

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, Carla Rafuse, Mark Phillips (CAO), S/Sgt. Ed Nugent, 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 COUNCILLOR JANNASCH / CARLA RAFUSE THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.
MOTION CARRIED.
5. **Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest** – None.
6. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
(a) February 17, 2026, Police Advisory Board Minutes
MOVED BY GUIDE FURLANI / CARLA RAFUSE THAT THE FEBRUARY 17, 2026, POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES BE APPROVED.
MOTION CARRIED.
7. **Presentations** – None.
8. **Business Arising from the Minutes / Old Business**
(a) Strategic Planning Workshop – CAO Phillips state he and S/Sgt Nugent have been unable to meet to set dates for the Strategic Workshop, this will be done in the future.
9. **Reports**
(a) West Hants RCMP Quarterly Report January - March 2026 – S/Sgt Nugent reviewed the report noting the following:
 - Currently in process of generating the annual performance plan for 2026-2027 which will include recommendations from various consultations including the Police Advisory Board.
 - Calls for service were lower in the winter months, but total number of files is up for

the year.

- Staffing levels are improving, there are four hard vacancies, but all have people coming to fill them; the first is just graduating from Depot May 4th and will be arriving about May 15th. Other new members are coming from Halifax Regional Police, Annapolis, and Newfoundland.
- The two cars with engine failure have been replaced. Just picked up one of the new black Ford Explorers and it is getting decals on it now.
- Finances are significantly under budget due to the salaries the Municipality were not responsible for.
- There are some big expenses coming such as a Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) or drone use in search and rescue, missing persons, and fleeing persons etc. Due to its abilities the operator is required to take a 1–2-week training course.
- In Quarter 4 significant calls for service such as sex offences, sudden deaths and motor vehicle collisions were down; however, already in Quarter 1 of 2026-2027 there was a significant pedestrian collision at an intersection. Collision reconstruction was involved. Prayers from the Mayor and Municipality were passed on to the lady's husband and appreciated. It was a reminder to be careful when turning right on a green light at an intersection.
- Seeing a lot of fraud cases where the fraudster has even actively talked the victim through processes with the bank. These cases are often hard to prosecute if the fraudster is overseas.
- Did well on objectives for initiatives, has an objective of 1100 traffic tickets for the year and got 893; check stops were off but still completed about 120. The reduction of tickets in Quarter 4 may be due to new members not having radar training yet.
- The number of well-being checks is a good thing as it shows our community is concerned about their families, friends, and neighbours.

Discussion Points

- To prevent fraud, it may be an idea for families to have a family code word to help people ensure the person you are talking to is who they really are. Words should not be in writing or shared through email or text for security reasons.
- Part of an article regarding long-term sick leave in the RCMP was read which noted causes and changes needed. It noted that in H Division there have been efforts to improve contact with people on long-term sick leave and in Southwest Nova long-term sick leave has been drastically reduced over the last few years under the leadership of outgoing District Commander Superintendent Popik. There may have been a valid reason for unlimited long-term sick leave in the past and things could change in future contract negotiations.
- The drones can fly high enough at night no one would notice but could be seen in daylight if one knew what to look for. One was used during a recent planned protest, and it was 500 ft in the air.

10. New Business

- (a) Speeding Falmouth and Three Mile Plains – Chair Morton inquired about speeding in Falmouth and Three Mile Plains. District Commanders receive monthly intelligence report

which includes traffic and concerns both Falmouth and Three Mile Plains were noted. A plan to action the intelligence report includes a traffic initiative including more patrols for those target areas.

- (b) Handling Complaints About Camping on Provincial/Municipal Lands- Councillor Jannasch inquired as to when RCMP should be involved when people are camping on Municipal parks or Provincial land. Historically there have always been a few campers who stay for a night and leave but social media and closed woods are attracting more people to the beach areas. Not only are parks affected but also roads leading to beaches such as Shipyard Rd. and Ocean Beach Rd. Large groups are becoming an issue as it is difficult for locals to access the beaches and issues with dogs. Department of Natural Resources is not always available to manage situations, and Municipal By-law Officers do not work on weekends.

Discussion Points

- Regulations and signage need to be reviewed to determine what officers could enforce for Provincial lands, for Municipal land By-law or RCMP after hours can be called.
- People can call the non-emergency line at any time when needed for any concerns even after hours; the dispatchers are trained to determine what situations require a police response and will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- If the issue was people being noisy the RCMP can deal with it; however, if conflict is due to overcrowding RCMP are not able to prevent people from being there if using area for recreation.
- Municipality is addressing signage about no tenting on Municipal land and creating letters that can be used for those tenting requesting them to vacate property and point them in the right direction for assistance if needed.

11. Correspondence – None.

12. Public Participation – None.

13. In-Camera – None.

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

Chair Morton noted the non-emergency line for the RCMP is 902-798-2207.

MOVED BY GUIDE FURLANI / COUNCILLOR JANNASCH THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN AT 6:51 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Paul Morton