



#### ATTENDING

- Mayor Jodi MacKay
- Deputy Mayor Jennifer Ingham
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Councillor Wendy Elliott
- Councillor Ian Palmeter
- Councillor Kelly van Niekerk
- Councillor Howard Williams
- Chief Administrative Officer, Glenn Horne
- Recording Secretary, Laura Morrison

#### ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Devin Lake
- Manager of Communications & Strategic Initiatives, Barb Shaw
- Manager of IT, David Hopkins
- Manager of Community Development, Nick Zamora
- Senior Planner, Mark Fredericks
- Community Planner, Lindsay Slade
- Administrative Assistant, Laura Yaroshevskia
- Interested members of the public

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Deputy Mayor Ingham, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Mayor MacKay read the Land Acknowledgement

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	<b>01-06-25 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.</b> <b>CARRIED</b>
2. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No conflicts of interest declared</li></ul>
3. Approval of Minutes	
a. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes, May 6, 2025	<b>02-06-2025 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF MAY 6, 2025, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED</b> <b>CARRIED</b>



Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
b. Approval of the Committee of the Whole In Camera Minutes, May 6, 2025	<p><b>03-06-2025 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-CAMERA MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF MAY 6, 2025, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
4. Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julia Merritt, AVRL CEO - Library Operations &amp; Provincial Library Funding Review</li> <li>• Jennifer Uhlman and David Steele, Reservoir Park Funding Request</li> </ul>
5. Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barry Leslie, 67 Woodmans Grove, concerned around proposed uranium exploration in Mill Brook, East Dalhousie and River John in Pictou County with a goal to bring a motion to Council. Municipality of Pictou County last night passed a resolution supporting a local group in opposing the way provincial government is approaching uranium exploration and mining in River John area. In March provincial government revoked the ban on uranium exploration from 2009. Proposals for exploration groups must be in by June 11<sup>th</sup> with licences being given out July 11<sup>th</sup>. Not a lot of time and no public consultation has taken place. Interest groups have formed, meetings taking place and various presenters. Approx 120-140 people showed up. A group is forming in Wolfville. In a straight line we are under 25km from Millbrook.</li> <li>• Anders, 3 Kent Drive, would like to know more about off leash dogs in Reservoir Park changes. Lots of rumours about a time limit being put in place for off leash dogs. What was the result of the survey?</li> <li>• Elizabeth Kusters, stress that from an economic geological side, there is no reason at all to explore this resource. Largest uranium source is in Saskatchewan where no-one lives.</li> <li>• Ramona Jennex, Chambers Close, would like council and citizens to research as much as they can about uranium exploration and the consequences.</li> <li>• David Steele, there is a spread of invasive species plants by money making organizations such as plant nurseries. Wondering if Town Councils, Municipalities would, in association with the Nova Scotia Invasive Species, take a regulatory action that restricts nurseries from selling invasive species in this province.</li> </ul>

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<p>c. RFD 025-2025: Computer Network Architecture Design and Installation</p>	<p>06-06-2025 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p> <p>THAT COUNCIL APPROVES \$10,657.50 PLUS TAX (\$12,149.55) TO COMPLETE THE WORK FOR COMPUTER NETWORK ARCHITECTURE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>BREAK 10:55-11:15AM</i></p>
<p>d. IR 012-2025: Dog Control &amp; Sheltering Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPCA cancelling their contract with the Town June 27</li> <li>• Review of options. This responsibility will come in house.</li> <li>• Enforcement of Dog Control Bylaw will be fully in house.</li> <li>• Full Review of dog bylaw.</li> <li>• Emergency Hours reviewed, working with RCMP.</li> <li>• Costs to assume responsibilities of Animal Control may be offset by savings of monthly charge to SPCA.</li> <li>• Complaints of a Barking dog already come to Compliance,</li> <li>• Compliance have undertaken bite preventative and dog training courses.</li> <li>• Compliance team have a level of expertise in animal control.</li> <li>• SPCA will continue to have control over Animal Protection – anything related to animal welfare or protection will still go to SPCA and not Compliance.</li> <li>• Oops! Puppies who we are looking at to provide emergency shelter have been in business for 16 years.</li> </ul>
<p>e. IR 013-2025: Facilities Needs Assessment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of facilities outlined in capital plan. Basis of those decisions has fundamentally changed and requires a full review.</li> <li>• Will include Town Hall, Fire Hall, RCMP, EHS, Town Library, Public Works Building, Rec Centre to meet our service and community needs for next 30 to 40 years.</li> <li>• Appreciate the time and amount of work but necessary to make informed decision.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other infrastructure such as sidewalks should also be looked at.</li> <li>• Regional Rec facility continues to run tangential to this assessment but is not part of this review.</li> <li>• Council can talk about high level goals and vision of the Town but cannot provide decision or instruction to staff in Strategic Planning sessions; those decisions or instructions would require to be discussed in a public council meeting.</li> <li>• Functional needs, safety and accessibility needs in the meantime will be reviewed.</li> <li>• Flow of traffic consideration.</li> </ul>
<b>7. CAO Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to staff. Welcome to new staff.</li> <li>• Rec hub soft opening last night. Great feedback.</li> <li>• Initial tax bills mailed out April review of any issues that may arise through the Audit Committee.</li> <li>• IT upgrades.</li> <li>• Asset Management Framework being worked on.</li> <li>• GIS improvements continue.</li> <li>• AT improvements including bollards for cycle lane.</li> <li>• Date for hanging baskets in Town.</li> <li>• Washroom some work be done in house. Tender is focused on building a bathroom. Turn around is usually a couple of weeks once issued. No date set for when that goes out. Hoping it will be done this season.</li> <li>• Fencing on Maple Ave for Leaf collection site.</li> <li>• Thanks to Parks staff for how nice the Town is looking.</li> <li>• Pride month kick off this morning</li> <li>• Signage for bikes and scooters on AT lanes.</li> <li>• Stretch Tent ties could be marked in some way for safety purposes.</li> </ul>
<b>8. Committee Reports (Internal)</b>	
<b>a. Accessibility Advisory Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As submitted</li> </ul>
<b>b. Planning Advisory Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Happy Cities gave a fairly detailed presentation.</li> <li>• Housing Accelerator Fund Engagement Sessions.</li> </ul>



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c. Source Water Protection Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As submitted.</li> </ul>
d. Town and Gown Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As submitted.</li> </ul>
<b>9. Committee Reports (External)</b>	
a. Grand Pre & Bishop Beckwith Marsh Bodies (combined meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subsequent to this meeting, three technical questions around sustainability of farming with the increased dyke height asked of province – no response as yet.</li> </ul>
b. Wolfville Business Development Corporation (WBDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As submitted.</li> </ul>
<b>10. Public Comment</b>	No one for public comment.
<b>11. Adjournment to In-Camera Meeting</b>	<p><b>11-06-25 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN TO IN-CAMERA MEETING UNDER SECTION 22(2)(E)(C) AND (DB) OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, PERSONNEL MATTERS AND CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS PROCEEDING TO THE INVESTIGATION STAGE, AT 12:11PM.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b></p>
<b>12. Regular Meeting Reconvenes</b>	<b>REGULAR MEETING RECOVERED AT 1:38PM.</b>
<b>13. Motion from In Camera Meeting</b>	<p><b>12-06-25 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.</b></p>



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	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
14. Regular Meeting Adjournment	13-06-25 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN AT 1:39PM

Approved by Committee of the Whole Motion 02-07-25 July 2025  
As recorded by Laura Morrison, Manager of Administration & Town Clerk