



Town of Oxford
Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers and Zoom
Wednesday, April 8, 2026
6 pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda
Pages 1 -2

3. Approval of the Minutes – March 11, 2026
Pages 3 - 6

4. Town Departments Reports – Department Heads Presenting
 - 4.1 Municipal Physical Activity Leader (MPAL) Report – CAO presenting
Pages 7 - 8

 - 4.2 Fire Department – Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief presenting
Pages 9 - 10

 - 4.3 Bylaw Enforcement – Bylaw Enforcement Officer presenting
Verbal Presentation

 - 4.4 Public Works Report – Public Works Supervisor presenting
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 - 4.5 Administration Reports – CAO presenting
Pages 12 - 14 – Administrative Assistant Report

5. Council Committees and Boards Reports – CAO presenting
 - 5.1 Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee
Verbal presentation

5.2 All Saints Community Health Care Foundation
Pages 15 - 17 – January 13, 2026, approved minutes

5.3 Norther Region Solid Waste Management Committee
Pages 18 - 28 – December 12, 2025, approved minutes with Cumberland Report (excludes East Hants and Colchester reports)

5.4 Solid Waste Report, Nova Scotia Municipal and First Nations Working Group
– Deputy Mayor Chrystal McNutt
Page 29 – Audit Facility Setup
Page 30 – Audit Data Results

5.5 Cumberland Municipal Alcohol Project
Page 31 – March 3, 2026, Minutes

Attached separately is a Municipal Alcohol Policy Guide for Nova Scotia Municipalities – 50 pages

6. Items of discussion and correspondence

6.1 Nil

7. Adjournment



Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Place: Council Chambers, Zoom, streamed live to Facebook
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026
Presiding Officer: Deputy Mayor Chrystal McNutt
Councillors Present: Mayor Greg Henley, Councillors Carla Black, Olivia Canning-Sweet, Padraic Moore, and Paul Jones
Councillor Regrets: Councillor Brenton Colborne

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: Linda Cloney (CAO) and Ruthann Brookins (Manager of Finance)

Staff Regrets: Nil

Presenters in attendance: Nil

Media in attendance: Mark Rushton, HelloOxford

Gallery in attendance: Nil

1. Call to Order

At 6:00 PM, Deputy Mayor McNutt called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Mayor Henley, that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for Wednesday, March 11, 2026, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of the Minutes** – February 11, 2026, Pages 3 – 5

Deputy Mayor McNutt, Chair, on March 11, 2026

4. **Town Departments Reports**, presented by Linda Cloney

4.1 **Municipal Physical Activity Leader (MPAL)**, included in COW package

4.2 **Fire Department**, included in COW package

4.3 **Bylaw Enforcement, Verbal Report**

Enforcement is continuing at the Oxford Depot. Compost continues to be an on-going issue with bags of compost being dropped off not in non-compostable bags.

There have been over one dozen dog complaints. Reports regarding dogs on the loose, barking, and mean being reported.

Dangerous and unsightly properties are also being worked on and any reports can be submitted via customer service request in person or via the website.

4.4 **Public Works Report**, included in COW package

4.5 **Administration Reports**, included in COW package

Deputy Mayor McNutt thanked all town departments for their respective reports.

5. **Council Committees and Boards Reports**

5.1 **Cumberland Municipal Alcohol Project** –

Linda reviewed that the youth temporary shelter will be moving forward into the old NSLC building in Amherst.

Discussion of human trafficking held at Pugwash school and looking to host talks at other schools in the future.

5.2 Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee

First meeting in a few years. Dominique Furrer is the new coordinator. Emergency training is ongoing. Council training is coming up in mid to the end of April 2026.

The meetings of the Cumberland Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee (REMO) will be held quarterly. New agreement between the three municipalities has been drafted and is under review. A wildfire contingency plan is being worked on.

5.3 Source Water Protection Committee

In January of 2026, a public information session was held to talk about protecting our water source.

The consultant firm working on the plan has reported back recently that preparation of the Source Water Protection Plan is underway and Step 4 of the plan is reported to be completed by mid April 2026.

5.4 Oxford Beautification Advisory Committee – Award Announcement

The Oxford Beautification Advisory Committee works on Façade improvement program implementation to help improve the overall look and feel of the downtown and to spark additional investment from other business proprietors.

