

**WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**  
**Police Advisory Board Meeting Agenda**  
**July 17, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Sanford Council Chambers, 76 Morison Drive, Windsor, NS**  
**(also Facebook livestreamed)**

Agenda is subject to change due to additions that may not be able to be reflected until after the meeting.

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**West Hants**  
something inspiring awaits

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Announcements
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest
6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2023
7. Presentations - None
8. Business Arising from the Minutes / Old Business
9. Reports
  - (a) West Hants RCMP Quarterly Reports
10. New Business (all verbal discussion)
  - (a) Councillor Jannasch to have discussion with regards to hate crimes occurring in the Community of West Hants
11. Correspondence -None
12. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment (Quarterly: Jan-Apr-Jul-Oct, and typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

1. **Call to Order** at 6pm by Chair Paul Morton

2. **Attendance**

Board Members

Deputy Mayor (Chair) Paul Morton

Guide Furlani

Jane Davis

Councillor Rupert Jannasch

Mandy Singleton

Staff/Presenters

Dave Ferguson S/Sgt RCMP

Mark Phillips, CAO

Shelleena Thornton, Municipal Operations Supervisor

Matt Povah, I.T. Specialist

Barb Coleman, RCMP Division Criminal Intelligence Analysts (DCAS), Presenter

Sherry Bezanson, RCMP Division Criminal Intelligence Analyst (DCAS), Presenter

Gallery - None

3. **Announcements** - None

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED BY JANNASCH/SINGLETON THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest** – None.

6. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – January 09, 2023**

Amend Attendance: Change Bob Morton to Paul Morton

**MOVED BY DAVIS/JANNASCH THAT THE JANUARY 9, 2023 POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES BE APPROVED AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

7. **Presentations**

(a) **Barb Coleman and Sherry Bezanson, Division Criminal Intelligence Analysts (DCAS)** - Barb Coleman reviewed the presentation.

Discussion Points:

- Less time is being spent on cannabis since legalized; however, there is still a legal component.

- Human trafficking refers to exploiting males/females for sexual exploitation. Also pertains to migrant workers for work purposes. Child pornography is another division.
- Initial tip re. drugs – how does that lead to an investigation and by whom? S/Sgt Ferguson said it is documented and a file created. They look at the individuals/vehicles involved, history, and particulars. It is then assessed for corroboration and necessary resources are then allocated.
- How is WHRM’s Municipal policing budget impacted if an investigation is multi-jurisdictional (includes other geographic areas)? S/Sgt Ferguson said street crime enforcement and additional officer programs are funded by the Province. Support services brought in have their own budgets so don’t affect WHRM’s Municipal Policing budget.
- Policing and visibility – evidence base has to balance with community-based knowledge.

Presentation concluded at 6:40pm. Both presenters remained for the full meeting.

## 8. Business Arising from the Minutes / Old Business

### (a) Noise and Community Standards By-law Update

Supervisor Thornton noted that the Board’s recommendation to Council, to adopt the proposed Noise and Community Standards By-law was not approved. At this time, no further direction was provided by Council.

### (b) RCMP Retroactive Pay Update

CAO Phillips referenced the NSFM correspondence received this afternoon. (Hard copies were available for Board members to review).

CAO Phillips noted it related to the recent federal budget announcement regarding retroactive RCMP contract costs. (The correspondence would also be going before Council at their April 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting).

WHRM’s retroactive cost is \$ 453,316. WHRM anticipated the retroactive costs and placed it in reserves.

The correspondence is asking Municipalities if they would write a letter requesting the Federal Government assist with the costs.

Board members will review the letter and discuss toward the end of the meeting.

- ### (c) Ministerial Appointee role with Dept of Justice – Supervisor Thornton indicated that at the January Police Advisory Board meeting, the Dept. of Justice advised they were reviewing how the position of the appointee would correlate between Municipal Boards and the Dept of Justice. If Municipal Boards have any input, they could forward their suggestions to the Dept. of Justice.

## 9. Reports

- ### (a) West Hants Quarterly Report 2022-2023 Q4 - S/Sgt Ferguson reviewed the report.

Discussion Points:

- Calls for Service is where the DCAS help compile the reporting.
- Cell phone infractions fall under “other traffic offence/violations” – this is currently under review due to lack of ability to prosecute in court.
- Mental health issues have increased over the years. There are currently various initiatives being looked at for alternative service delivery methods. It is hopeful they will divert those that require mental health support from the police to those better suited to assist with those matters. The models are currently best equipped in more urban areas and pose challenges in more rural areas. Mental health calls are typically due to an individual being in crisis and police response may not be the most ideal.
- “Trespass at night” is during specific hours and wouldn’t apply if the event happened during the day.
- Board members enjoyed the Headquarters tour and found it very informative.

## 10. New Business

### (a) Security Cameras within communities – Matt Povah, I.T. Specialist

WHRM council are discussing cameras at entry/exits.

Matt Povah provided background info on the current security cameras, noting the communities of Hantsport and Windsor currently have some and they have been upgraded over the years. There is a planned upgrade to the Windsor platform.

