

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Morton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **Attendance** – Councillor Paul Morton, Councillor Rupert Jannasch, Jane Davis, Guide Furlani (6:04 pm), Carla Rafuse, Mark Phillips (CAO), S/Sgt. Ed Nugent (6:01 pm), and Rhonda Brown. There were no members of the public in the gallery.
3. **Announcements** – Chair Morton stated West Hants Regional Municipality acknowledges that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People and that this land is governed by the treaties of Peace and Friendship signed in 1726. West Hants Regional Municipality also recognizes that we are all treaty people and have responsibilities to this land and each other. West Hants Regional Municipality also recognizes African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose history, legacies, and contributions have enriched that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**  
**MOVED BY JANE DAVIS/ CARLA RAFUSE THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.**  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
5. **Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest** – None.
6. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**  
(a) October 20, 2025, Police Advisory Board Minutes  
**MOVED BY JANE DAVIS / CARLA RAFUSE THAT THE OCTOBER 20, 2025, POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES BE APPROVED.**  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
7. **Presentations** – None.
8. **Business Arising from the Minutes / Old Business**  
(a) Opportunity for Strategic Planning Training – CAO Phillips reviewed the material presented at the training to members of the Committee that attended; members from other Municipalities also attended. The Police Act and Regulations has also been provided to the Committee Members, which reminds us of the responsibilities that municipalities and police agencies have. The training provided was a valuable tool for the Committee to use to provide strategic directions to influence the RCMP service provided to the Municipality, although the RCMP do have their own priorities.

Discussion Points

- Jane Davis and Guide Furlani agreed the training was informative and thought

Committee should meet to discuss the material more and develop a strategic plan.

- S/Sgt Nugent would be developing the RCMP annual plan soon for next year and so a strategic plan in the next few months would be useful.
- A working group meeting will be arranged within the next month; most members would be able to meet at either 4 pm or 5 pm.

## 9. Reports

(a) West Hants RCMP Quarterly Report October to December 2025 – S/Sgt Nugent reviewed the report noting the following:

- Sergeant Doyle is still off but on paternity leave for a month. Cpl. MacDonald is the Acting Sergeant and has been doing well with scheduling to ensure coverage.
- Still dealing with significant vacancies. There are four hard vacancies, three have someone assigned to them; two of these will start in early summer.
- Doing well financially, as the Municipality does not pay if members are off more than 30 days, so the savings have covered the categories that were overspent such as overtime, training, and kit/clothing. Projection of over \$650,000 under spent for the fiscal year.
- Increased reports of shoplifting may be due to better loss prevention measures at stores. Peak times for shoplifting are being determined to increase police presence at those times.
- The increase in tickets may not indicate more speeding only that more speeders are caught.
- Cst. Jordan Bruce is to be awarded gold level award for criminally impaired cases (at least 24); in addition to 60+ roadside suspension for those in the Provincial suspension alcohol level.
- Cst. Trenholm was asked to present to members of Northeast Nova after advancing a major child porn investigation involving over 45 added charges.
- Due to events in Tumbler Ridge, BC, the RCMP have been touching base with schools, and the high school will be doing a lockdown drill and the RCMP will investigate getting access to the school after hours to do additional training without students present.
- There was a close incident with two young children lost in a rural area, family and neighbours got involved and they were located on a wooded trail.
- S/Sgt Nugent and Cpl. MacDonald have been meeting with various Municipal and Community Committee meetings including the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee, Windsor Township Business Association, POSSE and soon a committee on homelessness.

### Discussion Points

- There has been some attempted fraud of businesses in the area but no extortion cases on business locally. On occasion there have been some local sextortion cases with individuals; usually boys but it can happen to anyone.
- The Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education has standard procedures for lockdown procedures for school; the police assist and help ensure procedures are executed according to the plan.

- Consideration is being given to apply to the Province to allow off highway vehicles (OHV) on some road sections between trails in the Municipality legally, especially as the new rail line trail is opening soon. Currently OHV are not allowed on roads legally, more education and enforcement would be useful to ensure safer and legal use of OHV, noting there are more OHV incidents happening across the Province.

**10. New Business – None.**

**11. Correspondence**

- (a) Speeding in Falmouth - S/Sgt Nugent stated speed radar is being used in areas of Falmouth as speeding is a legitimate issue in the area. Members have been monitoring the area by four-way stop by the convenience store, noting members are able to catch car after car for failing to stop at the stop signs properly. More members are being radar training.

**12. Public Participation – None.**

**13. In-Camera – None.**

**14. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment –** Quarterly meetings on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday (Jan – Apr – Jul – Oct) – The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

**MOVED BY JANE DAVIS / GUIDE FURLANI THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN AT 6:41 PM.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

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**Chair Paul Morton**