Oxford Home Hardware had applied to the program for their new sign upgrade. The new sign is now in place. The Oxford Beautification Advisory Committee has awarded \$10,000.00 to this project.

5.5 Cumberland Regional Library Board- report included in COW package

Deputy Mayor McNutt thanked all Council Committees and Boards for their respective reports.

6. Items of discussion and correspondence

6.1 Nil

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Mayor Greg Henley

Linda Cloney, CAO

Date Approved

DRAFT

MPAL Report – April 2026

Capitol Theatre

No Safe Harbour is in rehearsal and opens April 17, 18, 19. It is about the Halifax Explosion as experienced by an 11 year old girl named Charlotte and is based on the book by Canadian author Julie Lawson and published by Scholastic. Please come out and support the three young artists performing this piece. We're thrilled to tell you that Big B's Variety has also started to sell tickets for our theatre - thanks Anne and Brendon! All tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Big B's, Home Hardware and the Pharmacy. Huge thanks to Julie Cotter for taking over the organization of ticket sales.

Our final show for the 25'26 theatre season is **Anne and Maud**, a play that combines the story of Anne of Green Gables with Lucy Maud Montgomery's journal entries. Tickets have already started selling for this Anne Shirley experience.

The Capitol Theatre will be having its first **Capitol Theatre Awards** on Saturday June 13th. Awards will be distributed to those involved in our 25/26 theatre season, both on and offstage. There will be food, dancing and performances by various cast members. It's going to be an amazing night.

During **March Break** we had a big turnout to our screening of Journey To The Centre of the Earth. Then I was gobsmacked by a record breaking 120 people who stopped by our '**Tiny**' **St Paddy's Day Party** on March 17th. I don't think we can call it tiny anymore! We were pleased to host Nova Scotia health who ran a mental health vision board event for teens and then another sizeable crowd who enjoyed vintage Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock in Speed. Meanwhile, we had 78 kids complete the **Magical Shamrock Challenge** - amazing! Our April movies are Star Trek: Into Darkness on April 11th and Hugo on April 25th. (Grandparents - Hugo is a perfect film to bring your grandchildren to.)

Continuing with that momentum, we had a record breaking fifty people of all ages show up to our monthly **Community Karaoke**. There was a fantastic vibe in the building and a wonderful community event to witness. Our next one is Friday April 24th.

Invites to perform in our summer productions will go out shortly and we look forward to another musical theatre camp this summer. We continue to field rental inquiries and are pleased to be a sponsor for a **Cumberland Pride** event in June. The details are still be confirmed on that.

Other Programming and Details

I had the privilege of meeting with a CBC Radio producer and will be interviewed on an ongoing basis to share what's happening in Oxford. I'm honoured by this opportunity and will be reaching out for information about various events and developments in our beloved town.

Our Summer Programs have been announced and we will host an Early Bird in person Registration event this Saturday. This is to give us time to see what fills up immediately and if we can add additional spots and programs for those on the wait lists. The Early Bird Registration is Saturday April 3rd 8:30am to 1pm. Programs are as follows: Recreational Soccer, Teams Soccer, Games In The Park, Fun With Fairy Tales Day Camp, Magic of Oz Day Camp, Street Art Day Camp and Decades of Art Day Camp.

We are continuing to collect registrations for vendors for our Summer Market. Registration will be open soon for our annual Town Wide Yard Sale, happening Saturday May 16th.

As this is being read, I am celebrating my 50th Birthday in my most favourite place with my Mom. I look forward to coming home, inspired by the magic of Walt Disney World.

Marion Abbott - MPAL/Recreation Director

Firefighters responded to 9 calls in April. 3 calls were on highway 104.

- 3 Motor Vehicle Collisions
- 2 Medical Calls
- 4 calls for structure fires

- 1 of the structure fire calls turned out to be a large pile of tires and plastic burning which is an environmental issue

- Another call for a structure fire ended up being a chimney fire and we were cancelled after we were responding.

- 1 Call in Town
- 2 Calls in our coverage area
- 6 call assisting other departments (mutual aid)

March 02 we held our monthly Officers meeting where we discuss potential equipment needs, training events, Fire Modernization and plan our monthly training. Approximately 10 members attend.

