

West Hants Regional Municipality
July 14, 2026
Chief Administrative Officer Report



The following report captures activities and events between the June 2026 COTW meeting and the date of the report.

Governance

Meetings and Events

- COTW Meeting – June 9th
- Council Meeting – June 23rd

Administration

- Meetings and Events
 - AVRIL Related meeting with MLA Sheehy-Richard and Provincial Representative, Peter Harris– June 19th
 - CUPE Labour Management Meeting – July 14th
- Avon View High School Graduation Ceremony –The High School Graduation Ceremony was successfully carried out on June 29th at the Sports Complex for 230 plus students. It was a collaboration between the school’s administration and the Community Development Department.
- Association of Municipal Administrators Conference – I presented on behalf of the WHRM to share our responses to the 2025 Drought. Three other units shared their experience as well. Units vary from those that have been dealing with droughts over as many as ten (10) years to those that have more recent experience. Droughts are not defined as emergency events therefore funding for the bottled water program will not continue. We continue to stay informed with other units regarding policies, grant programs and utility related responses to droughts.
- Nova Scotia Subsurface Energy Research Development Meeting – June 24th (hosted by NSFM)
- WHRM Unhoused Community / Housing Meeting – June 25th
- 100 King Street Meeting – July 14th Staff have been engaged with HATCH Engineering to revisit the occupation of the 100 King Street Facility for the purposes of housing municipal operations. Existing reports are being utilized to support the assessment and Class D estimates are expected once the work is completed.

Finance

- Meetings and Events
 - Audit Committee Meeting – June 17th

Community Development

- Meetings and Events
 - Operational Meetings regarding Sports Complex, Trails, Parks and Open Spaces, Economic Development, Capital Projects and Community Events
 - AVRL Joint Council meeting – July 6th (hosted by the County of Kings)

Planning and Development

- Meetings and Events
 - Monthly Inter-Developmental Development Related Meetings

Economic Development

- Meetings and Events

Public Works and Infrastructure

- Meetings and Events
- Municipal Water Supply – Several initiatives are underway evaluating municipal water sources, distribution and application for increased withdraw to support the Hantsport system. Specifically, the “Make It Rain” project is approaching a test of the installed infrastructure. The Department of Fisheries has been informed with final logistical confirmations with Martock. To date, the source water supplies for the three (3) systems is at high levels as we approach the summer.

Protective Services

- Meetings and Events
 - Police Advisory Board Meeting – July 20th (scheduled)
- The Fire Services Director Recruitment – The recruitment for a Director of Fire Services is currently being conducted by KBRS Consulting. Final negotiations with the successful candidate are being carried out. Once the process is complete Council and the Fire Departments will be informed.

Sincerely,



Mark Phillips
Chief Administrative Officer

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