

ATTENDING

- Mayor Jodi MacKay
- Deputy Mayor Jennifer Ingham
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Councillor Wendy Elliott
- Councillor Ian Palmeter
- Councillor Kelly van Niekerk
- Councillor Howard Williams
- CAO Glenn Horne
- Recorder Laura Morrison

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Planning & Economic Development, Devin Lake
- Manager of Communications & Strategic Initiatives, Barb Shaw
- Manager of IT, David Hopkins
- Compliance Coordinator, Kaden Thibault
- Administrative Assistant, Laura Yaroshevskaya

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor MacKay called the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:30pm.
Deputy Mayor Ingham read the Land Acknowledgement.

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1. Approval of Agenda	14-06-25 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
2. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillor Butler declared a conflict of interest for item 6d.
3. Approval of Minutes	
a. Town Council Meeting, May 20, 2025	15-06-25 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 20, 2025 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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4. Community Events, Occasions & Acknowledgements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 27 to August 29th, 2025, summer service hours at Town Hall – open by appointment only on Fridays. • Compost site up and running, feedback informed hours for assistance support noon to 2pm if anyone needs assistance getting their items into the bins. • Kent Ave happening soon. • Painting on Highland Ave happening soon. • WBDC awards happened on Tuesday, recipients are Wolfville Legion, Wolfville Hotel and L'Arche thanks to Troy for hosting. • Summer concerts starting June 22nd. • Yoga in park end of June. • Lots of other Try it Wolfville events happening – check the website. • Splash Pad open June 20th. • Ray Baltzer Wolfville Actor doing a one man show Thursday at Whittle Theatre. • Two musique royale series concerts one on June 24 Anglican Church and July 1st at Manning Memorial Chapel • We named Kevin West volunteer of the year and he has been named by Mud Creek Rotary club award recipient as well as Kim Macdonald for After the Bell, feeding children after school. • Steve Roote holding an exhibition at Harvest Gallery. • June 24th is Horton Prom at 6:30pm - Main St will be closed. • Increase in vandalism, theft and mischief, one hammock stolen and another damaged. Recreation centre broken into last month and last week as well. Significant amount of damage done to building and evidence of drug use in washrooms. Ongoing issues of mischief in Raitown Washrooms. Please be vigilant and if you see anything report to RCMP. • Family who was looking at moving to our town described us as a community who is safe, close to nature and opportunity to do meaningful work. • Ramona Jennex, Barry Leslie and Cllr. Elliot, are celebrating an Acadia Alumni reunion this weekend and there will be two

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	concerts one at Axe on Friday night and one at Garden Room on Saturday afternoon.
5. Public Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramona Jennex, Chambers Close, express concern regarding Uranium exploration and mining in NS. Appreciate being part of a community where council members are willing to learn, research and engage in dialogue with residents. I believe we are united in our concern for health of Nova Scotians and environmental well being of province. Concern after Premier Houston's remarks at June 12 press conference that unless the ban is formally reinstated, new RFPs could be issued in future. Risks to health are well documented. There has been an absence of communication with Mi'kmaq communities and broader public, I respectfully request Wolfville Council consider passing a motion urging government of NS to pause all future uranium exploration licensing and engage in meaningful consultation with Nova Scotians. • David Daniels, Toye Lane, longstanding issue with tide table being out of date and tide clock being broken. Does the town intend to repair the clock and fix the tide table, keeping it up to date and if so, when will this occur. Could this be answered now or do I have to wait three weeks for a reply? - Director Lake is working on it. • Elizabeth Kusters, Wolfville, urge Council to issue a letter to Premier Tim Houston to at least pause opening NS to uranium exploration and mining and preferably reinstate the ban that was legislated in 2009. Your statement should be comparable to letters sent by the assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs and other municipalities. NS has uranium which occurs naturally it is a radioactive element that decays to lead over a few billion years. Somewhere in the isotopic chain sits the unstable Radon 222 gas. Uranium may exist in well water and Radon 222 may collect in poorly ventilated basements. Long time exposure to both is a recognized public health risk. NS Dept of Natural Resources has issued a publicly accessible Radon risk map and anyone can

