND GULLY (0411)	END OF LISTING	2	0.34	GR
TYLER LN: (0574), SECT 001	SOUTHSIDE RIVER BOURGEOIS	JCT SOUTHSIDE RIVER BOURGEOIS (0516)	END OF LISTING	2	0.16	GR
UPTONS LN: (0615), SECT 001	ARICHAT	JCT LITTLE ANSE - WEST ARICHAT (0460)	JCT RTE206 (0206) 0.2KM EAST OF BINETS LANE	2	0.09	PA
VERNARDS LN: (0562), SECT 001	LITTLE ANSE	JCT LITTLE ANSE - WEST ARICHAT (0460)	0.13KM FROM RTE206 (0206)	1	0.13	PA
				Total Length:	**16.931**	

Description	Z_Community	Z_FromDesc	Z_ToDesc	Z_.ofLanes	Z_CenterKM	Z_Surface
ARGYLE ST: (0603), SECT 001	ST. PETERS	JCT TK4 (0004)	END AT SCHOOL	2	0.17	PA
CENTINNIAL ST: (0587), SECT 001	ST. PETERS	JCT WEST BAY (0524)	END (NORTH OF HIGH SCHOOL)	2	0.12	PA
CLANNON: (0555), SECT 001	LITTLE HARBOUR	JCT SHORE LOWER L'ARDOISE (0512)	END OF LISTING	2	1.15	GR
DENYS ST: (0532), SECT 001	ST. PETERS	JCT TK4 (0004) AT CANAL	JCT TOULOUSE ST (0533)	2	0.603	PA
EVONG: (0541), SECT 001	WEST L'ARDOISE	JCT RTE247 (0247)	END OF LISTING	2	0.065	GR
FRED TAYLOR: (0537), SECT 001	WEST L'ARDOISE	JCT BURKEY'S LN (0581)	END AT FRED TAYLOR'S	2	0.082	GR
GEORGE PETERS: (0536), SECT 00	LOWER L'ARDOISE	JCT SHORE LOWER L'ARDOISE (0512)	JCT POINT MICHAUD (0492)	2	0.59	GR
GERARD TAYLOR: (0540), SECT 00	WEST L'ARDOISE	JCT BONA (0580)	END OF LISTING AT GERARD TAY	2	0.18	GR
GOLDEN RIVER: (0551), SECT 001	WEST LOCH LOMOND	JCT WEST SIDE LOCH LOMOND (0526)	END OF LISTING	2	0.277	GR
JAMES: (0575), SECT 001	SAMPSONVILLE	JCT WEST BAY (0524)	END AT TURNING CIRCLE	2	0.25	PA
KINGS: (0558), SECT 001	ROCKDALE	JCT RTE247 (0247)	END OF LISTING	2	0.209	GR
LAKEVIEW DR: (0549), SECT 001	ST. PETERS	JCT WEST BAY (0524)	END OF LISTING	2	0.202	PA
MAC'S: (0570), SECT 001	LEWIS COVE	JCT SOLDIER'S COVE (0515)	JCT SOLDIER'S COVE (0515) AT LE	2	1.082	GR
MACKENZIE: (0539), SECT 001	L'ARDOISE	JCT RTE247 (0247) AT OLD LARDOISE CO-OP	END AT MORVANS	2	0.302	GR
MARTELL - REHBURG: (0553), SEC	L'ARDOISE	JCT RTE247 (0247)	END OF LISTING	2	0.382	PA
MARTELL: (0533), SECT 001	L'ARDOISE	JCT RTE247 (0247) EAST OF L'ARDOISE	JCT RTE247 (0247)	2	0.905	GR
SAMPSON: (0556), SECT 001	L'ARDOISE	JCT RTE247 (0247) (EAST OF BRIDGE IN L'ARDOISE)	TURNING AREA	2	0.28	GR
WALL ST: (0604), SECT 001	LITTLE HARBOUR	JCT WEST BAY (0524) AT CAPE GEORGE (LITTLE HA	EASTERLY INCLUDING TURN ARE	2	0.4	GR
WEST BAY EXT: (0488), SECT 001	ST. PETERS	JCT TK4 (0004)	OLD RAILWAY RIGHT OF WAY	2	0.1	PA

