WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Special Council Meeting Agenda
November 10, 2026 – 8:37 p.m.
In-person, Sanford Council Chambers, 76 Morison Dr, Windsor, NS
Virtual via Zoom (also YouTube Livestream)

M Call to Order

H Attendance

O Committee(s) of Council Excerpts/Recommendations
- I Committee of the Whole Excerpts (November 10, 2026)
  - Councillor Appointments to Advisory Committees and Community Boards
  - Deputy Mayor Appointment

Π Next Meeting Date / Adjournment – November 24, 2026 Council Meeting

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West Hants
something inspiring awaits

1. Call to Order – 8:37 pm

2. Attendance

Council:

Abraham Zebian, Mayor
Debbie Francis, Deputy Mayor, Dist. 5
Rupert Jannasch, Councillor, District 1
Kayla Leary-Pinch, Councillor, District 7
Paul Morton, Councillor, District 8
Chrystal Remme, Councillor, District 3
John Smith, Councillor, District 9
Paul Wheadon, Councillor, District 4
Bonnie Smith, Councillor, District 10
Bob Morton, Councillor, District 6
Jim Ivey, Councillor, District 11

Regrets:
Scott McLean, Councillor, District 2

Staff:

Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer
Deanna Snair, Municipal Clerk
Carlee Rochon, Dir. Financial Services
Bill Mckee, Dir. Fire Services

Regrets:
Kathy Kehoe, Dir Community Development
Todd Richard, Dir. Public Works

Presenter and Gallery: None

3. Committee of the Whole Excerpts (November 10, 2026)

a) Councillor Appointments to Advisory Committees and Community Boards

i. Accessibility Advisory Committee

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR P. MORTON THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR LEARY-PINCH BE APPOINTED TO THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR REMME BE APPOINTED AS ALTERNATE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

ii. Annapolis Valley Regional Library Board

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR P. MORTON THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR REMME BE APPOINTED TO THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD COMMITTEE AND MAYOR ZEBIAN BE APPOINTED AS ALTERNATE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

iii. Audit Committee

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR P, MORTON THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR B. MORTON, DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS, COUNCILLOR IVEY, COUNCILLOR J. SMITH AND COUNCILLOR LEARY-PINCH BE APPOINTED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028.

A question was raised regarding the length of committee terms, as the Meeting and Committee Procedural Policy specified a two-year term, while the Audit Committee Terms of Reference indicated a one-year term, creating a discrepancy. It was also noted that appointments were not made at the end of the previous term, and members continued serving beyond the one-year term without the matter being brought back to Council for discussion and reappointment. Consensus was to defer these appointments until the November Council meeting. This would allow staff time to review the policy, address the inconsistencies, and provide Council with additional information and recommendations through a report at an upcoming Council meeting.

iv. Bear Lake Wind Farm Liaison Committee

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR P. MORTON THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR LEARY-PINCH BE APPOINTED TO THE BEAR LAKE WIND FARM LIAISON COMMITTEE AND MAYOR ZEBIAN BE APPOINTED AS ALTERNATE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

v. Climate Action Committee

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR P. MORTON THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR JANNASCH, COUNCILLOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR B. SMITH BE APPOINTED TO THE CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

vi. Davidson Lake and French Mill Brook Watershed Advisory Committee

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR LEARY-PINCH THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR J. SMITH BE APPOINTED TO THE DAVIDSON LAKE AND FRENCH MILL BROOK WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR P. MORTON BE APPOINTED AS ALTERNATE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

vii. Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive Communities Committee

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR LEARY-PINCH THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR REMME BE APPOINTED TO THE DIVERSE, EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR IVEY BE APPOINTED AS ALTERNATE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

viii. Fences and Arbitration Committee

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR IVEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR JANNASCH BE APPOINTED TO THE FENCES ARBITRATION COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

ix. Highway 101 Liaison Committee (CLC)

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR LEARY-PINCH THAT COUNCIL APPROVES BONNIE SMITH BE APPOINTED TO THE HIGHWAY 101 LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC) AND COUNCILLOR IVEY BE APPOINTED AS ALTERNATE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

x. Landfill Liaison Advisory Committee

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR LEARY-PINCH THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR WHEADON BE APPOINTED TO THE LANDFILL LIAISON ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR JANNASCH BE APPOINTED AS ALTERNATE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

xi. Mills Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR LEARY-PINCH THAT COUNCIL APPROVES J. SMITH BE APPOINTED TO THE MILLS LAKE WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR IVEY BE APPOINTED AS ALTERNATE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

xii. Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR LEARY-PINCH THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR B. SMITH, COUNCILLOR WHEADON AND COUNCILLOR B. MORTON BE APPOINTED TO THE PLANNING AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

xiii. Police Advisory Board

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR LEARY-PINCH THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR P. MORTON AND MAYOR ZEBIAN BE APPOINTED TO THE POLICE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

xiv. Region 6 Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR REMME THAT COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR ZEBIAN BE APPOINTED TO THE REGION 6 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND

COUNCILLOR B. MORTON BE APPOINTED AS ALTERNATE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

xv. Valley Community Fibre Network (VCFN) Committee

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR IVEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR ZEBIAN BE APPOINTED TO THE VALLEY COMMUNITY FIBRE NETWORK (VCFN) COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR IVEY BE APPOINTED AS ALTERNATE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

xvi. Valley Regional Enterprise Network (VREN) Committee

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR LEARY-PINCH THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR WHEADON BE APPOINTED TO THE VALLEY REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK (VREN) COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR REMME BE APPOINTED AS ALTERNATE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

xvii. West Hants Housing Coalition Committee

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR FRANCIS AND COUNCILLOR WHEADON THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR WHEADON BE APPOINTED TO THE WEST HANTS HOUSING COALITION COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR IVEY BE APPOINTED AS ALTERNATE FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

b) Deputy Mayor Appointment

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS LEARY-PINCH AND WHEADON THAT COUNCIL APPOINTS COUNCILLOR DEBBIE FRANCIS TO DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2028. MOTION CARRIED

4. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be the Council meeting on November 24, 2026.

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Mayor Zebian (Chair) Deanna Snair, Municipal Clerk