



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 Corporate Services, Diana Gibson
- Manager of Communications & Strategic Initiatives, Barb Shaw
- Manager of Community Development, Nick Zamora
- Administrative Assistant, Laura Yaroshevskia

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Deputy Mayor Ingham, called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

Mayor MacKay read the Land Acknowledgement and Historic Contributions Recognition.

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.
2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None declared.
3. Public Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No-one for public input.
4. Staff Reports for Discussion	
a. RFD 011-2026: AVRL (Annapolis Valley Regional Library) Grant Request	<p>02-03-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p> <p>THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A ONE-TIME INCREASE IN THE AVRL'S ANNUAL OPERATING CONTRIBUTION OF \$3,939, EQUAL TO THE MUNICIPAL PORTION (26%) OF THE TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED, IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE PREVAILING FUNDING FORMULA FOR LIBRARIES.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>



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<p>b. RFD 014-2026: Temporary Borrowing Resolution & 2026 Spring Debenture Pre-Approval</p> <p>c. RFD 016-2026: One-Time Operational Funding Request – Scotia Festival of Music</p>	<p>Discussion/Questions/Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council expressed their disappointment this has been put on municipalities. • <i>Council direction to staff to prepare a letter to bring back to next COW meeting, expressing to the Province their disappointment in funding cuts.</i> <p>03-03-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p> <p>THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN THE ATTACHED TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION FOR \$292,675 FOR THE KENT AVENUE SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT CAPITAL PROJECT.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>04-03-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p> <p>THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION FOR PRE-APPROVAL OF DEBENTURE ISSUANCE, SUBJECT TO INTEREST RATE CONFIRMATION NOT TO EXCEED 7.0% TO ENABLE THE TOWN OF WOLFVILLE TO ISSUE A 15-YEAR DEBENTURE OF \$292,675, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE KENT AVENUE SIDEWALK.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>05-03-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p> <p>THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER IN THE 2026/27 BUDGET PROCESS A \$3,250 ONE-TIME OPERATIONAL GRANT TO SCOTIA FESTIVAL OF MUSIC TO SUPPORT THE PRESENTATION OF A CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT IN WOLFVILLE ON JUNE 2, 2026.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>



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<p>d. RFD 017-2026: One Time Operating Request – Deep Roots Music Co-op</p>	<p>Discussion/Questions/Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Staff to confirm details regarding Town promotion/acknowledgement, accessibility, ticket price and how much time will be spent in the community.</i> <p>06-03-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p> <p>THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER IN THE 2026/27 BUDGET PROCESS A ONE-TIME OPERATIONAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,382.24 TO DEEP ROOTS MUSIC CO-OPERATIVE TO SUPPORT THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY DEEP ROOTS MUSIC FESTIVAL TAKING PLACE SEPTEMBER 25TH – 27TH, 2026.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Discussion/Questions/Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Council would like a presentation from Deep Roots.</i> • <i>Councillor Van Niekerk stepped out of the room and was not part of the voting process</i>
<p>e. RFD 018-2026: One Time Operating Request – Wolfville Tritons Swim Club</p>	<p>07-03-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p> <p>THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER IN THE 2026/27 BUDGET PROCESS A \$12,500 ONE-TIME OPERATIONAL GRANT TO THE WOLFVILLE TRITONS SWIM CLUB TO SUPPORT TRANSITION-YEAR STABILIZATION FOR THE 2025–26 SEASON.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Discussion/Questions/Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Staff will confirm where the funds from the Go fund me campaign are reflected.</i>
<p>f. RFD 019-2026: Capital Funding</p>	<p>08-03-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p>



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<p>Request – Landmark East Association</p>	<p>THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER IN THE 2026/27 BUDGET PROCESS A \$50,000 CAPITAL GRANT CONTRIBUTION TO LANDMARK EAST ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW GYMNASIUM FACILITY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Discussion/Questions/Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Direction to staff to prepare an MOU, request the annual operating budget and to find out if there is any provincial funding available to the school.</i> • <i>Staff will request annual operating budget.</i> • It was clarified that the contingency budget of \$250k is not solely for landscaping but includes other items as noted. • Council recognize the community contribution from Landmark East to the Town.
<p>5. Regular Meeting Adjourned to In Camera</p>	<p>09-03-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL MOVE TO AN IN-CAMERA MEETING UNDER SECTION 22(2)(E) OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AT 9:41AM.</p>
<p>6. Regular Meeting Resumed</p>	<p>THE REGULAR MEETING RESUMED AT 11:31AM</p>
<p>7. Motions from In Camera</p>	
<p>8. RFD 015-2026: Withdrawal from Valley REN</p>	<p>10-03-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p> <p>THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WOLFVILLE’S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE VALLEY REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK AS PERMITTED IN THE INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2028.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p>9. Regular Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:33AM.</p>

Approved at the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 7, 2026
 As recorded by Laura Morrison, Manager of Administration & Town Clerk