March 9 – County Chiefs meeting held in Springhill

March 11 – Driver meeting – review maintenance, upcoming training, equipment requirements

March 5 – monthly work night – 16 members present. Gear checks, miscellaneous repairs to building and equipment.

March 12 – Monthly training night held with 24 members participating. Pump operations, shuttled water, procedures for connecting to hydrants, ground monitor training.

March 19 – Another work night at the station – monthly truck and additional equipment checks done.

March 21 & 22 – First 2 days of the Pump Operations course held in Oxford. We have 4 members attending.

The second weekend for this course is set for April 18 & 19.

Reminder – there will be lots of fire trucks around town that weekend as several other fire departments are participating.

March 22 – 3 members reviewing hydrants and any potential issues/troubles.

March 22 – troubles with the pump primer on our tanker. One of our members found the issue...a blown 300 amp fuse. Part ordered and installed as soon as it arrived...no further issues.

March 23 – membership committee meeting, interviewing new candidates.

March 26 – monthly meeting

March 30 – 2 members additional training with our tanker

March 30 – another officer's meeting – reviewing membership, upcoming training, equipment needs along with any potential hazards within our fire area, potential locations for dry hydrants.

Various committee meetings were held.

Monthly equipment checks were done. This includes SCBA (usually 3 members for no less than 6 hours), portable equipment, hoses, nozzles and ladders, gas monitors, and so on.

We welcomed another 3 new members to the department. This puts our membership at 31 which includes 7 members on our spare list.

April 9 – we will be having our monthly training session.

We will be participating in the annual Progressive Agriculture Safety Day in April that is put on by Oxford Frozen Foods.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief, Bruce Rushton
Deputy Chief, Kyle Purdy

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

March 2026

-During This Month Public Works Has Been Out on Various Weather Events, Salting, Sanding & Plowing Streets, Roads, Sidewalks, and Parking Lots.

-Rapid Rising Water Levels During a Spring Thaw & Rain Event.

-Repaired a Branch Sewer on Water St.

-Updated & Read Water Meters for Billing.

-Repaired Various Water Meters, Re-Reads, & Investigations.

-Repaired Broken Planks on Bridge Sidewalk.

-Repairs to Culvert Pipes & Ditches, Not Flowing.

-Install Traffic Signs at Irving.

-Weekly Water Quality Checks & Lagoon Sampling for End of the Month.

-Experienced Several Serious Break Downs with Our John Deere Loaders, Trackless, Kubota Tractor, Both Plow/Salt Trucks.

-Busy at the Transfer Site with Regular Garbage Load.

-Handled Various Pothole Requests & Installed Cold Patching for Potholes & Manhole Repairs.

-Repair to Gravel Surface on Seven Lee Way, & Meadow Lane

-Repaired 2 Water Breaks on Waverly & Little River Rd.

-Removal of a Large Tree from Black River Park.

-Installation of 2 New Dog Receptacles.



March 2026 – Admin Assistant Report

Communications (social media, website, posted notices, etc.):

- **Proclamations:**
 - Purple Day 2026
- **Public works:**
 - Alerts posted via Voyent Alert, FB pages and websites when required for watermain and other related posts
- Posts shared to our FB pages for:
 - Cumberland Region Solid Waste
 - Cumberland County Libraries
 - Employee Appreciation Day Post March 3, 2025
 - Nova Scotia Census Jobs as posted by YREACH
 - Nova Scotia Walks – Walk Leader Training post
 - Cumberland County/RCMP Reporting online post
 - Divert NS - ‘Champions of the Environment post-secondary scholarship notices’ for NS high school students
- Shared Oxford Legion post for Veteran banners on our FB pages.