#### Discussion Points:

- Would like to see data on the assistance they have had related to crime.
- Cameras are not only for deterrence but effectiveness as well. That is where camera quality is important.
- Windsor’s Phase III is about to be rolled out.
- Phase IV could include network expansion from O’Brien to Wentworth, toward Chester Rd.
- West Hants expanded the fiber optic network out to Newport Rink, so there are opportunities to expand the cameras out that way as well.
- Most of the cameras are hard wired to the network. Some are wireless but not as reliable.
- RCMP review the footage as needed. It has been successfully used in court.
- Concern there are no policies related to video surveillance, more specifically, as it relates to Artificial Intelligence (AI). Once someone is online, they are online, and this field is not currently regulated; what are the implications. It also raises moral and ethical aspects. The Privacy Act should address this.
- The security cameras are visible to the public (if they look); they are not hidden (but not accessible from the ground). There is signage identifying areas under video surveillance.
- I.T. Specialist Povah and S/Sgt Ferguson said more cameras are better. More coverage enhances the ability to use it as a deterrent and as evidence.
- Policing tends to focus on the more populated (urban) areas. There are large rural areas that would never see camera coverage. Many in the rural areas don’t

contact the police. Concerned more cameras could affect the quality of policing in more rural areas.

- If anyone calls the police, the police will respond whether rural or urban. There are strategies that could be used when deploying cameras in more rural areas that would be of benefit.
- To feel safe in one's home also has to do with public confidence. Cameras have demonstrated they increase public confidence.

**11. Correspondence**

**(a) 2023 External Stakeholder Update re. Body-Worn Cameras Testing** – S/Sgt Ferguson said the correspondence is informational. Nova Scotia was selected as one of the RCMP's three locations to test body-worn cameras in an operational setting.

**(b) 2023-04-23 Nova Scotia Federation of Canadian Municipalities (NSFM) Correspondence re. Retroactive Pay** (related to Item #8(b) on this agenda)  
The Board opted to not make a recommendation to council re. a letter be drafted to Public Safety Canada asking the costs be subsidized.

Discussion Points:

- Municipalities were aware it was coming.
- Some municipalities have prepared for it; some have not. Great that WHRM was prepared.
- RCMP is a unionized environment now.
- If a letter was drafted, it would be a letter of advocacy.
- The correspondence from NSFM will be going to the April 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**12. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment** (Quarterly: Jan-Apr-Jul-Oct, and typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) – July 17, 2023

**MOVED BY JANNASCH/DAVIS THAT 7:46 PM, THE MEETING ADJOURN.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

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Chair

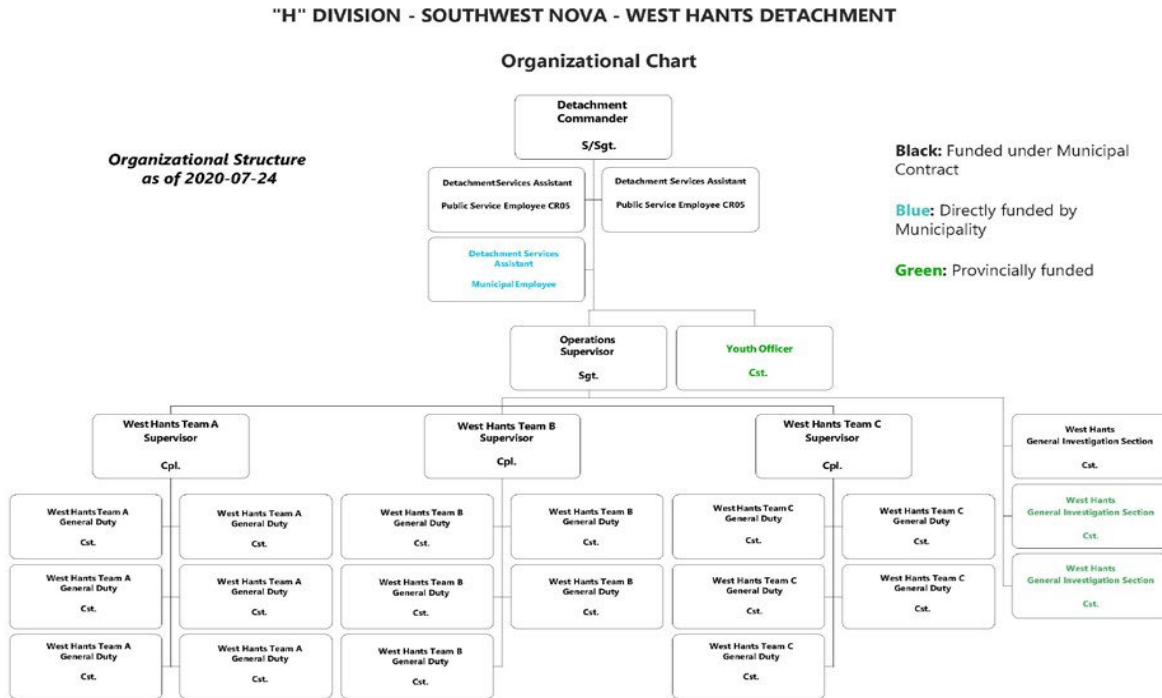
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Recorder



**Quarterly Police Report  
Municipality of West Hants  
July 2023  
2023/2024 Fiscal Year  
First Quarter  
April – June 2023**

# 1. WEST HANTS DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



- **1 Staff Sergeant (District Commander)**
- **1 Sergeant (Operations Manager)**
- **3 Corporals (Shift Supervisors)**
- **16 Constables (Investigators)**
- **1 Constable (General Investigations Section Investigator)**
- **2 Constables (Street Crime Enforcement Unit) – Provincial**
- **1 Constable (School Safety Resource/Youth Liaison) – Provincial**
- **2 Public Service Employees**
- **1 Municipal Employee**

