



ATTENDING

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

ALSO ATTENDING

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

REGRETS

- Councillor Kelly van Niekerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Deputy Mayor Ingham, called the meeting to order at 8:30 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. Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Peter Mowat and Gerry Davis, Deep Roots</i>• <i>Brian Finnis, Acadia Athletics, Events and Recreation</i>
4. Public Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter, Wolfville resident. As a senior, the resident participates in opportunities for seniors at Acadia and would like to see Acadia and the Town collaborate to provide more recreational opportunities for seniors and not only students.
5. Staff Reports for Discussion	



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<p>a. RFD 024-2026: 2026/27 Operations Plan Consideration</p>	<p>20-03-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p> <p>THAT COUNCIL 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>Discussion/Questions/Feedback</p> <p><i>Volunteer Recognition:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarified that volunteer recognition is an established annual Town process; Council’s involvement is the new element of this initiative. <p><i>Student Event Involvement:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event will be led by Acadia University. The Town will provide support related to public safety and advocacy. <p><i>Culture and Heritage (295 & 260 Main Street):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properties at 295 Main Street and 260 Main Street were discussed. • Property owners have expressed willingness to donate the buildings to the Town. • There is demonstrated community interest in preserving their heritage value. • The Town is considering relocation of the buildings. • Staff will advance the matter to a stage where Council can make a decision. <p><i>Crossing Guard Pilot (University Avenue):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff recommend initiating a pilot program on University Avenue. • Proposed timeline: early September to March 31. • Two crossing guards proposed (8 hours/day, 5 days/week). • Schedule informed by the Town’s recent traffic study. • Acadia University is supportive and will collaborate with the Town on potential financial contributions. • Safety requirements and equipment for crossing guards are to be determined. <p><i>Standing Offers / Procurement:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town continues to follow its procurement policy. • Standing offers are used to streamline project management. • Tenders are still issued, and relationships with local contractors are being developed.



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<p>b. RFD 014-2026: Temporary Borrowing Resolution & 2026 Spring Debenture Pre-Approval</p>	<p><i>Provincial Funding:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent provincial funding cuts have not significantly impacted current projects. • Previously approved grants will still be received. • The Recreation Department is expected to be most affected due to its reliance on grant funding. <p><i>Uncollected Taxes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was clarified that outstanding taxes are eventually collected by the Town, with interest applied. <p style="text-align: center;">Break from 10:06am to 10:17am</p> <p>21-03-2026 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 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026-27 TOWN OF WOLFVILLE OPERATING BUDGET WITH REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,987,182.42. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TAX DETAILS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE OF \$1.4855 PER HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSMENT APPLIED TO TAXABLE AND RESIDENTIAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT. ▪ COMMERCIAL TAX RATE OF \$3.855 PER HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSMENT APPLIED TO TAXABLE COMMERCIAL ASSESSMENT. ▪ FIRE PROTECTION AREA RATE (PURSUANT TO SECTION 80 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT) OF \$0.0556 PER HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSMENT. ▪ BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AREA RATE (PURSUANT TO SECTION 56 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT) OF \$0.2225 PER HUNDRED DOLLARS OF COMMERCIAL ASSESSMENT.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. ▪ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ACADIA - BURSARIES \$11,000 ➤ ACADIA – ATHLETICS \$35,000 ➤ ACADIA – SUMMER CAMPS \$15,000 ➤ ACADIA – ON CAMPUS EVENT <u>\$20,000</u> <li style="text-align: right;">\$81,000 • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ OPERATING RESERVE, UNRESTRICTED \$ 450,000 ○ CAPITAL RESERVE, UNRESTRICTED \$ 2,055,497 ○ FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE \$ 254,200 ○ SEWER RESERVE \$ 70,000 ○ WATER DEPRECIATION RESERVE \$ 260,000



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ USERS \$ 40,000 ○ CANADIAN COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND (CCBF) \$ 1,066,210 ○ LONG-TERM BORROWING \$ 9,624,463 ○ GRANT FUNDING \$ 4,133,413 <p style="text-align: right;">\$17,953,803</p> <p>• 2026-27 RESERVE BUDGET WITH EXPECTED ADDITIONS OF \$2,613,372 AND EXPECTED UTILIZATION OF \$4,709,195. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Discussion/Questions/Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of the Railtown parking lot was discussed. • Treatment plan sludge removal was discussed. • The Reservoir Park algae pilot was discussed. • Storage shed at Robbie Tufts was discussed. • It was clarified that any surplus from the current year will be added back to the operating reserve. <p>22-03-2026 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 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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>23-03-2026 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 OPERATING GRANT CONTRIBUTION OF \$7,660 TO THE WOLFVILLE TRITONS SWIM CLUB TO</p>



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	<p>SUPPORT TRANSITION YEAR STABILIZATIONS FOR THE 2025-26 SEASON, TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE UNRESTRICTED OPERATING RESERVE. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Discussion/Questions/Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This request was indicated as a one-time contribution for the transition period. 30% of the total cost was derived from the proportion of residents taking part in the club from Wolfville. <p>24-03-2026 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 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>Discussion/Questions/Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council discussed how provincial funding cuts may affect the Deep Roots Festival. <p>25-03-2026 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 OPERATING GRANT CONTRIBUTION OF \$1,500 TO THE SCOTIA FESTIVAL OF MUSIC TO SUPPORT THE PRESENTATION OF A CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERN IN WOLFVILLE ON JUNE 2, 2026, TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE UNRESTRICTED OPERATING RESERVE. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Discussion/Questions/Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council discussed the grant application of the Scotia Festival of Music.



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<p>c. RFD 020-2026: Valley Waste Resource Management (VWRM) Debt Guarantee for 2025- 26 Capital Program</p>	<p>26-03-2026 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 CREATION OF AN RCMP OPERATING RESERVE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>27-03-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p> <p>THAT COUNCIL APPROVE CHANGING THE RESTRICTED CAPITAL RESERVE FOR SEWER INTO A RESTRICTED OPERATING RESERVE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>28-03-2026 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 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 style="text-align: center;">Lunch break from 12:22pm to 1:02pm</p> <p>29-03-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p> <p>THAT COUNCIL GUARANTEES A SHARE OF VALLEY WASTE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT’S TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION OF \$428,835, WITH WOLFVILLE’S GUARANTEE REPAYMENT SHARE BEING 7.19% EQUAL TO \$30,842 AS PER THE ATTACHED PARTNER GUARANTEE RESOLUTION FORM.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>



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6. Regular Meeting Adjourned	THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:16PM

Approved at the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 7, 2026
As recorded by Laura Yaroshevsk, Administrative Assistant, Office of the CAO