Administration, Payroll and HR Tasks:

- Interest for February 2026 posted into Sage50
- Deposits posted in Sage50
- Invoicing/Accounts Payable: bill postings, filing, analysis, coding, and paying online of bills to be paid online
- Stats Canada Payroll Survey for February completed
- Customer service requests
 - Receiving bill payments
 - Oxford depot card creation
 - Information inquiries and aiding where necessary including providing contact details for other departments

- **Water meters**
 - investigations and assist with invoicing and credits when requested
 - Printed meter read sheets for public works for Q4 water bills
 - Investigations for accounts that are inactive and shut off
 - Assist clerk with entering readings taken by public works into TownSuite for Q4 water bills
 - Investigate readings and create a re-read sheet for “device error” readings, and other readings needing re-checked
- Assist MPAL and Clerk with handing out “pots of gold” for the shamrock hunt
- Assist Manager of Finance, CAO and fire chief with procurement research for budget items including:
 - Vacuum options for cleaner
 - Projector for firehall
 - Drycleaner options for medical centre mats
 - Initial investigation into purchase order programs
- Ordered vacuum for the office cleaner
- **Payroll & HR**
 - Assist the CAO with HR and payroll inquiries as required
 - Submitted forms and collected information regarding hours of work, important dates and summaries of information for those off work to health plan administrators
 - Stats Canada monthly payroll survey completed
- Attended the new FOIPOP Act – Regulations Engagement Teams session March 25, 2026, by the Province of Nova Scotia. This was an information session that outlines the first major update to FOIPOP ACT in 25 years that aims to consolidate PIIDPA, PRO, MGA Part XX and FOIPOP into one modern act with an intended launch date of April 1, 2027.

Technical Support/IT Tasks:

- Tech support assistance for all staff for hardware, software, printing, network, mobile phone, and file access including installation, updates, configuration and troubleshooting
- Zoom meeting video and audio setup and operation for various meetings
- Daily server backup monitoring and backup drive swap out
- Setup email for Fire chief on his cell phone (webmail)
- Assist public works supervisor with email on phone, updates to laptop, updates to the SCADA laptop including username and password change and clean up
- Analysis of Xerox copy usage for budget (MPAL and Admin)
- **Xerox printer** – troubleshoot error codes – needs transfer belt cleaner - called Xerox to place the order with technical support. Instructions were sent and the part has been ordered. It will take about 5 business days to get here (from March 27, 2026). Ticket #MNT0707534

ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION
Regular Meeting
January 13th, 2026
9:30am
Board Room, All Saints Hospital

Present: Doug Marshall, Bob Spence, Mary-Lou Bourgeois, Carol Brown, Richard Harrison, Stan McDougall, Ken Brownell, Rev'd Dr. Brian Spence, Sashika Ariyaratne, Dale MacArthur

Regrets: Wanda Smith, Dr. Colette Sauveru

1) Call to order: Chairman Doug Marshall called the meeting to order at 9:40am.

2) Approval of Agenda

MOTION

Stan McDougall/Richard Harrison

To approve Agenda as presented

CARRIED

3) Approval of Minutes:

MOTION

Bob Spence/Stan McDougall

To accept the minutes of November 4th, 2025, as presented

CARRIED

4) Business arising from the minutes

- a) **Foundation's 50/50** – Melissa received an update from Steve Houle from the DGH Foundation (attached) The board was happy to receive this info and hopefully we will receive regular correspondence for here on out.

- b) **Brochures** – Melissa reported that after no response from the flyer company and talking to a Canada Post employee surrounding the brochures that it was decided not to send them out this year. Melissa would have had to lug them to Amherst to pay for them to get sent to Springhill. Once in Springhill they wouldn't even reach everyone as they would be randomly passed out as people came in for their mail daily or multiple times a day. Also, the fact that they are not even selling stamps or taking cash at our location for people to send us a donation was also a factor.

5) Reports:

1) **Chairman** – No report

2) **Treasurer** – Mary-Lou reported on the Foundations finances.

MOTION

Ken Brownell/Carol Brown

To accept the financial report as presented.

CARRIED

3) **Site Manager** – Sashika reported the hospital is doing well and he is still learning the ropes. He invited the board to go see the new tunnel sometime as it is neat, it won't be all hooked up for a while yet as a lot of things need disconnected and re connected so that will take some time.

4) **Coordinator** – No report

6) Correspondence: No Correspondence

7) **New Business:** Meeting dates – the board agreed on the meeting dates for 2026

8) Other: Next meeting is Tuesday March 10th, 2026 @ 9:30am.

9) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn this meeting was offered by Carol Brown.

Hi Melissa,

Apologies for the late response.