Road Submission List from the Municipality of :	Richmond
Submitted By:	Chris Boudreau
Date (M/D/Y) :	10/29/2025

If the below columns are not filled in, the list will be rejected by the Province and you will be asked to re-submit with the information that is required.

*In order of Priority	Authority # (Please contact area manager if not known)	Road Section (Please contact area manager if not known)	Road Class (Please contact area manager if not known)	Road Name	From.....	To.....	Length	Current Surface Type (if a road has multiple sections and different surface types they must be listed seperatly and counted as two priorities - ex. below)	Treatment Type Requested (paving, double chip or repaving): *See Upgrading Options below	Comments (Example: district name/subdivision name/ etc)
Examples										
1	*0123*	*1*	*J*	*Jane Road*	*Route 66*	*Smith Road*	*1.2*	*asphalt*	*repaving*	*Smith Subdivision*
2	*0123*	*2*	*J*	*Jane Road*	*Smith Road*	*end of listing*	*1.5*	*gravel*	*paving*	*Smith Subdivision*
3	*8765*	*1*	*I*	*Smith Road*	*Jane Road*	*end of cul de sac*	*0.35*	*chip seal on sand seal*	*paving*	*Smith Subdivision*
4	*0765*	*3*	*H*	*High Road*	*Route 79 easterly*	*end of listing at turning circle*	*0.85*	*gravel*	*double chip*	*District A*
PLEASE FILL IN THE BELOW ELECTRONICALLY (NO HAND WRITING)										
1	0558	1	J	Kings Road	JCT RTE247	End of listing	0.209	gravel	paving	Rockdale
2	0563	1	J	Touesnard Lane	JCT GRAND FULLY RD	End of listing	0.34	gravel	paving	River Bourgeois
3	0535	1	J	Forgeron Road	JCT RTE206	Eng of listing	0.353	double chip seal	paving	West Arichat
4	0556	1	J	Sampson Road	JCT RTE247	Turning Area	0.28	gravel	paving	L'Ardoise
5	0576	1	J	Lobster Plant Road	JCT Cape Auget (0417)	Fish Plant	2.034	gravel	paving	Cape Auget
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Please limit priorities to a maximum of ten due to the current funding limitations of the Province.

*** Upgrading Options - per Policy # PO1002**

Current Road Status	Upgrade to Double Chip Seal	Upgrade to Pavement
Gravel / RAC	Yes	Yes
Sand Seal / Chip Seal	No	Yes
Pavement	No	Yes