## 1.1 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT UTILIZATION FOR ESTABLISHED POSITIONS

Pay Class	Established	FTE Utilization	Hard Vacancy	Soft Vacancy
S/SGT-01	1	1.00	0	0
SGT-01	1	1.00	0	0
CPL-01	3	2.44	0	0
CST-01	17	12.63	0	0
CR-5	2	1.99	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19.06</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

*Note: Data as of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

- **Constable** – Constable arrived June 3<sup>rd</sup> to fill position of Constable who transferred to Millbrook Detachment effective December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Position filled through the “H” Division Experienced Officer Program.
- **Constable** – (Restricted Duties) Constable who was off duty since 2021-03-30 (30 days+ Medical) has progressed to full hours however duties remain restricted for medical reasons. Expected to return to full duties in the near future.
- **Constable** – Constable off duty for medical reasons since March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. (30 days+ Medical)
- **Constable** – Constable off duty for medical reasons since September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. (30 days+ Medical)
- **Corporal** – Corporal off duty for medical reasons since May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. (30 days+ Medical)

*\*\*Positions funded by Province through Additional Officer Program and position not reflected in FTE establishment*

## 2. WEST HANTS DISTRICT FLEET

- (7) Patrol Cars (6 Municipal, 1 Provincial)
- (4) Patrol SUVs
- (3) Unmarked Police Vehicles (2 Municipal, 1 Provincial)
- (2) All Terrain Vehicles
- (2) Patrol Bicycles