The Healthcare Foundations just had a meeting this week to discuss the status of the 50/50.

A detailed communication will be sent to all participating Foundations shortly to explain all of this. At this point the program continues to operate however distributions have stopped in order to complete a final accounting for the DGHF license report to AGD which is due at the end of the month. Once this is complete any remaining funds will be distributed to the Foundations.

Since Shannon Shields left DGHF a few important things have happened. First and most importantly the DGH Foundation was required to remove themselves as administrators of the 50/50 after recommendation of our auditors and subsequent resolution by our Board. In the summer of 2025 the HCFNS board passed a resolution to take the program on behalf of all Foundations to ensure the program did not terminate. In October 2025 the AGD license was finally moved from DGHF to HCFNS which also involved new bank accounts and some other administrative setup so the HCFNS entity could manage the 50/50.

In the interim, I have been the only person left to handle this program for DGHF and HCFNS. While we understand some smaller Foundations have been looking forward to their distributions, we simply have not been in a position to do this yet. I am hoping that the next distribution be completed in February 2026.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call me directly.

Steve

Steve Houle, CPA, CA
VP Finance and Administration
Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation
Cell: 902-430-4095

NORTHERN REGION WASTE-RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: December 12, 2025

Present Elected Officials

Paul Weatherby, Mun. of Colchester (Chair)
Nic Furlong, Town of Amherst (Vice Chair)
Chrystal McNutt, Town of Oxford
Wayne Talbot, Town of Truro
Fred Gould, Mun. of Cumberland
Eldon Hebb, Mun. of East Hants

Present Staff

Andrea Trask, Mun. of East Hants
Brenda Rioux, Amherst, Oxford, & Mun. of Cumberland
Robert Matheson, Mun. of Colchester
Ishamar Senior Gentles, Mun. of Colchester
Phil Redden, Mun. of Colchester
Jessica Rushton, Mun. of Colchester
Jesse Hulsman, Mun. of East Hants

Regrets _____

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Furlong seconded by Councillor Hebb to approve the agenda as circulated.

Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes (September 26, 2025)

Moved by Councillor Gould seconded by Councillor McNutt to approve the agenda as circulated.

Motion carried.

EPR for PPP – Status Update

Nova Scotia launched its province-wide EPR program on December 1. This is the first time a full province has transitioned all at once. Most municipalities opted to provide curbside collection under the new system as a contractor for Circular Materials. There are four opted out municipalities, therefore Circular Materials has contracted collection services in these areas:

- Municipality of Queens
- Yarmouth (Town & County)
- Town of Antigonish

Key Points from staff:

- A provincial sorting guide is now in effect for all municipalities.
- Education campaigns have been rolled out province-wide with positive feedback.
- Municipalities are taking a transition-first approach, not expecting perfection.
- All November material has been cleared from transfer stations and MRFs.
- Circular Materials now manages material movement from transfer stations to MRFs.
- Cumberland's recycling, previously sent to PEI, is now processed in Colchester to comply with in-province requirements.
- Significant coordination occurred to empty transfer stations before Dec 1; Colchester's team was recognized for exceptional work.

New materials accepted:

- Additional recyclables in blue bags
- Styrofoam and flexible plastics (chip bags, candy wrappers, non-aerosol containers) now go to drop-off depots.

Drop-off network challenges:

- Some regions (e.g., East Hants) currently have no depots.
- Residents may place these items in garbage temporarily; they are not banned materials.

Operational Updates

Business & community groups that have been on curbside collection will be allowed to use services, however with limited volumes and at cost to municipalities. Municipalities are providing a grace period as groups adjust.

Update From Provincial Regional Chairs Committee

Chair Weatherby reported that he has had a very busy fall attending various meetings like Regional Chairs meeting, Circular Materials EPR launch event, facility tours (FCM Elmsdale) and the fall WRANS workshop. Focus has been on EPR for PPP.

Provincial Regional Coordinator Committee Update

Staff shared that in the lead up to the launch of EPR for PPP there have been increased meetings with Circular Materials staff to discuss communications – what, when, and how, seeking to understand what goes where in the new system, and trying to seek out answers to questions we assume we'll receive and ensure a collective response (ex. books).

