



ATTENDING

- Mayor Jodi MacKay
- Deputy Mayor Jennifer Ingham
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Councillor Wendy Elliott
- Councillor Ian Palmeter
- Councillor Kelly van Niekerk (*left at 1:11pm*)
- Councillor Howard Williams (*left at 1:27pm*)
- 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
- Administrative Assistant, Laura Yaroshevskia
- Interested members of the public

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Deputy Mayor Ingham, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Mayor MacKay read the Land Acknowledgement

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	<p>01-07-25 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In Camera item added under section 22(2)(h) Public Safety
2. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No conflicts of interest declared
3. Approval of Minutes	
a. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes, June 3, 2025	<p>02-07-2025 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2025, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was noted addresses are not always stated at Public Input.



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b. Approval of the Committee of the Whole In Camera Minutes, June 3, 2025	<p>03-07-2025 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-CAMERA MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2025, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
4. Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Stovel presented on Kings Regional Emergency Management Organization Update
5. Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Daniels 3 Toye Lane, On June 17th I asked Council questions and have not received answers and would like to know why. Why have the Tide Tables not been updated? Section 15(3) MGA states The Mayor may monitor the administration and government of the municipality – I would like to know if this is being done, if not why not, and if it is being done, how it is being done? When will the next CAO report be published online? • Franklin Wilmot, Willow Ave, Concerns about the public participation section in the new policy that will be discussed later on the agenda. Removing the requirement of the mayor to respond to questions or concerns during public participation is a mistake. Public need to have confidence or a sense of comfort that council is responding directly, and that the mayor is in control and knows what is going on. The interaction is very important for the public to have confidence in council and have transparency. Responses to public concerns and queries could be deferred to other council members or CAO. Public who elected you want to have your input. During formation of your responses, if you are not informed it would help with transparency if on those occasions you ask other members of council or the CAO.
6. Staff Reports for Discussion	
a. RFD 027-2025: Active Transportation – ICIP Funding Implementation	<p>04-07-2025 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p> <p>THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO WORK WITH THE PROVINCE TO AMEND THE TOWN’S ICIP ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT (APPROXIMATELY \$3.3 MILLION TOTAL SPEND) TO ADDRESS THE TOPICS NOTED IN RFD 027-2025.</p>



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<p>b. RFD 028-2025: Council Proceedings Policy</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p><i>Discussion on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bike lane improvements - bollard placement/raising catch basins/street sweeper.</i> • <i>Harvest Moon Trail - width and surface improvements, width between 2.5 and 3 metres. No plan for speed bumps on trail. Plowing trail would be where it's hard top only. Trail upkeep could be part of volunteer program along with town maintenance. Edging along pathway. Speed limits education, etiquette.</i> • <i>The Town has no power to enforce speed limits. Any concerns of this nature and people cycling without helmets should be reported to RCMP.</i> • <i>Old burying ground investment discussion.</i> • <i>Sidewalk at East End discussion. Not part of this funding, no plan at this point.</i> • <i>More funding has been asked for, but they are fully subscribed.</i> • <i>Traffic calming plans some ICIP funding is earmarked for this.</i> • <i>Other areas for traffic calming are emerging.</i> • <i>Speed cameras for bikes.</i> • <i>Further discussion on any crosswalks from Council to be submitted to Director Lake to be looked at as part of capital budget planning.</i> <p style="text-align: center;">RECESS FROM 10AM TO 10:15AM</p> <p><i>Discussion Items:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Clarity on Public Input discussion.</i> • <i>Challenging to answer questions in the moment. Information may not be readily available, or council may not have had a chance to discuss.</i> • <i>Council carries out their business and discussions in a transparent manner at every public meeting.</i> • <i>Mayor answers questions every day in various formats including email, calls, in person interactions.</i> • <i>Questions which can be responded to quickly are often sent directly via email and can also be reflected in the CAO report so everyone can see the answer.</i>

