

West Hants Regional Municipality
July 9, 2024
Chief Administrative Officer Report



The following report captures activities and events between the June 2024 COTW meeting and the date of the report.

Governance

- Meetings and Events
 - COTW Meeting – June 11th
 - Council Meeting – June 25th
- Council Remuneration – A report will be forwarded in September for review by Council. Council remuneration is to be revisited prior to the municipal election in the fall. External comparisons will be made with other units as well as specific reflection on the demands of Council as a regional council. Regional Councils have the combined responsibilities of rurals and towns; making them responsible for a wider range of responsibilities associated multi-jurisdictional and stakeholder engagement. These matters need to be reflected in the review.

Administration

- Meetings and Events
 - Dykeland Lodge Sod Turning Ceremony – June 11th
 - Homelessness Meeting – June 13th
 - Pride Parade – June 15th
 - Tom Lavers UARB Appeal Preparation Meeting – June 17th
 - Valley Regional Enterprise Network AGM – June 19th
 - Unhoused in WHRM Stakeholder Meeting – June 19th
 - Employee Assistance Program Workshop – June 24th
 - CUPE Labour Management Meeting – June 24th
 - NSPI and NSFPM Information Session – June 26th
 - Joint Regional Transportation Agency (JRTA) Meeting – July 4th

Finance

- Meetings and Events
- July 2023 Flash Flood – Repairs and Restoration Disaster (Financial Assistance (DFA) and Insurance)

- The former Mantua rail line remains the largest area of damage due to the flash floods. The trail washout repair project, funded by DFA, is being carried out by DesignPoint Engineering Services. Design, permits, contractor coordination, inspections and sign-off will be carried out by their team. We are aiming to have the work completed within the construction year.
- Repairs to the Community Center are completed. Minor work remains in the lower level. Additional improvements will be carried out as noted in the 2024/25 capital budget. Items such as improved perimeter drains, roofing drains and improved backflow prevention chambers are needed to help mitigate flooding from rainwater and sewer back-up.
- Repairs to the Windsor Canoe Club are being carried out. Occupancy of the space has been approved and programming is being carried out of the facility.

Community Development

- Meetings and Events
 - Operational Meetings regarding Sports Complex, Trails, Parks and Open Spaces, Economic Development, Capital Projects and Community Events
 - POSSE / WH Caremongers / WHRM Comfort and Out of the Cold Support – Planning for the 2024/25 fall and winter supports are being discussed. A dedicated space, human resources and other resources are being reviewed.

Planning and Development

- Meetings and Events
 - Bi-weekly Inter-Developmental Development Related Meetings
- JRTA – The agency continues to develop their plan which will support an application to the federal government for funding to support transportation needs for the growing area of HRM and surrounding areas. There are 14 municipalities and five (5) First Nation Communities engaged in the plan.

Economic Development

- Meetings and Events
- Commercial and Industrial Lands – Staff are scheduled to meet on July 10th to continue the review of vacant commercial and industrial lands. Specifically, staff are reviewing in detail the portion of unused lands behind the BFD Station 2 in Three Mile Plains.

Public Works and Infrastructure

- Meetings and Events

Protective Services

- Meetings and Events
 - RCMP MPSA impacts related to Collective Bargaining update – June 27th.

Sincerely,

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