The committee has turned its attention back to the issue with the Safe Sharps Program. Robert is the lead on the topic on behalf of Regional Coordinators, and this has been an active file for the last 2 years specifically. He continues to engage with the Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia (PANS) and NS Environment staff, sharing updates from the regions on sharps found, quantities, and locations found. He shared that currently 6 other provinces have regulations in place for sharps and Coordinators are hopeful we can move this item forward.

Regional Enforcement staff recently participated in the annual (required) Divert NS Enforcement Meeting. Attached is the slide deck from their updates for information.

NS Solid Waste Managers & Directors Committee Update (Andrea)

The Nova Scotia Solid Waste Managers & Directors Committee (NSSWMD) members continue to work together related to the EPR file. The committee has setup meetings following the monthly online updates from Circular Materials as a debrief opportunity. The goal of these debriefs is to ensure all members have consistent understanding and aligned positions where necessary.

Staff shared that now that EPR for PPP is launched two specific new conversations need to be started in the new year – biodegradable plastics and business recycling.

- **Biodegradable Plastics:** The issue is this material causes operational issues because not all products are the same. Collection and operational staff can't identify products in green carts or in material that is delivered to facilities. Therefore, the consensus is this material is garbage. This material is available everywhere from grocery stores to dollar stores. Additionally, this material does not fall under EPR for PPP so there is a concern some industries may begin using this material as an alternative to products that fall under new regulation in an effort to avoid those costs/responsibilities.
- **Business Recycling:** The new regulation for EPR for PPP does not include business recycling. Therefore, Circular Materials is only obligated to provide coverage for residential, multi-residential, schools and campgrounds services. This mean that the additional materials added in Nova Scotia are not eligible for our business. Once the new ReGroup recycling facility is built (they have the contract with Circular Materials for processing) there is a potential for existing facilities to lose significant volumes. Staff shared that under the system for the last 25+ years the combination of curbside materials and business materials allowed a balance of high-grade recyclables with the less valuable materials ensuring consistently managed materials. This will be a priority focus in 2026.

Regional Partner Solid Waste Updates

These are provided as attachments to meeting minutes.

Next Meeting

TBC – January 30, 2026

Correspondence

No received at this time.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Hebb to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



Cumberland Region Solid Waste Services

Prepared by: Brenda Rioux,
Education & Contract Coordinator



Administration Update

- The Solid Waste Hotline (902-667-5141) which receives calls from residents all over Cumberland County received 686 phone calls during the months of September & October.
- Mobius Awards- Maxine & Allie Clarke from Oxford were awarded the Divert NS Hall of Fame Mobius Award.



Education Highlights- Litter Messaging

- Received our wildlife themed litter prevention signage. These signs will be placed throughout high traffic public spaces in Cumberland County in the spring.



Education Outreach

Costume Swap

In celebration of Waste Reduction Week, Cumberland Region Solid Waste held a Costume Swap in both Springhill and Amherst. Several costumes were donated and children walked away happy with a “new to them” costume!

School Presentation

Staff met with Grade 4 students in Northport Elementary to discuss waste reduction and proper sorting. The students were knowledgeable and enthusiastic.

ARHS Environment Club

Met with members of the environment club to discuss bin placement, signage, and engagement.

Solid Waste Collectors

Met with the collection crew to review new guidelines and discuss expectations regarding rejections.



Cumberland Region Solid Waste Services
October 23 · 🌐

Happening tonight at West Highlands Elementary School from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

COSTUME SWAP

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

WEST HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Drop off a gently used costume & pick up a new one for Halloween!

Boost this post to get more reach for Cumberland Region Solid Waste Services. [Boost post](#)

The image shows a Facebook post from Cumberland Region Solid Waste Services. The post is for a 'COSTUME SWAP' event on Thursday, October 23, at West Highlands Elementary School from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The event encourages dropping off gently used costumes and picking up new ones for Halloween. The post features a photo of four children in various Halloween costumes (a ghost, a witch, a vampire, and a knight) and includes a 'Boost post' button.

Online Education Outreach

Cumberland Region Solid Waste Services
October 31 - 🌐


The "What Goes Where?" feature this week is HALLOWEEN treat packaging. Most treat packaging such as chip bags, candy bar wrappers, and other wrappers are regular garbage. Boxed treats such as smarties or treats with similar packaging can be recycled! Have a fun and safe Halloween and remember to "Put Waste In Its Place!"