## 3. WINDSOR/WEST HANTS DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT 2022/2023

*P3 Report (Report Prepared by RCMP Senior Financial Analyst Kyla DOW)*



		Direct Expenditures						
Row Labels	VOTE	Commitment Item   Description	2022 Final	2023 Final	Budget	Actual YTD	Forecast	Variance
<b>Cost Shared</b>								
OPERATING								
01   PERSONNEL								
		030   Pay - Members	2,270,043	2,383,602	2,762,282	500,825	2,206,090	556,192
		031   Extra Duty Pay - Mem	208,569	175,211	195,000	29,768	195,000	0
<b>01   PERSONNEL Total</b>			<b>2,478,612</b>	<b>2,558,812</b>	<b>2,957,282</b>	<b>530,592</b>	<b>2,401,090</b>	<b>556,192</b>
02   TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS								
		050   Travel	1,551	1,420	1,500	1,012	1,500	0
		052   Training Travel	1,301	5,048	5,000	671	5,000	0
		053   Training Travel UCA	113	626	500	162	500	0
		070   Freight/Post/Exp/Car	2,006	2,727	2,750	255	2,750	0
		100   Telecomm Services	0	-75	0	0	0	0
<b>02   TRANSPORTATION &amp; COMMUNICATIONS Total</b>			<b>4,971</b>	<b>9,747</b>	<b>9,750</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>9,750</b>	<b>0</b>
03   INFORMATION								
		130   Publication Services	160	681	500	0	500	0
<b>03   INFORMATION Total</b>			<b>160</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>
04   PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICES								
		190   Training & Seminars	13,901	22,497	20,000	785	20,000	0
		191   Training & Sem - UCA	272	0	0	0	0	0
		219   Professional Svcs	19,091	21,367	21,000	1,023	21,000	0
		220   Other Services	2,560	3,342	3,500	1,272	3,500	0
		223   Radio Comm Svcs	82,198	87,226	82,648	0	82,648	0
<b>04   PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICES Total</b>			<b>118,021</b>	<b>134,431</b>	<b>127,148</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>127,148</b>	<b>0</b>
05   RENTALS								
		261   Leasing of Aircraft	3,734	5,041	5,000	0	5,000	0
		290   Rentals - Other	1,369	957	1,400	345	1,400	0
<b>05   RENTALS Total</b>			<b>5,104</b>	<b>5,997</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>0</b>
06   PURCHASED REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE								
		370   Repair of Vehicles	34,576	35,121	30,000	6,863	30,000	0
		390   Repair Misc Equip	4,024	4,496	4,500	0	4,500	0
<b>06   PURCHASED REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE Total</b>			<b>38,600</b>	<b>39,617</b>	<b>34,500</b>	<b>6,863</b>	<b>34,500</b>	<b>0</b>
07   UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES								
		430   Fuel	83,581	106,852	100,000	25,061	100,000	0
		500   Stationary	10,799	6,338	7,500	3,827	7,500	0
		510   Clothing & Kit	10,664	11,782	3,000	9,497	14,000	-11,000
		540   Supp & Sundry Equip	4,437	7,437	7,500	2,660	7,500	0
<b>07   UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES Total</b>			<b>109,381</b>	<b>132,409</b>	<b>118,000</b>	<b>41,045</b>	<b>129,000</b>	<b>-11,000</b>
09   ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT								
		440   Transport Supp/Acc	6,819	7,497	7,000	6,509	7,000	0
		441   Vehicle Changeovers	1,466	5,774	22,000	0	22,000	0
		480   Firearms/Annu/Weap	10	4,736	35,000	0	35,000	0
		770   Radio Comm Equip	0	0	150	0	150	0
		810   Laboratory Equipment	383	187	400	0	400	0
		841   Acq Computer Equip	20,220	33,942	85,200	0	85,200	0
		842   Acq of Software	0	144	0	0	0	0
		860   Investigational Aids	0	0	6,500	0	6,500	0
		900   Other Equipment	3,445	0	0	0	0	0
		910   Ofc. Machines/Equip	126	170	200	0	200	0
<b>09   ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT Total</b>			<b>32,468</b>	<b>52,451</b>	<b>156,450</b>	<b>6,509</b>	<b>156,450</b>	<b>0</b>
12   OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS								
		580   Other Expenditures	2,500	0	0	0	0	0
		590   Misc Expenditures	556	0	0	0	0	0
<b>12   OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS Total</b>			<b>3,056</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPERATING Total</b>			<b>2,790,373</b>	<b>2,934,145</b>	<b>3,410,030</b>	<b>590,533</b>	<b>2,864,838</b>	<b>545,192</b>
CAPITAL								
09   ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT								
		890   Vehicles	-13,833	59,776	256,000	0	256,000	0
<b>09   ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT Total</b>			<b>-13,833</b>	<b>59,776</b>	<b>256,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>256,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CAPITAL Total</b>			<b>-13,833</b>	<b>59,776</b>	<b>256,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>256,000</b>	<b>0</b>
CREDITS TO CP								
03   INFORMATION								
		130   Publication Services	0	0	0	-157	0	0
<b>03   INFORMATION Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-157</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
05   RENTALS								
		290   Rentals - Other	0	-165	0	0	0	0
<b>05   RENTALS Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>-165</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
07   UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES								
		540   Supp & Sundry Equip	0	0	0	-153	0	0
<b>07   UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-153</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CREDITS TO CP Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>-165</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-309</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cost Shared Total</b>			<b>2,776,540</b>	<b>2,993,755</b>	<b>3,666,030</b>	<b>590,224</b>	<b>3,120,838</b>	<b>545,192</b>
<b>Chargeable at 100%</b>								
OPERATING								
01   PERSONNEL								
		010   Pay - PS	121,252	122,201	141,385	29,964	118,155	23,230
		011   Overtime - PS	277	207	0	0	0	0
<b>01   PERSONNEL Total</b>			<b>121,529</b>	<b>122,409</b>	<b>141,385</b>	<b>29,964</b>	<b>118,155</b>	<b>23,230</b>
04   PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICES								
		170   Cont Svcs-Real Prop	127,937	149,641	145,889	0	145,889	0
		213   Corps of Commission	39,378	48,038	45,000	7,010	45,000	0
<b>04   PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICES Total</b>			<b>167,315</b>	<b>197,679</b>	<b>190,889</b>	<b>7,010</b>	<b>190,889</b>	<b>0</b>
06   PURCHASED REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE								
		310   Repair Bldgs & Works	13,811	9,506	19,929	0	26,211	-6,282
<b>06   PURCHASED REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE Total</b>			<b>13,811</b>	<b>9,506</b>	<b>19,929</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26,211</b>	<b>-6,282</b>
07   UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES								
		400   Utility Svcs/Heating	25,121	30,406	28,392	0	25,110	3,282
<b>07   UTILITIES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES Total</b>			<b>25,121</b>	<b>30,406</b>	<b>28,392</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,110</b>	<b>3,282</b>
09   ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT								
		830   Furniture & Fixtures	1,227	0	0	0	0	0
<b>09   ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT Total</b>			<b>1,227</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
12   OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS								
		570   Prisoners' Expenses	362	1,408	750	34	750	0
		592   Pymts in Lieu of Tax	9,393	9,393	9,830	0	9,830	0
<b>12   OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS Total</b>			<b>9,755</b>	<b>10,802</b>	<b>10,580</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>10,580</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPERATING Total</b>			<b>338,757</b>	<b>370,801</b>	<b>391,175</b>	<b>37,007</b>	<b>370,945</b>	<b>20,230</b>
CREDITS TO CP								
12   OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS								
		570   Prisoners' Expenses	0	0	0	-195	0	0
<b>12   OTHER SUBSIDIES AND PAYMENTS Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-195</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CREDITS TO CP Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-195</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Chargeable at 100% Total</b>			<b>338,757</b>	<b>370,801</b>	<b>391,175</b>	<b>36,811</b>	<b>370,945</b>	<b>20,230</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>3,115,297</b>	<b>3,364,556</b>	<b>4,057,205</b>	<b>627,036</b>	<b>3,491,783</b>	<b>565,422</b>