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	<p>Radon risk test kits for free at a public library. We do know our reserve is insignificant compared to Saskatchewan which has the highest quality and makes up about 10% of world's reserve.</p>
6. Motions from Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 3, 2025.	
<p>a. RFD 024:2025 Support for Volunteer-led Reservoir Park Project</p>	<p>16-06-25 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE FUNDING REQUEST FOR \$25,000 OVER THREE-YEARS TO SUPPORT THE VOLUNTEER-LED INVASIVE SPECIES AND NATIVE PLANTING PROJECT IN RESERVOIR PARK, CONTINGENT ON MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES' (FMC) GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yarmouth paying residents to plant native trees
<p>b. RFD 023-2025: Off leash Dog Approach for Reservoir Park</p>	<p>17-06-25 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT A TIME OF USE RESTRICTION, AS A PILOT PROGRAM AS PERMITTED BY THE DOG CONTROL BYLAW, THAT WOULD REQUIRE ALL DOGS IN RESERVOIR PARK TO REMAIN ON LEASH BETWEEN 10AM AND 7PM DAILY, WHERE WE WILL REEVALUATE BY JANUARY 2026 WHERE THAT PERIOD WILL BE USED TO GAIN FEEDBACK ON SEASONAL APPROACH OR ANY OTHER TOPICS THAT MAY ARISE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full report will come back to Council at January 13th COW • Evaluation criteria – looking for improved awareness of dog control Bylaw; improved dog owner awareness and compliance with off-leash privilege, reduction in negative interactions as reported by users, improved feelings of safety and belonging in the park, better awareness that the park is inclusive and enjoyable space for everyone. • New signage with QR code taking you to Wolfville Blooms where you can find all the background information and the new survey will be there.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance presence in the park hoping to work with park users. • Starting time frame is ready to go once signs are in the ground so within next few days. • Further discussion on seasonal approach. • Hope to change habits. • Feedback will start to be collected immediately. • A certain amount of time is required to fully see habits and behaviours and gauge any changes which is the reason for 5-6 months as opposed to one year. • The limitation of daylight hours affects all users of the park. This is a multi-use park including young children using the park who have the same limitation of daylight hours as dog walkers. • Other parks in Town are off leash – Woodman Grove, Olsen, Pond View, Sherwood Rawding Ravine are also off-leash parks. Rotary Park is off leash in winter months between November 1 and March 31st of the following year. • When looking at evaluation of pilot, gather data based on seasonal approach.
<p>c. RFD 025-2025: Computer Network Architecture Design and Installation</p>	<p>18-06-25 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES \$10,657.50 PLUS TAX (\$12,149.55) TO COMPLETE THE WORK FOR COMPUTER NETWORK ARCHITECTURE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION.</p> <p>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p>d. Code of Conduct Complaint</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Butler declared a conflict of interest and joined the public gallery. <p>19-06-25 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED AFTER REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT; COUNCIL APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE RESPONDENT IS NOT FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS.</p> <p>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>

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7. NEW BUSINESS	
a. RFD 026-2025 – Governance & Funding for Valley Waste and Kings Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CAO presented on the pre-circulated RFD. • Reduction in costs for Valley Waste Management for Wolfville • Costs for Kings Transit are going up in total by about 5% between this and next year and continue to increase by similar in two projected years following. Main reason is chronic underfunding to capital reserve for many years and needs to be further developed. • Draft motions are included for review but not being asked to vote tonight. They will go before all councils at a Special Joint meeting on Monday June 23rd with all participants • KTA Electric buses is single largest component, but it has been paused by the Board to further explore the viability of the buses moving forward. If it goes ahead almost 74% is funded by Federal and Provincial government with remaining out of Capital reserve of KTA and those electric buses will be deployed in Kings County. No timeline for sure for decision but expect will know whether going forward or not within this fiscal year. Some level of fleet improvement is crucial. • Happy to see Annapolis County rejoining. • Contract was awarded to carrier by VWM to be residential carriers for next six years. • Extension to interim agreement expires June 30, 2025. This new agreement is perpetual. • Will ask KTA and VWM to present to council and answer questions council members may have. • Two things we operate outside of this contract is the bulk pick up that we fund in May and if we decide to do micro transit it will exist as something separate from this contract. • Thanks to the CAO for all efforts on this.
8. Adjournment to In Camera under MGA Section 22(2)(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned to in camera for two items under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA, Contract Negotiations at 7:33PM.
9. Regular Meeting Reconvenes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meeting reconvened at 8:28PM



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10. Adjournment of Regular Meeting	21-06-25 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN AT 8:28PM

Approved by Council Motion xx-07-25, July 2025

As recorded by Laura Morrison, Town Clerk and Manager of Administration