Wondering "What Goes Where?" Download our free mobile app *Cumberland County Solid Waste*

Cumberland Region Solid Waste Services
November 19 at 9:01 AM - 🌐

It's that time of year again- Tire Season!
Drop off old, unwanted tires to any Tire Retailer.
Learn more about the program here: <https://divertns.ca/used-passenger-tires>




Return unwanted eligible tires to tire retailers in Nova Scotia!

Wondering "What Goes Where?" Download our free mobile app *Cumberland County Solid Waste*

Cumberland Region Solid Waste Services
December 4 at 8:59 AM - 🌐

The "What Goes Where?" feature this week is Pots & Pans.

Pots and pans no longer belong in your recycling bag. Give them a second life by donating or bringing them to a scrap metal depot. If that's not an option, regular garbage is the next best spot. Not sure what goes where? Download our free mobile app "Cumberland County Solid Waste".




Wondering "What Goes Where?" Download our free mobile app *Cumberland County Solid Waste*

Boost this post to get more reach for Cumberland Region Solid Waste Services. [Boost post](#)

Cumberland Region Solid Waste Services
October 3 - 🌐

Hockey season is in full swing!
When you're watching your favourite team on game night, help keep our rinks looking their best by putting waste in its place.
If you leave it, you're littering.




Put Waste In Its Place

Don't litter

Cumberland Region Solid Waste Services
October 24 - 🌐

Hey Hockey Fans!
Look for the Scouts this weekend at the Amherst Ramblers hockey game!
This season, the Scouts will be collecting refundables at the Ramblers home games to help raise money for their upcoming trip to the UK!
Let's cheer on the Ramblers and the Scouts at the same time and keep doing our part to: Put Waste In Its Place



Put Waste In Its Place

Don't Litter

EPR – Cumberland County

- Social Media Posts
- Revised Sort Guide
- Meeting with Solid Waste Collectors
- Updated Recollect



Solid Waste Hotline: 902-667-5141

Cumberland County Solid Waste

Waste Separation Guide

Recyclable Paper

- Cardboard boxes (flattened & bundled)
- Cereal & cracker boxes
- Carry out trays
- Envelopes
- Gift bags & tissue paper
- Magazines, flyers, & newspaper
- Paper egg cartons
- Potato bags/paper pet food bags
- Shredded paper
- Toilet paper rolls
- Wrapping paper

Must be clean and dry
Clear non-coloured or transparent blue bags

Do not mix container items & paper items in the same bag

Recyclable Containers

- Aluminum foil & plates
- All ice cream containers
- Blister packs
- Coffee and nut cans
- Deodorant containers
- Disposable cups
- Frozen juice cans
- Juice cartons
- Metal food cans
- Milk cartons
- Plastic bags & containers
- Pop cans
- Toothpaste tubes
- Water bottles

Products must be empty
Clear non-coloured or transparent blue bags

Do not mix container items & paper items in the same bag

Compostable Organics

- Baked goods
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Eggs & shells
- Food napkins
- Fruits & vegetables
- Meat, fish, & bones
- Paper plates
- Pet waste
- Pizza boxes
- Plants & yard waste
- Tissues

No plastic

Styrofoam, empty aerosol containers, and flexible plastics such as chip bags, candy/snack wrappers, and cereal box liners can now be taken to an approved drop-off location. Find a drop-off location near you: circularmaterials.ca/NSdepts

Never miss another collection day, download our free mobile app [Cumberland County Solid Waste](#)



Answers at your fingertips



Garbage

- Bandages
- Books
- Broken glass - safely packaged
- Broken toys
- Diapers
- Disposable wipes
- Pens & markers
- Photographs
- Pots & pans
- Straws
- Vacuum cleaner bag

Clear non-coloured bags

Cumberland Region Solid Waste Services
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Starting December 1, Nova Scotia is moving to an enhanced recycling system, and we're excited to share that the Towns of Amherst & Oxford, and the Municipality of Cumb... See more



See insights and ads

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Cumberland Region Solid Waste Services
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Get ready Cumberland County! Starting today, you can recycle more than ever before! ... See more