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Action List 2022-2026

Over 6 mos | Complete | In Progress | Pending

Ref. #	Action Item	Date	Responsible	Status	Item Type
511	**Planning new areas to have two-lane roadways with turning areas suitable for fire apparatus and provisions for water supply planning/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and have staff investigate specific private road standards for the subdivision bylaw that takes into account serviced/unserviced areas, number of lots, and the process for making roads public, based on best practices across the province.	03-25-2025	EDPC Staff	**In Progress**	PAC
537	**Pondville Beach Udpate/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct staff to explore the Municipality's options for a Letter of Authority between the Municipality and the Province for Pondville Beach and report their findings back to Council, upon completion of the work in the Pondville Beach Provincial Park Management Statement.	5-27-2025	Director of Community Development and Recreation	**In Progress**	Council
647	**Fire protection rates for the St. Peter's –** Samsonville and Area Water Utility/ that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and form a sub-committee consisting of Richmond County staff and Council, and that Village staff and Commissioners be invited to participate for the purpose of reviewing the full scope of the County/Village relationship, and to provide an update to Council prior to budget deliberations.	11-25-2025	Warden/CAO	**In Progress**	Council
652	**Raising the Village request for support for conferences**/that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and support the March 26 Wagmatcook Regional Well-Being Conference at $500.00 and the Richmond County Intergenerational Health Fair to be held in Richmond County in early 2026 at $1,000.00 to be allocated from the Sponsorship Budget, contingent on both events taking place.	11-25-2025	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Sponsorship
679	**Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC) process and timelines for handling dangerous and unsightly complaints/**that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and direct EDPC staff to review and update their policy on dangerous and unsightly complaint process timelines and response standards; and FURTHER MOVE that Council direct EDPC staff to report to Council twice annually, confirming whether or not any orders exist.	01-27-2026	EDPC	**In Progress**	PAC
703	**D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society grant request for the Tier 1 – Community Grant funding for $500/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, and approve the D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society grant request for the Tier 1 – Community Grant funding for $500, and be allocated as follows: $250 from the District 1 Fund and $250 from the District 2 Fund.	03-24-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Grant

704	**Grand River Volunteer Fire Department grant request for the Tier 2 – Community Grant funding for $7,500/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the Grand River Volunteer Fire Department grant application until after the approval of the 2026-2027 budget.	03-24-2026	Council	**Complete**	Grant
705	**St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum, grant request for the Tier – 2 Community Grant funding for $7,500/**that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and table the St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum, grant application to the next Regular Council meeting at the end of March, and be considered first. **2nd Motion:** that Council defer the grant request from the St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum, until immediately following the approval of the 2026-2027 budget.	03-24-2026	Council	**Complete**	Grant
706	**Request for the Municipality to raise the Epilepsy Awareness flag/**that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and raise an Epilepsy Awareness flag during Epilepsy Week.	03-24-2026	Director of Public Works	**Complete**	Council
707	**Flag Policy/**that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and refer the Flag Policy to the By-law/Policy Committee for the purpose of amending the policy to include the Epilepsy Awareness flag for Epilepsy Week in the list of approved flags.	03-24-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
708	**Servicing for multiple dwelling units on a single lot/**that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize staff to submit a request to the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board (NSRAB) to amend the Richmond Water Utility's Schedule of Rules and Regulations to allow an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) to be served from the same water service connection on any dwelling lot.	03-24-2026	Director of Public Works	**Complete**	Council
709	**Capital Cost of Sewer Construction By-law No. 29/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and refer the Capital Cost of Sewer Construction By-law No. 29 to the By-law/Policy Committee for discussion.	03-24-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
710	**New draft Dry Hydrant Policy/**that Council accept the recommendations of the Fire Protection Services Committee and refer the new draft Dry Hydrant Policy to the Bylaw/Policy Committee for review.	03-24-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
711	**Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) to retain a consultant to conduct an audit across all departments in Richmond County/**that Council accept the recommendation of the Fire Protection Services Committee and proceed with the RFP process to retain the professional services of a qualified consultant to conduct a comprehensive Fire Services Equipment Audit across all departments	03-24-2026	CAO/Warden/ESC	**Complete**	FPSC
712	**Write-off of taxes for property destroyed by fire/** that Council write off the taxes for property AAN00449997 owned by Carol-Anne and Kenneth Couch, which was completely destroyed by fire, in the amount of $350.99, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from December 8, 2025, to March 31, 2026.	03-24-2026	Revenue Manager	**Complete**	Council
713	**Rocky Bay Irish Club grant request for the Tier 2 – Community Grant funding for $7,500/** that Council approve the Rocky Bay Irish Club grant request for the Tier 2-Community Grant funding in the amount of $7,500, to be allocated as follows: $1,615 from the District 1 Fund, $1,694 from the District 2 Fund, $1,661.50 from the District 3 Fund, $1,400 from the District 4 Fund, $650 from the District 5 Fund, and $479.50 from the Regional Fund.	03-24-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Grant