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	<p>WHEREAS IN A LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2025, MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE JOHN LOHR, ASKED THE PROVINCE'S MAYORS AND WARDENS TO SIGNAL THEIR GENERAL SUPPORT FOR RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND STATED THAT STEPS TOWARD RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT NEEDED TO BE TAKEN CAREFULLY AND IN CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITIES;</p> <p>WHEREAS THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA REPEALED ITS 45-YEAR BAN ON URANIUM EXPLORATION AND MINING ON MARCH 26, 2025, WITH LIMITED PUBLIC CONSULTATION;</p> <p>WHEREAS THE TOWN OF WOLFVILLE WAS DECLARED A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN 1985, REFLECTING OUR COMMUNITY'S LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO NUCLEAR-FREE POLICIES;</p> <p>WHEREAS RESIDENTS OF WOLFVILLE HAVE EXPRESSED TO TOWN COUNCIL CONCERN AND OPPOSITION TOWARD URANIUM EXPLORATION IN THE LOCAL AREA AND THE IMPLICATIONS ON THE REGION'S POTABLE WATER, ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE ECONOMIES ARE LARGELY UNKNOWN;</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF WOLFVILLE REQUESTS THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGAGE WITH MUNICIPALITIES, FIRST NATIONS, AND COMMUNITIES SO THEY MAY BECOME MORE INFORMED OF POTENTIAL RISKS AND BENEFITS OF URANIUM EXPLORATION AND PROVIDE INPUT. • ENGAGE AN INDEPENDENT STUDY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH EFFECTS OF URANIUM EXPLORATION AND MINING AT ALL PROPOSED SITES IN NOVA SCOTIA, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON PRIVATE AND PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discussion on use of word independent.</i>



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<p>e. IR 017-2025: Operations Plan Quarterly Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>First update of the Ops Plan. One quarter of the year into the Ops Plan completed.</i> • <i>80% of initiatives are in progress or ongoing, 8% complete, 11% yet to start.</i> • <i>Significant body of work continues that is not reflected in the operational plan - everyday duties related to immediate core service delivery work which must be done but can create conflicts for staff time with more project-based tasks.</i> • <i>Unexpected to a degree is the disruptive nature of the various unplanned staffing changes have affected us being able to deliver some projects in the Ops Plan.</i> • <i>\$200k in budget for asphalt, steering towards bigger paving job on Grandview and Hillside and significant patches that crew can't do looking to have that tendered. This will take up most of the budget.</i> • <i>Ops Plan is available on our website. Paper documents are at Town Hall. There was also a day at the market where people could pick up a copy as well as a QR code which can be scanned and take you right to it.</i> • <i>Updates are also on website in agenda package.</i> • <i>Grants to Organizations section applications are not public or available for review for Strategic, Community partners. These are reviewed at staff level and not public. Questions can be sent to Manager of Community Development.</i> • <i>Received funding for \$63k for HR Services review with Kentville and Berwick.</i> • <i>Al Whittle storm drain improvement – contractor has been engaged and pricing finalized. No start date, but expected once contractor completes Kent Ave.</i> • <i>Kent Ave project, contractors have been found to be very diligent and will be done within 10 days.</i> • <i>Established standing offers for common construction services to help timelines.</i>
<p>f. IR 016-2025: Kings REMO Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update provided during earlier presentation.</i> • <i>No questions at this time.</i>