Indirect Expenditures									
BILLABLE_MUNICIPAL	Category	SubCategory	2022 Final	2023 Final	Budget	Actual YTD	Variance		
Cost Shared	Category 1: Pension Insurance	Canada Pension Plan	69,787	76,210	86,272	16,992	74,037	12,235	
		Company Pension: RM/CM Pensionable Salaries	431,172	448,026	526,296	96,375	419,144	107,152	
		Member Employment Insurance	20,655	22,419	25,392	5,001	21,791	3,601	
			PS/Reservists Employment Insurance	0	14	0	0	0	
			<b>Category 1: Pension Insurance Total</b>	<b>521,614</b>	<b>546,669</b>	<b>637,960</b>	<b>118,368</b>	<b>514,972</b>	<b>122,988</b>
	Category 2: Support Programs	Divisional Administration	818,807	894,756	1,031,228	196,515	856,246	174,982	
		Enhanced Reporting and Accountability	2,310	2,377	2,627	517	2,254	373	
		Legal Advisory Services	3,668	3,994	4,480	882	3,845	635	
			<b>Category 2: Support Programs Total</b>	<b>824,785</b>	<b>901,128</b>	<b>1,038,335</b>	<b>197,915</b>	<b>862,345</b>	<b>175,990</b>
	Category 3: National Programs	Cadet Training Program	91,622	95,210	112,486	22,155	96,533	15,953	
		Recruiting	25,447	27,456	32,648	6,430	28,018	4,630	
			<b>Category 3: National Programs Total</b>	<b>117,070</b>	<b>122,666</b>	<b>145,134</b>	<b>28,585</b>	<b>124,551</b>	<b>20,583</b>
			Category 5: Other Capital Cost Recoveries	14,834	15,869	17,634	3,473	15,133	2,501
			<b>Category 5: Other Capital Cost Recoveries Total</b>	<b>14,834</b>	<b>15,869</b>	<b>17,634</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>15,133</b>	<b>2,501</b>
	Category 6: Other Government Departments	Civilian Review & Complaints Commission	10,512	13,166	14,548	2,865	12,485	2,063	
		Shared Services Canada, Windsor - West Hants	7,220	8,063	7,220	1,805	7,220	0	
			<b>Category 6: Other Government Departments Total</b>	<b>17,732</b>	<b>21,229</b>	<b>21,768</b>	<b>4,670</b>	<b>19,705</b>	<b>2,063</b>
		<b>Cost Shared Total</b>	<b>1,496,025</b>	<b>1,607,560</b>	<b>1,860,831</b>	<b>353,012</b>	<b>1,536,706</b>	<b>324,125</b>	
Chargeable at 100%	Category 1: Pension Insurance	Canada Pension Plan	7,160	7,652	7,843	1,954	7,804	39	
		Company Pension: PS Employees Pensionable Salaries	12,002	11,987	13,839	2,954	11,561	2,278	
		PS/Reservists Employment Insurance	2,548	2,702	2,770	690	2,756	14	
			<b>Category 1: Pension Insurance Total</b>	<b>21,710</b>	<b>22,341</b>	<b>24,452</b>	<b>5,599</b>	<b>22,121</b>	<b>2,331</b>
			Category 4: Accommodations	106,263	103,604	103,604	25,901	103,604	0
			<b>Category 4: Accommodations Total</b>	<b>106,263</b>	<b>103,604</b>	<b>103,604</b>	<b>25,901</b>	<b>103,604</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>Chargeable at 100% Total</b>	<b>127,973</b>	<b>125,945</b>	<b>128,057</b>	<b>31,500</b>	<b>125,725</b>	<b>2,331</b>	

**4. CALLS FOR SERVICE**

Calls for Service Include unfounded and unsubstantiated Criminal Code, Federal & Provincial Statutes as well as Assistance to other agencies and by-law enforcement within West Hants District. Calls for service also includes those investigations managed by the Street Crime Enforcement Unit funded by the province through the Additional Officer Program.

2022/2023 FYTD	2023/2024 FYTD	1st Quarter 2022/2023	1st Quarter 2023/2024
1,567	1,338	1,567	1,338

**5. WEST HANTS DISTRICT CRIME STATISTICS**

**Caveat for the following Data Table:**

*All data are working data and are subject to change through ongoing investigations and data quality measures.*

*Statistics represent first line scoring, consistent with Stats Can. Files marked unfounded and unsubstantiated have been removed. Files marked insufficient evidence to proceed are **included**.*

*Detachment information is parsed from the "Notes" field in the PROS data. If the location was not properly entered in this field, the stat will not be included in the dashboards.*

*Traffic stats and stats coded to Traffic Units have been removed.*



**West Hants**  
**April to June Statistics**

Protected "A"

*(Includes Traffic Services and Occurrences taken by Call Back Unit)*

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	2023	2022	Amount of Change
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>			
Offences Related to Death	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	6	16	-10
Assault	46	37	9
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	1	0	1
Robbery	1	2	-1
Extortion / Intimidation	6	4	2
Criminal Harassment	11	6	5
Indecent   Harassing Comm.	5	6	-1
Uttering Threats	13	14	-1
<b>Property Crime</b>			
Arson	2	0	2
Break and Enter	11	17	-6
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	1	1	0
Theft Over	2	4	-2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	5	1	4
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	5	10	-5
Take MV w/o Consent	1	0	1
Theft Under	18	40	-22
Shoplifting	11	15	-4
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	1	1	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5	12	-7
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	4	-4
Fraud	22	34	-12
Identity Theft	1	0	1
Mischief	42	67	-25
<b>Drug Enforcement</b>			
Possession	2	2	0
Trafficking	2	5	-3
Import/Export	0	0	0
Production	0	0	0
Other	5	1	4



**West Hants**  
**April to June Statistics**

Protected "A"

*(Includes Traffic Services and Occurrences taken by Call Back Unit)*

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	2023	2022	Amount of Change
<b>Traffic</b>			
Dangerous Op of MV	1	2	-1
Impaired by Alcohol	11	18	-7
Impaired by Drug	1	3	-2
Failure/Refusal	0	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	8	6	2
Fail to Stop or Remain	5	8	-3
Seatbelt Violation	21	29	-8
Intersection Violation	16	6	10
Speeding Violation	90	157	-67
Insurance Violation	5	3	2
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	2	2	0
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0	0
Collision - Fatal	1	0	1
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	4	10	-6
Collision - Reportable	30	42	-12
Collision - Non Reportable	26	17	9
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	4	3	1
Municipal By-laws	0	1	-1
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	179	173	6
Other Traffic Related Duties	4	1	3
Checkstop	52	46	6
<b>Other</b>			
911 Call	34	30	4
Breach of Court Order	23	16	7
Liquor Act	9	20	-11
Mental Health Act	76	66	10
Missing Person	21	15	6
Municipal Bylaw - Other	3	6	-3
Other	341	426	-85
Suspicious P V P	58	31	27
Trespass At Night	0	1	-1
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	0	7	-7
<b>Total Founded &amp; SUI Occurrences</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>-194</b>
<b>Total Occurrences*</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>-229</b>

