



## **Committee of the Whole Report April 2025**

The Committee met on April 8, 2025.

### **The Committee discussed the CAO Success Plan.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and refer the CAO Success Plan to the By-Law/Policy Committee for review.

### **The Committee discussed the financial request for support from the Senior Take Action Coalition.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the financial request for support from the Senior Take Action Coalition to our budgeting process.

### **The Committee discussed the Nova Scotia Community Solar Program.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and send a letter of support to the Minister of Energy for the proposed Community Solar Projects in Richmond County.

### **The Committee discussed property PID 75178905.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and rescind the motion made at the March 25, 2025, Regular Council meeting to deem property PID 75178905 as surplus property.

### **The Committee discussed the Acting Collectively Project's final report.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the *Acting Collectively Project-Richmond County Community Profile Report* as presented.



**The Committee discussed staff appointments for the Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC).**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the list of appointments for staff positions at EDPC, as proposed by the Director, John Bain; effective immediately.

- Building Inspectors: André Samson and Sean Donovan  
Assistant Building Inspector: Todd Samson  
Alternates: David MacKenzie, Jonathan Martin and Luke Ross
- Development Officer: Andrew Jones  
Alternates: John Bain; Brendan MacDonald; Kristen Scanlan and Mikayla Tait  
Assistant Development Officers: Todd Samson; Heike Bruckner and André Samson
- Fire Inspectors: André Samson and Todd Samson  
Alternates: S. Donovan; D. MacKenzie; J. Martin and L. Ross
- Dangerous or Unsightly Premises  
Administrators: Sean Donovan and John Bain  
Alternates: Todd Samson, Luke Ross and André Samson
- Special Constables: Building/Fire Codes, Dangerous or Unsightly Premises, Land Use By-laws  
Sean Donovan and Jonathan Martin

These appointments stay in place so long as they are employees of the Commission or until they are replaced by new appointments.

**The Committee discussed the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) funding applications.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and support the applications to the province's Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) for the Arichat Water Systems Upgrade Project and the Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill Expansion Engineering Project.



**The Committee discussed the grant applications from the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia and Raising the Village Cooperative Limited.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer both grant applications until after the budget process has been completed.

**The Committee discussed the Government of Nova Scotia Non-resident Deed Transfer Tax increase.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and send a letter to Premier Tim Houston outlining these concerns and to encourage a reconsideration of the policy change and/or to consider at least making the change apply only to properties with existing dwellings, not land that could be developed into homes, and include 'out-of-country' rather than 'out-of-province,' and that family transactions involving land and/or transfers be included in the list of exemptions.

(Memo attached)

**The Committee discussed the Spike Fund.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct staff to investigate whether such a program could be feasible in Richmond County.

**The Committee discussed the request for a letter of support from the Strait Richmond Health Care Foundation.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and write a letter of support to the Strait Richmond Health Care Foundation for the purchase of a CT Scanner for the Strait Richmond Hospital.

**This concludes the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of April 2025, and I move its adoption.**