



ATTENDING

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

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Planning & Public Works, Devin Lake
- Manager of Communications & Strategic Initiatives, Barb Shaw
- Compliance Coordinator, Kaden Thibault
- Manager of Community Development, Nick Zamora
- Director of Corporate Services, Diana Gibson
- Community Planner, Lindsay Slade
- Senior Planner, Mark Fredericks

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor MacKay called the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:31pm.
Deputy Mayor Ingham read the Land Acknowledgement and Recognition of Historic Contributions.

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	05-02-26 IT WAS REUGLARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA WAS ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.
2. Approval of Minutes	
a. Town Council Meeting, January 27, 2026	THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2026, WERE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.
3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None declared.
4. Community Events, Occasions & Acknowledgements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mona Parson’s birthday on February 17.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horton School students are putting on “Into the Woods” February 20-22. • Thank you to staff who did listening session at Soups and Sides. Soups and Sides back next week (February 23) celebrating African Heritage month. • Business Engagement Session is on February 18, 5pm at the Wolfville Legion. • Groundbreaking for the mosque in Wolfville was attended by Mayor MacKay and Councillor Elliott. • Acadia sports teams are going into play-offs • Residents are encouraged to participate in the WellNify wellness challenge! Wolfville is in a friendly competition with Kentville. • There will be an organized walk next Tuesday (February 24) at 10am, starting off at the library.
<p>5. Public Input</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Calman. Operating photo portrait studios in Wolfville, Bridgetown, Antigonish. Owner of Light and Lens on Main Street, Wolfville since around 1995. Has twin sons who have joined the family business around year 2000. Jason, the son, operating the studio on Main Street and is now fighting cancer. Business is challenging today, cell phones are the main competitor. Requesting permit to put a small vending cart on the sidewalk in front of the business so that people don’t need to go to the store. This has worked well for their other business in Antigonish. Cannot justify being open to the public all the time, only by appointment. The son used to work in Halifax, moved to Wolfville due to disease. Wouldn’t use the vending machine all the time. Used to have an art group in the studio, but it didn’t work out. Aware that some studios use food to draw people into the studio. Will be offering a special barbecue. Lawful taxpayers. Asking permission to install the vending cart to help his son continue operating the business. Small business is going to be a thing of the past as large corporations take over and make it hard to survive.



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6. Motions/Recommendations from Committee of the Whole, February 3, 2026:	
a. RFD 004-2026: Tidal Transit 2026/27 Operating & Capital Budget	06-02-26 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2026/27 TIDAL TRANSIT OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWN'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE VALLEY REGIONAL SERVICES BOARD TO SUPPORT THE BUDGETS. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
b. RFD 005-2026: Valley Waste 2026/27 Operating & Capital Budget	07-02-26 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2026/27 VALLEY WASTE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWN'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE VALLEY REGIONAL SERVICES BOARD TO SUPPORT THE BUDGETS. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
c. RFD 006-2025: Grants to Organizations Policy Amendments	08-02-26 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS POLICY 710-004 TO SUPERSEDE POLICY 710-003, AS PRESENTED, AND THAT THE AMOUNT UNDER SECTION 5.4.6 OF THE POLICY (MAXIMUM AMOUNT AWARDED TO ANY GROUP FOR ANY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT) BE SET AT \$6500 PER YEAR OF THE AGREEMENT. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
7. NEW BUSINESS	
a. IR 009-2026: Main Street Downtown Corridor & Intersection Safety Improvements – Update & Discussion	<p>Project prepared by Happy Cities, Mobicon, and RV Anderson</p> <p>Don't sacrifice conditions for walking. People are open to a range of ideas.</p> <p>Use MioVision camera – a portable roadside camera that captures cars and pedestrians. Collected data in October, during harvest and while students were in Town. Used the data to build projections to see how intersections will operate in the next 20 years.</p> <p>Questions/Feedback:</p> <p>Athletics Complex-Main Street-University Ave:</p>