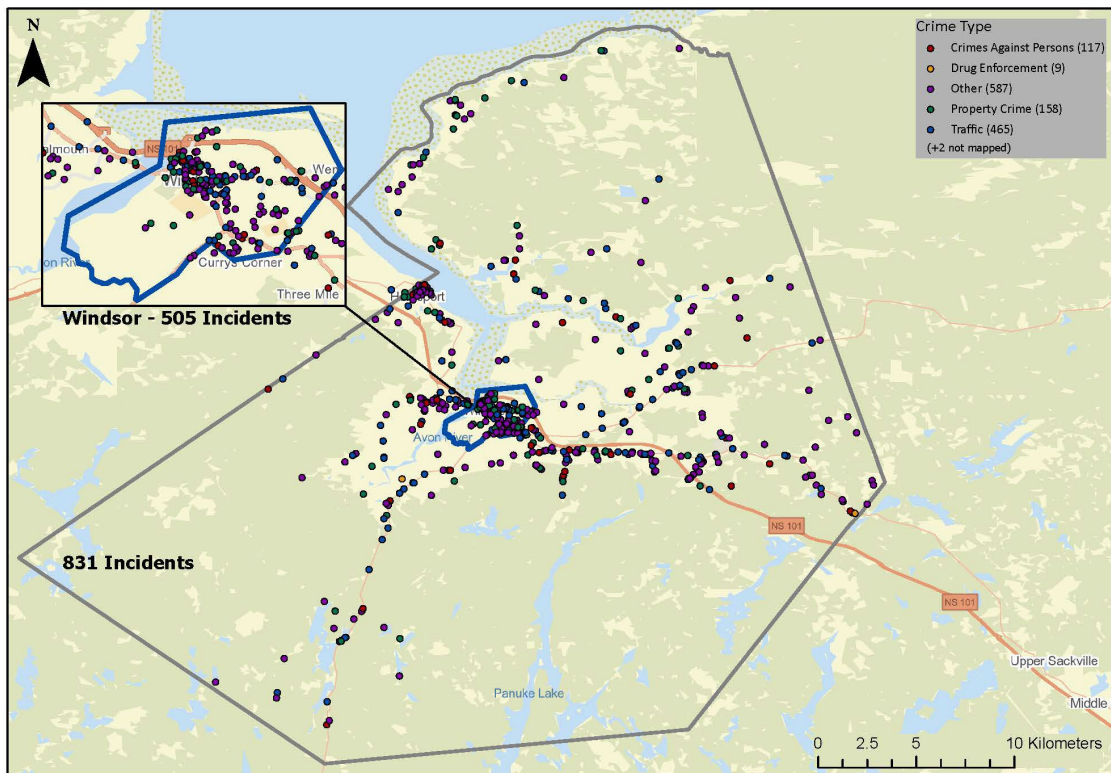
*\*Includes Unfounded and Unsubstantiated*

## 6. CALLS FOR SERVICE MAP (WEST HANTS)



### West Hants Calls for Service (1,338 Incidents) April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023

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Map data (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, Microsoft, Esri Community Maps contributors, Map layer by Esri

## 7. ROAD SAFETY REPORT

West Hants Road Safety Report (Report Prepared by RCMP Traffic Services Data Analyst Michelle FISHER)

*Purpose:*

*This report is intended to give an overview of collisions and enforcement in Nova Scotia by District/Unit to guide intelligence led policing regarding Road Safety. If you require specific details not contained within this report, please contact the author.*