714	**Province's new Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) standards**/ that Council refer the development of the REMO by-law and the associated terms of reference to the By-law/Policy Committee.	03-24-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
715	**Cost Shared Paving Program**/that Council proceed with the Cost-Shared Program for the paving of Forgeron Road.	04-07-2026	CAO	**Complete**	Council
716	**Richmond County Truckers Association for the transportation of municipal solid waste and recycling/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, and authorize staff to proceed with execution of a new agreement with the Richmond County Truckers Association for transportation of municipal solid waste and recycling with a 12% increase to the base trucking rates, and further recommended that the base rates be adjusted annually on April 1 to reflect changes in CPI for the prior 12 months. The new base rates, effective April 1, 2026, would be $411.60 and $517.44 (at 0% TANS surcharge) for shipments to Guysborough and Edwardsville.	04-28-2026	Director of Public Works/Director of Finance	**Complete**	Council
717	**Isle Madame New Horizon Seniors Club grant request for the Tier 1 – Community Grant Funds for $1,000, submitted as the host organization for the Persons with Impaired Vision Group/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the Isle Madame New Horizon Seniors Club grant application, submitted as the host organization for the Persons with Impaired Vision Group, until the 2026-2027 budget is approved.	04-28-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
718	**Richmond Rize Volleyball Association sponsorship request for $1,000**/that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the Richmond Rize Volleyball Association sponsorship request until after the approval of the 2026-2027 budget.	04-28-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
719	**Eastern District Planning Commission staff appointments/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the Eastern District Planning Commission staff appointments as outlined in the letter to Council.	04-28-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council
720	**Amendments to the MOCR Marketing Levy By-law for short-term rental platforms**/that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and refer the Marketing Levy By-law to the By-law/Policy Committee.	04-28-2026	Council	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
721	**Lyme Disease Awareness Month/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and proclaim May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.	04-28-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council
722	**MOCR Credit Card Policy/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee and refer the Credit Card Policy to the By-law/Policy Committee for review.	04-28-2026	Council	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
723	**Business days versus calendar days/** that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and revise the Publication of Council, Committee of Council, Committee Reports, and Meeting Packages on Municipal Website Policy as follows: •In sections 2.3 and 3.7, remove the word "business".•In section 2.3, insert the word "either" before the word "Council" and remove the comma after "Council".	04-28-2026	Council	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
724	**Solid waste management facility tipping fees/** that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and direct staff to provide a staff report by the end of January 2027, on alternative ways to structure the tipping fees.	04-28-2026	Director of Public Works	**In Progress**	Council
725	**Louisdale and District Volunteer Fire Department Boundary/** that Council accept the request of the Louisdale and District Volunteer Fire Department to assume full responsibility for Richmond County area currently serviced by the West Bay Road and District Volunteer Fire Department (which is MacIntyre Lake to Cleveland, down to Lower River and Evanston, north of the Strait Richmond Hospital), effective July 1, 2026.	04-28-2026	ESC/Director of Finance	**Complete**	Council