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	<p>Large trucks must be able to use the Athletics Complex driveway to access the Acadia gas farm. Will the proposed driveway be wide enough for the trucks?</p> <p>Crossing guards would be well-perceived on Main Street-University Ave. The pedestrian lights are potentially problematic for drivers because the drivers won't be able to see if anyone is actually crossing the road.</p> <p>There is another exit point from the Athletics complex that leads to Elm Street. Could it be utilized more?</p> <p>New driveway would potentially offer a few more parking spots to Acadia.</p> <p>Balcom Dr. and Westwood Ave. need to be included because traffic is generated on Main Street exits and goes to Balcom and Westwood. Should be grouped together because they are all connected.</p> <p>Bus stop on the opposite side of the Athletics complex needs to be looked at because it is dangerous when the cars go around the bus into the crosswalk.</p> <p>Could the crosswalk be moved instead (East side of University Ave)? – To be looked at.</p> <p><i>Direction:</i> plan to pilot a crossing guard and continue looking into other options to improve traffic flow.</p> <p>Highland Ave-Main Street:</p> <p>This is a very dark intersection that would benefit from having lighting on the side of the burial ground.</p> <p>Elm-Main:</p> <p>It's a very tight corner for the 18-wheelers that deliver salt to the Town. Will there be enough space to turn if the left lane is taken away? – To be looked at.</p>



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	<p>Good to not have the left lane. Would more traffic go on the Front Street?</p> <p>Need to move the crosswalk on Elm down so that it is easier to turn.</p> <p>Need to talk to the business owner of Library Pub about the deck. Anything put on the street will need to have visibility so that drivers can see children – planter boxes will potentially reduce visibility.</p> <p>Linden-Main:</p> <p>No feedback.</p> <p>Central-Main:</p> <p>This crosswalk is problematic because people jaywalk from the King’s Arms Commons across instead of using the crosswalk. This problem is unlikely to be solved.</p> <p>Bump-out on the BMO side could work. Planter boxes reduce visibility. Could add a bike rack instead or something for the scooters.</p> <p>This is lower priority compared to other crosswalks.</p> <p>If the exit is restricted right near the crosswalk is restricted, will the large Shoppers Drug Mart trucks be able to get out?</p> <p>Central Ave:</p> <p>Liked the raised crosswalk for Central Ave.</p> <p>Unless there are designated parking spots, it would add a lot of traffic to the Front Street.</p> <p>Would inability to park delivery trucks in front of the door make it inconvenient for the businesses?</p> <p>Drop-off spots need to be preserved.</p> <p>Main Street-Gasperau:</p> <p>Turn lanes – needed or not? Turning lanes would slow down traffic.</p> <p>Planter boxes reduce visibility and distract people.</p>



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	<p>Mixed opinions about bump-outs. The ones presented look too big and squared, so that drivers risk hitting them.</p> <p>Traffic lights are a longer-term discussion.</p> <p>Would crossing guards work there? How many crossing guards are needed on this intersection?</p> <p><i>Direction:</i> would like to see crossing guards tested on this intersection this fall. Continue looking at other longer-term options.</p> <p>Locust-Main Street:</p> <p>L'Arche crosswalk – need to be aware of the vulnerable population.</p> <p>Bump-out was well-received.</p> <p>No planter boxes needed.</p> <p>Need to keep in mind that L'Arche needs access to their accessible parking spots. Needs to be kept as clear as possible.</p> <p>The flashing lights prevent drivers from seeing people – will that be a problem? Otherwise, flashing lights could be useful.</p>
<p>8. Adjournment to In-Camera</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned to In-Camera under the Municipal Government Act Section 22(2)(e) Contract Negotiations at 8:21pm.</p>
<p>9. Regular meeting resumes at 8:44pm</p>	
<p>10. MOTION FROM IN CAMERA</p>	
<p>a. RFD 009-2026</p>	<p>10-02-26 THAT COUNCIL APPROVED A LETTER OF INTENT TO SUPPORT THE STUDENT HOUSING NOVA SCOTIA PROPOSAL TO MAINTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN WOLFVILLE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p>11. Regular Meeting Adjournment</p>	<p>11-02-26 REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:47PM</p>

Approved by Council at the March 16, 2026 Town Council Meeting
As recorded by Laura Yaroshevsk, Administrative Assistant