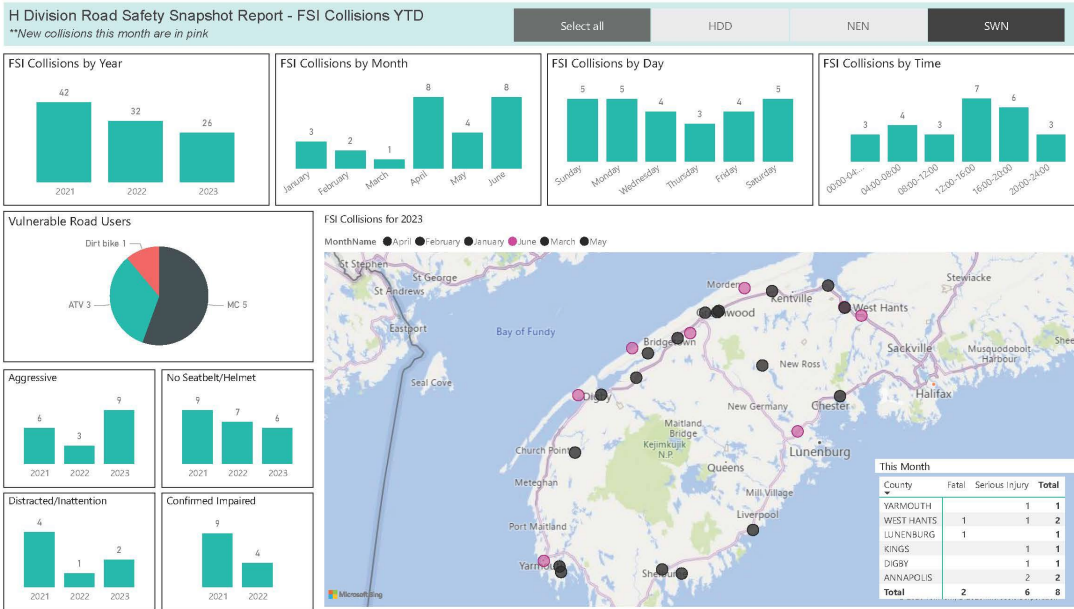
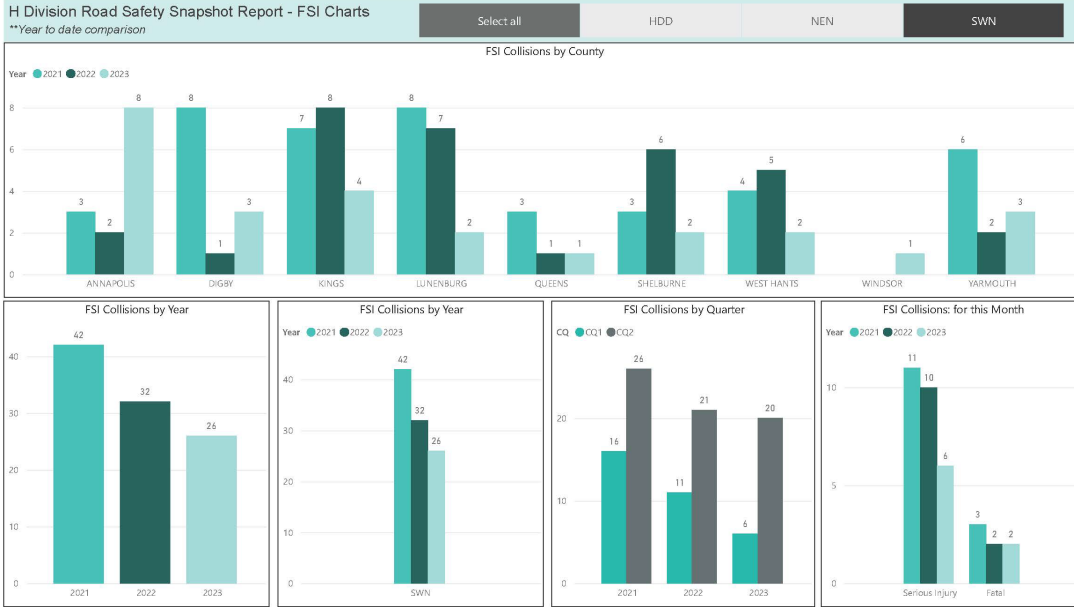
*Limitations:*

*\*Raw data is obtained from PROS, Versadex and PAT as well as submissions from Southwest Nova District (SWN), Northeast Nova District (NEN) and Halifax District (HDD)*

*\*\*Fatal and Serious Injury collision causal factor information is collected from PROS and Versadex as well as Medical Examiner's Reports and CARS reports.*

*\*\*\*All causal factors in this report are based on preliminary findings. Impaired results are waiting for toxicology for confirmation.*

# Municipality of West Hants Quarterly Police Report April – June 2023



H Division Road Safety Snapshot Report - Road Safety Initiatives

Month/Initiative	Type/When
<b>January</b>	
Intersection Safety	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>February</b>	
Distracted Driving	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>March</b>	
Occupant Restraints	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>April</b>	
Speeding/Aggressive Driving	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>May</b>	
Canada Road Safety Week	3rd week - stats collected
Motorcycle Safety	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>June</b>	
Distracted Driving	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>July</b>	
Construction Zone Driving	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>August</b>	
Impaired Driving	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>September</b>	
Back to School	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>October</b>	
Intersection Safety	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
National Teen Driver Safety Week	3rd week
Operation Impact	Thanksgiving Weekend - stats collected
<b>November</b>	
National Day of Road Crash Victims	3rd Wednesday
Winter Road Safety	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>December</b>	
Impaired Driving	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
National Impaired Driving Enforcement Day	1st Saturday - stats collected

Note: June is distracted driving month on the Road Safety Calendar.

- West Hants RCMP Members conducted fifty-three check stops at various locations throughout West Hants during this quarter.
- West Hants RCMP Members issued fifty-eight summary offence tickets and one hundred seventy nine written warnings during this quarter.
- West Hants RCMP has implemented a Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program initiative that has seen a documented enforcement effort in specific areas identified as a concern. Enforcement efforts were focused on Payzant Drive and Highway 1, Ellershouse & Ardoise.
- Consultation occurred between West Hants Traffic Authority and RCMP Operations Manager related to traffic associated to the High School and coordinating the location of the speed radar sign.

**8. GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION**

- Possess/Make/Distribute Child Pornography/Luring – Additional investigation into a 47 year old male who was arrested and charged for accessing the internet while prohibited from doing so in relation to previous child pornography convictions. A large volume of new evidence was uncovered implicating the accused in further historical criminal offences. Additional charges have been laid of Making an Arrangement with a Person to Commit and Offence Under Sections 151, 152, 155 and 163.1. Criminal Code where the accused was successfully remanded in custody and is awaiting arraignment on new

charges. The investigator is working with Special Prosecutions & the RCMP's Victim Identification Unit in Ottawa as well as the RCMP's International Liaison Officer in an attempt to identify the international children involved.

