



ATTENDING

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

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Corporate Services, Diana Gibson
- Director of Planning & Public Works, Devin Lake
- Manager of Communications & Strategic Initiatives, Barb Shaw
- Manager of IT, David Hopkins

REGRETS

- Councillor Mike Butler

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor MacKay called the Town Council Meeting to order at 11:40am.
Deputy Mayor Ingham read the Land Acknowledgement.

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.
2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
3. Public Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No-one for public input
4. Motions/Recommendations from Special Committee of the Whole, March 24, 2026	
a. RFD 023-2026: 2026/27 Operating & Capital Budgets	08-04-26 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2026-27 TOWN OF WOLFVILLE OPERATING BUDGET, 2026-27 WOLFVILLE WATER UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET, 2026-27 CAPITAL BUDGET, AND 2026-27 RESERVES BUDGET, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026-27 Town of Wolfville Operating Budget with revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$16,986,543. • Tax Details <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Residential Tax Rate of \$1.4855 per hundred dollars of assessment applied to taxable residential and resource assessments. ▪ Commercial Tax Rate of \$3.5855 per hundred dollars of assessment applied to taxable commercial assessment. ▪ Fire Protection Area Rate (pursuant to Section 80 of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>) of \$0.0556 per hundred dollars of assessment. ▪ Business Development Area Rate (pursuant to Section 56 of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>) of \$0.2294 per hundred dollars of commercial assessment. ▪ Taxes to be levied by way of an Interim Tax Bill (issued in April and due May 29th, 2026) and a Final Tax Bill (issued in August and due September 30th, 2026). ▪ Interest on overdue amounts to be charged at a rate of 1% per month, compounded. • Low Income Property Tax Exemption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum income threshold to qualify - \$48,750 • Maximum tax exempt of \$1,083 • Sewer Fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sewer consumption rate of \$7.08 per 1,000 gallons of water used. ▪ Flat Rate fee of \$135.70 per quarter.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum quarterly charge for any metered customer of \$29.85. ▪ Sewer Connection Fee of \$6,500. • Grants to Organizations, not part of the Strategic or Community Partnership Grants <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Acadia - Bursaries</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$11,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acadia – Athletics</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$35,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acadia – Summer Camps</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$15,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acadia – On Campus Event</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$20,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$81,000</td> </tr> </table> • 2026-27 Wolfville Water Utility Operating Budget with operating revenues of \$1,568,633, operating expenditures of \$1,409,025, non-operating revenues of \$29,500, and non-operating expenditures of \$100,897. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Water Connection Fee of \$6,500 • 2026-27 Capital Budget totaling \$17,957,103 with funding as follows: <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Operating Reserve, unrestricted</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$450,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital Reserve, unrestricted</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,058,797</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fire Equipment Reserve</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$254,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sewer Reserve</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$70,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Depreciation Reserve</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$260,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Users</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$40,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canadian Community Building Fund (CCBF)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,066,210</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Long-Term Borrowing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$9,624,463</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grant Funding</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4,133,413</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$17,957,103</td> </tr> </table> • 2026-27 Reserve Budget with expected additions of \$2,771,067 and expected utilization of \$4,706,023. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>	Acadia - Bursaries	\$11,000	Acadia – Athletics	\$35,000	Acadia – Summer Camps	\$15,000	Acadia – On Campus Event	\$20,000		\$81,000	Operating Reserve, unrestricted	\$450,000	Capital Reserve, unrestricted	\$2,058,797	Fire Equipment Reserve	\$254,200	Sewer Reserve	\$70,000	Water Depreciation Reserve	\$260,000	Users	\$40,000	Canadian Community Building Fund (CCBF)	\$1,066,210	Long-Term Borrowing	\$9,624,463	Grant Funding	\$4,133,413		\$17,957,103
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	<p>COMMENTS/QUESTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town’s policy is 97.5% of Town’s lowest non-union salary is the rate used for property tax exemption. This is based on living wage in the valley which is approx.. \$25 per hour. <p>09-04-26 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A ONE-TIME CAPITAL GRANT CONTRIBUTION OF \$50,000 TO THE LANDMARK EAST ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW GYMNASIUM FACILITY, CONTINGENT ON A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AS PART OF THE 2026-27 BUDGET, TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE UNRESTRICTED OPERATING RESERVE. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>10-04-26 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A ONE-TIME OPERATING GRANT CONTRIBUTION OF \$7,660 TO THE WOLFVILLE TRITONS SWIM CLUB TO SUPPORT TRANSITION YEAR STABILIZATIONS FOR THE 2025-26 SEASON, TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE UNRESTRICTED OPERATING RESERVE. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>11-04-26 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A ONE-TIME OPERATING GRANT CONTRIBUTION OF \$6,500 TO THE DEEP ROOTS MUSIC CO-OPERATIVE TO SUPPORT THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY DEEP ROOTS MUSIC FESTIVAL TAKING PLACE SEPTEMBER 25TH – 27TH, 2026, TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE UNRESTRICTED OPERATING RESERVE. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>12-04-26 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A ONE-TIME OPERATING GRANT CONTRIBUTION OF \$1,500 TO THE SCOTIA FESTIVAL OF MUSIC TO SUPPORT THE PRESENTATION OF A CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT IN WOLFVILLE ON JUNE 2, 2026, TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE UNRESTRICTED OPERATING RESERVE. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>



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<p>b. RFD 024-2026: 2026/27 Operations Plan</p>	<p>13-04-26 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE CREATION OF AN RCMP OPERATING RESERVE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>14-04-26 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE CHANGING THE RESTRICTED CAPITAL RESERVE FOR SEWER INTO A RESTRICTED OPERATING RESERVE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>15-04-26 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE REALLOCATION OF \$230,000 FROM THE UNRESTRICTED OPERATING RESERVE INTO THE NEW SEWER OPERATING RESERVE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>16-04-26 THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE 2026/27 TOWN OPERATIONS PLAN, PERMITTING STAFF TO ADD FINANCIAL DETAILS AS APPROVED IN THE 2025/26 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p>5. Motions/Recommendations from Committee of the Whole, April 7, 2026</p>	
<p>a. RFD 028-2026: Consideration of 2026-2030 WBDC Funding Agreement</p>	<p>17-04-26 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO POLICY #710-004 WBDC FUNDING POLICY, AS PRESENTED, AND APPROVE THE ATTACHED FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE WOLFVILLE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AS PRESENTED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p>6. Regular Meeting Adjournment</p>	<p>REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:59PM</p>

**Approved by Council at the April 21, 2026 Town Council Meeting
 As recorded by Laura Morrison, Town Clerk**