

West Hants Regional Municipality
December 3, 2024
Chief Administrative Officer Report



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

Governance

- Meetings and Events
 - COTW Meeting – November 12th
 - Council Meeting – November 26th
 - Council Orientation – November 19th and 21st
 - WHRM Staff Appreciation Event – November 16th
- Council Orientation – Council and staff have been very busy preparing and participating in orientation sessions. Appreciation is extended to Council for their time and patience with the orientation process. Next steps will include facility and site tours as well as a strategic planning session in the new year. Several other training opportunities have been and will be available from NSFM and AMA. Staff will continue to promote these professional development opportunities and can assist with registration. Council as a whole has been very engaged to-date, Thank you!

Administration

- Meetings and Events
 - Urban Development Institute (UDI) Panelist – November 13th
 - Unhoused Discussion – November 20th
 - Hants County Exhibition Meeting (Sherri Donovan, ED Introduction) – November 25th
 - NSFM Fall Conference – November 26th – 29th
- NSFM Fall Conference – Conference Highlights include; Keynote, Jon Montgomery, Trade Show and Exhibitors, Shaping Nova Scotia's Energy Future, Exploring Policing Roles and Municipal Roles in Nova Scotia, Conversation Series: Networking Tables and Governance Training.
- 2024 Comfort Centre – The Comfort Centre is scheduled to open on December 1st. The centre is being operated out of the Hants Aquatic Centre / Pool on Stannus Street. Trained volunteers are being coordinated to provide supervision and support to those using the Centre.

- Location: 306 Stannus Street, Windsor
- Times: 7 days per week / 7pm to 7am

Finance

- Meetings and Events
 - Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) Tutorial – November 25th
- Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) – The CCBF has been renewed and the following categories are eligible for funding. To compare, the WHRM 2023/24 allocation was \$1,090,413 and the 2024/25 allocation as indicated \$1,084,389 a decrease of \$6,044. The decrease is relatively minor and is reflective of a provincial formula. The funding allocation moving forward with the annual allocation as noted is under an agreement and stable aimed at supporting future capital projects.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CATEGORIES

PRODUCTIVITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	STRONG CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	CLEANER ENVIRONMENT
Local Roads and Bridges	Capacity Building	Community Energy Systems
Public Transit	Sport	Drinking Water
Regional and Local Airports	Recreation	Wastewater
Broadband Connectivity	Culture	Solid Waste
Short Sea Shipping	Tourism	Brownfield Redevelopment
Short-Line Rail	Fire Hall/Station Infrastructure	
Highways	Resilience 	

Community Development

- Meetings and Events
 - Operational Meetings regarding Sports Complex, Trails, Parks and Open Spaces, Economic Development, Capital Projects and Community Events
 - 2024/25 Capital Work and 2023 and 2024 DFA related project (s) meetings.
 - Hants Shore Health Clinic Update – November 20th
 - WHRM Christmas Parade of Lights – November 24th

Planning and Development

- Meetings and Events

- Monthly Inter-Developmental Development Related Meetings
- PAC /HAC Meeting – November 14th
- Telecommunications Tower Meeting (Internal Review) – November 20th
- Wentworth Road Commercial Development Meeting – November 28th

Economic Development

- Meetings and Events

Public Works and Infrastructure

- Meetings and Events

Protective Services

- Meetings and Events
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Sincerely,

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