726	**Grants Policy**/that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and adopt the 2026-2027 Grants Policy as presented, with the following change: •In section 5.4 (c), add the word “applicant” before the word “financial.”	04-28-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council
727	**Dry Fire Hydrant Policy/** that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and adopt the Dry Fire Hydrants Policy as presented, with the following changes: •In section 1.1, replace the last sentence to read, “This policy applies to dry fire hydrants installed after January 1, 2024.”•In section 2.4, replace the first sentence to read, “Any dry fire hydrants installed under this policy will be owned by the Municipality.” •In section 3.3 (a), add an “s” to the word hydrant.	04-28-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council
728	**Road Name Change Policy/** that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and repeal the Road Name Change Policy.	04-28-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
729	**Development of a new Road Name Change Policy/**that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and refer the development of a new Road Name Change Policy to the By-law/Policy Committee.	04-28-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
730	**Strait Area Chiefs, Mayors, and Wardens Committee meeting update**, Re: Signatory on letters/that Council authorize the Warden to be a signatory, on behalf of Council, on letters to federal and provincial representatives regarding **(a) the state of cellular service in the region and (b) the proposed NSCC sister residence and its potential to bolster housing stock in the region.**	04-28-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council
731	**Canada Day Grants/**that Council approve the funding allocation for Canada Day Grant funding in the amount of $15,000	05-14-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council
732	**Student Bursaries**/that Council approve the funding allocation for Student Bursaries in the amount of $3,000, to be distributed as follows: Richmond Academy - $1,500 École Beau-Port - $750 Potlotek Education Centre - $750	05-14-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council
733	**Council Travel reporting presented in budget**/that Council refer the Councillor Travel on how it is presented in budget to the Audit Committee.	05-14-2026	Director of Finance	**In Progress**	Council
734	**Cost related toStreetlights/** that Council investigate the cost related to streetlights.	05-14-2026	Director of Public Works	**Complete**	Council
735	**Letters regarding funding contributions/** that Council direct the Warden to write a letter to the Allan J MacEachen Regional Airport and the Town of Port Hawkesbury regarding funding contributions.	05-14-2026	Warden	**Complete**	Council
736	**Recommendation from In Camera Session - Legal**/ that Council release the statement as discussed in closed session. Public record: May 14, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes, Section 7, Statement: As per Section 15 of the Regulations of the Code of Conduct	05-14-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council
737	**IDEA Committee Appointment/** Recommendation from In Camera Session/ that Council appoint Margaret Gracie to the Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible (IDEA) Committee.	05-26-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council
738	**VON proclamation request/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and proclaim May 17-23, 2026, as VON Week in Richmond County.	05-26-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council

739	**Correspondence from Jim Cavanagh, Fire Chief, Port Hastings VFD/ Motion #1:** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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 #2:** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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.	05-26-2026	Warden	**Complete**	Council
740	**Flag Policy/** that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and adopt the Flag Policy as presented.	05-26-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
741	**Credit Card Policy/** that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and to adopt the Credit Card Policy as presented, with the following changes: •In section 4.1(c), remove the words "inclusive of tax". •In section 4.1(c), add the words "and cash value" after the word "balance" and add "on the first Regular Council meeting in April" after the word "annually". •In section 4.4(a)(iii), replace the words "lost or stolen" with "lost, stolen, or compromised". •In section 4.5(c), replace the word "checked" with "signed in".	05-26-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
742	**Public awareness posters provided by the Province of Nova Scotia/**that Council accept the recommendation of the Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible Advisory Committee and that a letter be sent to the Province of Nova Scotia advocating for all public awareness posters to be translated and printed in Mi'kmaq.	05-26-2026	Warden	**Complete**	Council
743	**Destination Cape Breton, Re: Port Hastings Visitor Information Centre – Proposal for a collaborative operating model/** that Council refer the discussion of the $5000 request from Destination Cape Breton for the proposed Port Hastings Visitor Information Centre collaborative operating model to Thursday, May 28th Special Meeting.	05-26-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council
744	**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day proclamation request/**that Council approve the proclamation request from the Seniors Take Action Coalition and proclaim June 15, 2026, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.	05-26-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	Council
745	**Capital Investment Plan/**that Council approve the 5-year Capital Investment Plan for the Municipality of the County of Richmond for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027.	05-28-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council