- Sexual Assault/Sexual Interference – Subsequent to a 2021 investigation where a 63 year old male was charged with 41 historical sexual offences the GIS investigator spent a significant amount of time managing this investigation through trial. The accused was found guilty of 18 counts and is scheduled for sentencing in November.
- Break, Enter & Assault – GIS assisted Detachment Members with follow up investigation after a 51 year old female was forcibly confined and assaulted by a family member. The suspect was located in another jurisdiction a short time later where a pursuit occurred ultimately leading to the arrest of the suspect. The suspect was charged and remanded into custody pending court.
- Child Luring – GIS is engaged in an investigation where communications were occurring with a 12 year old that demonstrated a history of grooming and exploitive behavior by the offender using a social media platform. This is a complex investigation involving various telecommunication companies as well as a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty Request to authorities in the United States.
- Uttering Threats/Produce & Possess Child Pornography – GIS assisted with investigating allegations of threats made toward an 8 year old via a social media platform. Investigation determined the suspect was attempting to coerce the child into producing explicit images. GIS is working with the Provincial Internet Child Exploitation Unit as well as the United States Department of Homeland Security to identify the Offender.
- Fraud – GIS was tasked with investigating suspicious circumstances related to fraudulent transactions involving a local residents cheques. The investigation revealed the same cheque that had already cleared as initially issued was being modified and reused. Investigator working with the associated bank and Police in another province to identify the suspect.

## **9. SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE OFFICER**

Cst. Richard COLLINS has remained very active within West Hants Schools throughout this reporting period.

- Cst. COLLINS maintains a positive presence within West Hants schools and is responsible for dealing with the majority of occurrences that originate within the schools.
- Cst. COLLINS continues to focus on School Zone Safety and has conducted thirty check stops or enforcement initiatives in various school zones throughout West Hants during this quarter.
- Cst. COLLINS completed multiple Impaired/Distracted Driving/Drug Awareness presentations at Avon View High School and West Hants Middle School.

- Cst. COLLINS continues to conduct presentations related to bullying, cyber safety & intimate images to students within West Hants Schools.
- Multiple bicycle rodeos co-ordinated at Falmouth and Windsor Elementary Schools during Phys Ed classes. Topics covered were rules of the road as well as safety equipment.
- Cst. COLLINS & Cpl. TUCKER co-ordinated a bicycle rodeo in conjunction with community volunteers which was held at Avon View High School on Saturday June 24th. Members on shift also attended and assisted. Certificates were provided to the children/youth who completed the course.
- Cst. COLLINS attended the African Canadian Experience Workshop and is being sought out as a facilitator for future workshops.

#### **10. STREET CRIME ENFORCEMENT UNIT (SCEU) (PROVINCIAL)**

- One Street Crime Enforcement Unit Investigator position has been vacant as of March 31<sup>st</sup>. Being limited to one investigator within the unit presents challenges for conducting investigations that require physical surveillance.
- Drug Trafficking – A search warrant was executed at a Hantsport residence during a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act investigation. Insufficient evidence was secured to support charges following the investigation.
- West Hants Street Crime Enforcement Unit member assisted Annapolis SCEU with executing warrants at two locations for stolen property. A quantity of stolen property was recovered and multiple arrests made.

#### **11. SIGNIFICANT / NOTEWORTHY**

Some significant and noteworthy items this past quarter include the following:

- There were twenty-one reported break & enters during this quarter. One resulted in the offender being identified however the victim declined charges. Several of these were part of a commercial break, enter & theft series. Suspects were identified operating out of Halifax District. Halifax District has ongoing investigation for multiple similar incidents where same suspects identified. DCAS Analysts engaged and SCEU resources allocated. Suspects arrested and charged with multiple offences however insufficient evidence to charge in relation to West Hants investigations.
- West Hants Detachment investigated twenty one incidents of individuals reported missing during this quarter.

- Thirteen sexual offences were reported during this quarter. Two resulted in charges being laid, four remain under investigation and the remaining investigations resulted in insufficient evidence to proceed or the victim not wanting to proceed.
- Members responded to sixty-eight motor vehicle collisions during this quarter which includes four off road vehicle collisions. One resulted in a fatality and the remaining were property damage.
- Members conducted six human death investigations during this quarter.
- Members responded to seventy-eight calls for service related to individuals experiencing mental health crisis. In one instance an application was made pursuant to the Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act for an order to have an individual's deteriorating mental health assessed by medical professionals as the subject's behavior was beginning to border on criminal offences. The subject was subsequently apprehended and transported to a secure facility.
- Police dealt with sixteen incidents of possible impaired driving during this quarter. Charges were laid in two instances. Three occurrences were investigated and determined impairment was not a factor. The remaining occurrences had insufficient evidence to proceed.
- West Hants RCMP continues to work with the Municipality and community partners in relation to a community-based approach to issues associated with homelessness in West Hants.
- As part of West Hants Detachments Crime Reduction Strategy police conduct periodic compliance checks on individuals who are subject to enforceable court conditions. During this quarter fourteen compliance checks were completed resulting in charges being laid against one individual who was non-compliant.
- Sgt. FRIZZELL continues to meet periodically with the local Chamber of Commerce to discuss and address issues that impact the business community and the downtown core.
- Cst. Richard COLLINS and S/Sgt. FERGUSON attended the naming ceremony for the arena in the West Hants Sports Complex.
- West Hants Members remain engaged with the Treaty Truck House located adjacent the Avon River Aboiteau. The RCMP's Division Liaison Team has been engaged during the month of June following the identification of concerns related to the gates being closed pursuant to an order issued under the Emergency Management Act.
- West Hants Detachments Senior Management liaised with West Hants Municipality Regional Emergency Management re: Wildfire Response and preparedness as a result of the close proximity of the Tantallon/Pockwock fires to West Hants.

Respectfully Submitted,

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West Hants RCMP