



**ATTENDING**

- Mayor Jodi MacKay
- Deputy Mayor Jennifer Ingham
- Councillor Wendy Elliott
- Councillor Ian Palmetier
- Councillor Kelly van Niekerk
- Councillor Howard Williams
- Chief Administrative Officer, Glenn Horne
- Recording Secretary, Laura Morrison

**ALSO ATTENDING**

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

**REGRETS**

- Councillor Mike Butler

**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.

Deputy Mayor Ingham handed the Chair to Mayor MacKay for the remainder of the meeting.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion and Decisions</b>
<b>1. Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.</b>
<b>2. Approval of Minutes</b>	
<b>a. Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 24, 2026</b>	<b>THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2026, WERE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.</b>
<b>b. Committee of the Whole Minutes, March 3, 2026</b>	<b>THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2026, WERE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.</b>



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<p>c. Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 10, 2026</p>	<p>THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026, WERE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.</p>
<p>d. Special Committee of the Whole In Camera Meeting, March 10, 2026.</p>	<p>THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2026, WERE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.</p>
<p>e. Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 24, 2026</p>	<p>THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2026, WERE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.</p>
<p>3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None declared.</li> </ul>
<p>4. Presentations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michaela Dankwa, Acadia Masters Student, Equity &amp; Anti-Racism Programming on Campus</li> </ul>
<p>5. Public Input</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No-one for public input.</li> </ul>
<p>6. Staff Reports for Discussion</p>	
<p>a. RFD 028-2026: Consideration of 2026-2030 WBDC Funding Agreement</p>	<p>01-04-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION:</p> <p>THAT COUNCIL APPROVE 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;"><b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b></p>





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	<p>Wolfville Harbour Shore and in trees and shrubs in the Harvest Moon Trail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canadian Veterinary Medical Association encourages transition away from use of all fireworks to safer alternatives, and in linked article mentions municipalities already done so.</li> <li>• Reduced toxicity of materials but it still exists and smoke related debris may spread all around town depending on wind speed and direction.</li> <li>• Discussion on how use of fireworks align with Council’s strategic plan.</li> <li>• The \$8k required for the fireworks could be used to help something else like the foodbank.</li> <li>• Drone shows are being used as an alternative in some places and there are Canadian companies who supply this.</li> <li>• Bird Country documentary was produced by Acadia Scientists and shown in AI Whittle on April 1. It focused on a group going to check boxes for nesting and talking about the numbers going down.</li> </ul> <p><b>04-04-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT FURTHER REPORTS OR DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM BE TABLED UNTIL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS OF JANUARY 2027, TO GIVE COUNCILLORS TIME TO GUAGE HOW THE COMMUNITY FEELS.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED FOUR TO TWO</b></p> <p><b><i>Discussion on motion</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern tabling is putting off until it’s too late.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. CAO Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Martin joined Fire Dept after Garth Regan’s recent retirement.</li> <li>• New De-contamination equipment installed, and final training has taken place.</li> <li>• 47 incidents logged year to date with the last week alone seeing an additional 5 or 6.</li> <li>• April 1st Valley Waste introducing bulky waste pick up – 2 items permitted to be put out every two weeks per unit as part of normal collection. No more Spring and Fall clean up. Direct engagement to landlords has taken place.</li> <li>• Snow melt as revealed potholes, garbage. Staff are making rounds in terms of minimum property standards. Complaints that residents have can contact the town directly. If in relation to minimum</li> </ul>



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	<p>standards follow up with compliance team or if plow strike – public works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crosswalk repairs have been made at University Ave and Main and new buttons installed at Highland and Main and Olsen Drive and Main Street.</li> <li>• Survey of catch basin structures completed on Main St from Victoria to Maple as part of re-paving of Main.</li> <li>• Summer camp registration is open and all 8 filled up quickly.</li> <li>• Reports that Valley Waste missed a couple of streets, Linwood and Braemar and the week before missed Maple. The timing has changed due to the new process where now two trucks are picking up and there is a significant piece of time between. If a street is missed, residents should call Valley Waste directly and make the town aware so we can keep track. There could be differences in timing to schedules now due to the increase in service levels.</li> <li>• Acadia’s Dump and Run event, which was done in the past as a fundraiser, was identified and included as part of town strategic plan, on docket to raise with Acadia in coming years.</li> <li>• Construction sites are a mess after windstorms with loose pieces of insulation blowing around, especially in Maple. Director Lake will follow up with Building Official.</li> <li>• Discussion on programming options for adults in age group of approx. 25- to 35-year-olds. Dance and art programs as well as the rock-climbing wall and other organizations like the tennis club and pickle ball club were popular with that age group. More engagement will be taking place this summer to determine wants and needs of all residents.</li> <li>• Shout out to Memory Café, they were recently awarded \$25k through the federal New Horizons for Seniors Program. The memory Café started in Wolfville but there are around 18 of them in the province. Memory Café recently incorporated as non-profit organization. The Town supported them along the way in terms of administration and distribution of funds which they couldn’t previously do. Dr Cassidy thanked the Town and staff’s participation.</li> </ul>
<b>8. Committee Reports (Internal)</b>	
<b>a. Accessibility Advisory Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As submitted.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>b. Equity &amp; Anti-Racism Advisory Committee</b></p> <p><b>c. RCMP Advisory Board</b></p> <p><b>d. Source Water Protection Advisory Committee</b></p> <p><b>e. Wolfville Business Development Corporation (WBDC)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As submitted.</li> <li>• As submitted.</li> <li>• As submitted.</li> <li>• As submitted.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Committee Reports (External)</b></p>	
<p><b>a. Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition (AVTC)</b></p> <p><b>b. Kings Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee (REMAC)</b></p> <p><b>c. Valley Regional Services (VRS)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As submitted.</li> <li>• As submitted.</li> <li>• As submitted.</li> </ul>



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<b>10. Regular Meeting Adjourned to In Camera Meeting Under Section 22(2)(c) and (e), Personnel matters and contract negotiations under the MGA.</b>	<b>05-04-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN TO INCAMERA AT 9:44AM.</b>
<b>11. Regular Meeting Resumed</b>	<b>The regular meeting resumed at 11:34am.</b>
<b>12. Regular Meeting recessed.</b>	<b>06-04-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECESS AT 11:44AM UNTIL AFTER THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.</b>  <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
<b>13. Regular Meeting Resumed</b>	<b>The regular meeting resumed at 12:27pm.</b>
<b>14. Regular Meeting Adjourned to In Camera Meeting Under Section 22(2)(c) Personnel matters under the MGA.</b>	<b>07-04-2026 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN TO INCAMERA AT 12:27PM UNDER SECTION 22(2)(C) PERSONNEL MATTERS OF THE MGA.</b>  <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
<b>15. Meeting Adjourned</b>	<b>Regular and In Camera meeting adjourned at 12:59pm</b>

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