746	**Area Rates**/that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Finance and that the following area rates be approved: St. Peter's Fire Department 0.11 West Bay Road Fire Dept. 0.15 – to July 6, 2026 L'Ardoise Fire Dept. 0.16 Grand River Fire Dept. 0.15 Loch Lomond Fire Dept. 0.15 Louisdale Fire Dept. 0.10 Framboise-Fourchu Fire Dept. 0.15 Isle Madame Fire Dept. 0.11 District Ten Fire Dept. 0.13 Point Tupper Fire 0.05 Former District #2 Community Rate 0.04 Former District #4 Community Rate 0.01 St. Peter's Village Commission – collect whatever rate they establish, conditional on them providing their rate to the Municipality by July 31, 2026.	05-28-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council
747	**Final Budget for the year ending March 31, 2027/** that Municipal Council give approval to the municipal estimates of revenues and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2027, in the amount of $19,020,485;	05-28-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council
748	**Canada Day Funding Applications**/ that Council approve the Canada Day Funding applications as follows: D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society $3,000.00 Isle Madame New Horizons Senior Citizens Club $1,000.00 St. Louis Parish, Louisdale $2,650.00 Riverdale Community Services Society $1,957.48 St. Peter's and Area Lion's Club $3,000.00 L'Ardoise Men's Club $1,867.00 Loch Lomond Heritage Association $1,000.00 District Number Ten Volunteer Fire Department $ 500.00	05-28-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Council
749	**St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum, grant request for the Tier 2 - Community Grant Fund for $7,500/** that Council approve the St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum, grant request for the Tier 2 – Community Grant Fund in the amount of $7,500 to be allocated as follows: $500 from the District 4 Fund and $7,000 from the Regional Fund, contingent on receiving Provincial funding by September 30, 2026. **June 23, 2026:** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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.	05-28-2026	Director of Finance	Rescinded	Grant
750	**Grand River Volunteer Fire Department grant request for the Tier 2 - Community Grant Funds for $7,500/** that Council approve the Grand River Volunteer Fire Department, grant request for the Tier 2 – Community Grant Fund in the amount of $7,500 to be allocated as follows: $1,500 from the District 5 Fund and $6,000 from the Regional Fund.	05-28-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Grant

751	**Isle Madame New Horizons Senior Citizens Club, on behalf of the Persons with Impaired Vision Group, grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for $1,000/** that Council approve the Isle Madame New Horizons Senior Citizens Club, on behalf of the Persons with Impaired Vision Group, grant request for the Tier 1 – Community Grant Fund in the amount of $1,000 to be allocated as follows: $500 from the District 1 Fund, $500 from the District 2 Fund.	05-28-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
752	**Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Region Association grant request for the Tier 2 - Community Grant Funds for $6,250/** that Council approve the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Region Association grant request for the Tier 2 – Community Grant Fund in the amount of $6,250 to be allocated as follows: $500 from the District 4 Fund and $5,750 from the Regional Fund.	05-28-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
753	**Holy Guardian Angels Parish, on behalf of the L'Ardoise Acadian Festival, grant request for the Tier 1 Community Funds for $1,000** / that Council approve the Holy Guardian Angels Parish, on behalf of the L'Ardoise Acadian Festival, grant request for the Tier 1 – Community Grant Fund in the amount of $1,000 to be allocated as follows: $500 from the District 5 Fund and $500 from the Regional Fund.	05-28-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
754	**Cape Breton Partnership Investor Summit** / that Council approve the Cape Breton Partnership Investor Summit Nutrition Break sponsorship of $1,250, to be allocated from the Sponsorship Fund.	05-28-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Sponsorship
755	**Destination Cape Breton Association – Port Hastings Visitor Information Centre (VIC) – Proposal for a Collaborative Operating Model /** that Council approve funding of $5,000 for the Destination Cape Breton Association's Port Hastings VIC Collaborative Operating Model proposal, to be allocated from the Strategic Priorities Fund.	05-28-2026	Director of Finance	Rescinded	Strategic Priority
756	**Superport Board Alternate Nomination/** that Council direct staff to advertise for an alternate member for the Strait Superport Board.	05-28-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	ABCC
757	**Committees Policy** / that Council refer the Committees Policy to the By-law/Policy for review.	05-28-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
758	**Isle Madame Boat Club sponsorship request for $1,000/**that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Isle Madame Boat Club sponsorship request in the amount of $1,000, to be allocated as follows: $500 from the Sponsorship Fund, $250 from the District 1 Fund, and $250 from the District 2 Fund.	06-23-2026	Department of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
759	**La Société du Festival Acadien de Petit-de-Grat grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for $1,000/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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.	06-23-2026	Department of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
760	**Kitchen Rackets Organization - Celtic Colours International Festival grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for $500/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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	06-23-2026	Department of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
761	**Kitchen Rackets Organization grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for $ 500/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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.	06-23-2026	Department of Finance	**Complete**	Grant