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7. CAO Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledge staffs' efforts on delivering value to residents of Town. • Lindsay Slade, Community Planner and Barb Shaw, Communications & Strategic Initiatives Specialist did a deep dive into micro transit and will be bringing a report to Council in the Fall. • Water treatment plant phase II underway. Mass excavation in July expect to last 8 weeks. Increase in truck traffic on Old Dyke Lane. • Recreation team engaged with 'SHIFT' – Super Happy Interactive Fun Time diverse opportunities. • Recreation Hub success –launched June 3rd – in first 11 days, bikes loaned out 207 times. 57% provided to people from Wolfville, 22% to people in Nova Scotia and 19% from outside province. Online booking will be launched and hours extended, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9:00-5:00pm. • Public Works crews trained on bollard installs • Bike Racks installed at Hotel Wolfville • Splash pad open and well used. • Corporate Services – quarterly water bills sent in mail, year end file is complete and finance working on automated variance bills to present to Audit Committee. • Oversight in neglecting to respond to a number of questions in this month's CAO Report as many were dealt with in the meetings such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – June 3 COW – uranium mining input – this was discussed earlier today. – Off Leash dogs input - discussed at meeting it was raised and been reviewed twice now. – Question on the Town regulating sale of invasive plant species and ability to restrict – Town does not have that jurisdiction or authority to restrict any plant sales. – June 17 Council meeting – further Uranium discussion – Tide Clock at Waterfront Park –staff are working on upgrade to tide clock and chart as we speak – what's there now is not permanent. • Planning applications question – mixed use building with five units is next to Paddy's in rear parking lot • Discussion on blue-green algae at Reservoir Park. Ponds are checked weekly on a Tuesday by Acadia. If detect anything there is a full process that takes place immediately including signage. If concern is received from community Town would follow up with Acadia for testing. • We do not guarantee water quality of the ponds.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence from Brandon (the E-Scooter guy), having challenges getting additional bikes for this season. • Online booking for bikes via Rec Hub started last week but no real noticeable change in number of bikes being booked. • Canada Day celebrations success in Willow Park. Everyone saying how great an event it was and pleased it took place at Willow Park. • Discussion on waste receptacles and dog bags. • Splash pad hours discussion. Feedback from the community is they would like longer hours. Staff will look into this. Splash Pad uses a lot of water. • Price difference between recycled water system for Splash Pad and the parameters around that is significantly more than what is currently in place. • Discussion on location of trees planted on Main Street and their proximity to the road.
8. Committee Reports (Internal)	
a. Audit Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal report, meeting last Friday, in absence of Director of Finance, it was quick meeting where we looked at Council and CAO expense reports.
b. Equity & Anti-Racism Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting cancelled and rearranged for next week.
c. Planning Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As submitted.
9. Committee Reports (External)	
a. Inter-Municipal Services Agreement for Valley Waste & Kings Transit (IMSA for VWM & KTA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As submitted.



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b. Kings Point to Point (KPPT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As submitted.
c. Wolfville Business Development Corporation (WBDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wolfville Visitor Information Centre welcomed 256 walk-in visitors and hosted 451 wine bus guests. Even with the Centre open only five days per week, there was a steady rise in foot traffic week over week, with daily averages nearly doubling by mid-month. Most visitors reported coming for vacation, leisure (84) or day trips (82), with a significant number simply passing through (63). When asked about attractions, local restaurants, shops, and downtown experiences topped the list (154 mentions), followed by wineries outside of organized tours (103), hiking trails and scenic look-offs (40), and iconic spots like Grand-Pré (26) and the tidal views (37).
10. Public Input	No one for public input.
Recess for lunch 12:05pm to 12:33pm	
11. Adjournment to In-Camera Meeting	<p>07-07-25 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN TO IN-CAMERA MEETING UNDER SECTION 22(2)(E) AND (H) OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY AT 12:33PM.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
12. Regular Meeting Reconvened	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular meeting reconvened at 1:46PM.
13. Motion from In Camera Meeting	<p>08-07-25 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p> <p>THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THAT THE TOWN OF WOLFVILLE ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS OF AN INTER-MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF DEVELOPING A REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITY, AS PER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS PRESENTED IN-CAMERA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>



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14. Regular Meeting Adjournment	09-07-25 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN AT 1:46PM

Approved by Committee of the Whole Motion 02-09-25 September, 2025

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