762	**Lakeside Community Association grant request for the Tier 2 - Community Grant Funds for $7,500/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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.	06-23-2026	Department of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
763	**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 150 sponsorship request for $1,500/**that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 150 sponsorship request for $1,500, to be allocated from the Sponsorship Fund.	06-23-2026	Department of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
764	**Louisdale Lions Club grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for $1,000/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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.	06-23-2026	Department of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
765	**New Horizons Senior Citizens Club grant request for the Tier 2 - Community Grant Funds for $7,320/**that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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.	06-23-2026	Department of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
766	**River Bourgeois Mariner Society grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for $1,000/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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.	06-23-2026	Department of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
767	**Lennox Passage Yacht Club grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for $1,000/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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.	06-23-2026	Department of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
768	**Budget Committee/**that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and refer the discussion on the Terms of Reference for a Budget Committee to the By-law/Policy Committee.	06-23-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	Grant
769	**Positive Recreation Opportunities for All (PRO-Recreation) Program Policy/** that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and adopt the Positive Recreation Opportunities for All (PRO-Recreation) Program Policy as presented	06-23-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	Grant
770	**Regional Emergency Management By-law/ Motion #1:** that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and accept the Regional Emergency Management By-law as presented, with the amendments as discussed, subject to legal consultation. **Motion #2 First Reading Consideration:** that Council postpone the first reading approval of the Regional Emergency Management By-law, By-law No. 71, to the next Regular Council meeting. Council.	06-23-2026	Municipal Clerk	**In Progress**	Grant
771	**By-law/Policy Working List/**that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and remove the REMO Terms of Reference from the By-law/Policy Working List.	06-23-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
772	**Receipt of Donations discussion/** that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and remove the Receipt of Donations discussion from the By-law/Policy Working List and remove the related action item, number 522, from Council's Action List.	06-23-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy

773	**Volunteer Recognition Program/** that the Council accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Committee and that staff be directed to expand the Volunteer Recognition Program to include categories for Volunteer of the Month, In Memoriam, and Group/Organization nominations; AND FURTHER MOVE that this expanded program be adopted and implemented immediately.	06-23-2026	Department of Community Development and Recreation	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
774	**Placement of a speed radar unit in Louisdale to address traffic speed concerns**/that Council accept the recommendation of the RCMP Advisory Board and direct staff to place a speed radar unit on Highway 320 in Louisdale, along the section of road between Harbourview Crescent and the local gas station.	06-23-2026	Department of Public Works	**Complete**	RCMP Board
775	**Source Water Protection Advisory Committee Terms of Reference/** that Council accept the recommendation of the Source Water Protection Advisory Committee and refer the amended Terms of Reference to the By-law/Policy Committee for review.	06-23-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
776	**Mitochondrial Disease Awareness/** that Council approve the proclamation request from the MitoCanada Foundation and proclaim September 14th-20th 2026, as World Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week.	06-23-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	Council
777	**Firearms Safety Course/** that Council allocate up to $2,000 from the Council Strategic Initiative Fund to support the firearms safety course.	06-23-2026	Department of Finance / Director of the Department of Community Development and Recreation	**Complete**	Council
778	**In Camera Session/Labour Relations:** that council approve the Warden to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Municipality of the County of Richmond and The Nova Scotia Government & General Employees Union, Local 161 that will be in effect until March 31, 2029.	08-18-2026	Warden	**Complete**	Council
779	**Second Reading Approval** - Amendments to the MOCR Marketing Levy By-law: that Council give second reading approval to the amendments to the Marketing Levy By-law, By-law No. 60, as presented.	08-18-2026	Council	**Complete**	By-Law/Policy
780	**Rescind Motion,** Re: Strategic Initiatives Funding approval for Destination Cape Breton, Port Hastings VIC, Proposal for a Collaborative Operating Model /that Council rescind the motion passed on May 28, 2026, approving $5,000 from the Strategic Initiatives Fund for Destination Cape Breton's Port Hastings VIC Proposal for a Collaborative Operating Model, as Destination Cape Breton has advised that the funds are no longer required due to the Province declining the proposal.	08-18-2026	Council	**Complete**	Council
781	**Emergency Boat Launch Ramp, St. Peter's Canal, Ocean Side**/ that Council approve the request from the St. Peter's & District Volunteer Fire Department for financial support toward costs associated with the St. Peter's Canal ocean-side boat launch, in the amount of $2,500, to be allocated from the Strategic Initiatives Fund.	08-18-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Strategic Priority
782	**Civic addresses** / that Council ask staff to post information about the importance of civic address signs as well as where they can be procured.	08-18-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	Council
783	**D'Escousse Improvement Society grant request for Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $7,500/** that Council approve the D'Escousse Improvement Society grant request for Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $7,500, to be allocated as follows: $750 from the District 1 Fund, $750 from the District 2 Fund, and $6,000 from the Regional Fund.	08-18-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
784	**St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum, grant request for Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $7,500** / that Council approve the St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum, grant request for Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $4,100, to be allocated as follows: $500 from the District 4 Fund and $3,600 from the Regional Fund.	08-18-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Grant

785	**South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association grant request for Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $1,000 /**that Council approve the South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association grant request for Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $1,000, to be allocated as follows: $250 from the District 3 Fund, $250 from the District 4 Fund, and $500 from the Regional Fund, with approval contingent upon the Society providing a second quote and proceeding with the lower of the two quotes.	08-18-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
786	**St. Peter's Pirates Association grant request for Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $1,000 /** that Council approve the St. Peter's Pirates Association grant request for Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $1,000, to be allocated as follows: $500 from the District 4 Fund and $500 from the Regional Fund.	08-18-2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
787	**GenWell Proclamation Request** / that Council approve the proclamation request from GenWell to proclaim September 18 to 20, 2026, as GenWell Weekend.	08-18-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	Council
788	**Committee Appointments**/that Council appoint Julissa Stewart and Kelly Yorke to the Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible (IDEA) Committee, appoint Richard Cotton as an alternate representative to the Strait of Canso Superport Board, and direct staff to readvertise the vacancy on the Cape Breton Local Immigration Partnership (CBLIP).	09-22-2026	Municipal Clerk	**Complete**	Council
789	**Raising the Village request to change purpose of funding**/ that Council not allocate the previously approved funding and ask Raising the Village to submit a new application.	09/22/2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Grant
790	**Defined Pension Wind-up/**that Council direct the Director of Finance to proceed with Desjardins to complete the Defined Benefit pension plan wind-up process, including the purchase of the required annuities, and that the additional costs required to complete the wind-up be recorded as an unbudgeted expenditure under General Administration – Pension Plan.	09/24/2026	Director of Finance	**In Progress**	Council
791	**Financial Statements/**that Council accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee and approve the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2026, with the non-substantive changes as discussed.	09/24/2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Audit
792	**Appointment of Auditors**/that Council accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee and appoint Doane Grant Thornton as the auditors for the March 31, 2027, fiscal year end.	09/24/2026	Director of Finance	**Complete**	Audit