Wondering "What Goes Where?" Download our free Cumberland County Solid Waste

Boost post

55 comments 169 shares

Did you know that you can now place empty tooth paste tubes, hand cream tubes, & hot and cold beverage cups in your container recycling bag?!... See more



Enforcement Update (August-October)

Mun. of Cumberland

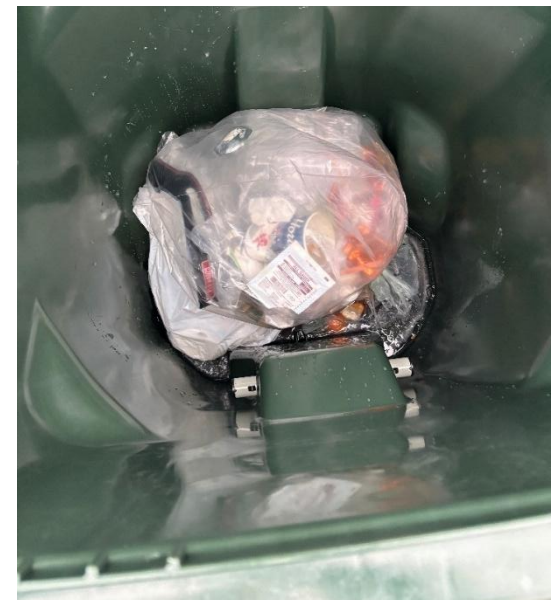
- 60 Green bin replacements
- 2 Illegal dumping
- 21 dangerous/unsightly

Town of Amherst

- 20 Garbage Complaints (under D&U)
- 21 Site Visits
- 53 Follow-up Inspections
- 19 Compliance Gained

Current Challenges

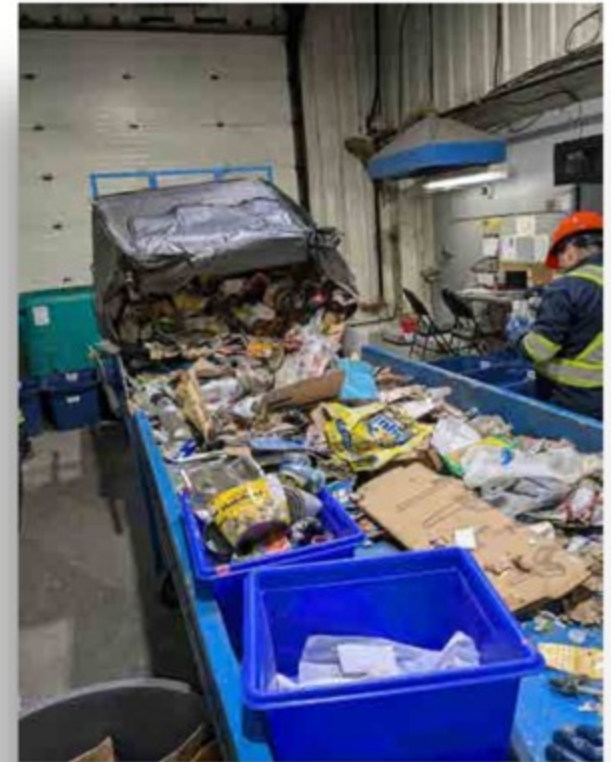
- Residential stock piling
- Curbside Rejections – not being brought in
- ICI Sector – Commercial Bins
- New to Amherst – Condo Corps



Thank you!



Audit Facility Setup (Eco 360)



Audit Data Results

- Have analyzed 56 samples from December 1, 2025 to Feb 3, 2026.
- Overall contamination levels are:
 - 7.96% for the Fibres Stream
 - 15.29% for the Containers Stream
- Common observed contamination items include bagged garbage, PPP with residue, nested material, books, and durable plastic products.
- Approximately 360 samples to be collected and analyzed in 2026. More data to be collected to provide insight at contamination levels regionally in NS.



Cumberland MAP meeting

March 3, 2026

Attendance: Kim McMillan, Zack Knol, Colleen Dowe, Carrie Lee, Madison Bennett, Sophie Melanson

Absent: Chloe Curtis, Mallory Klooster, Aiden Kivisto, Melanie Siddall, Courtnay Kingsbury, Linda Cloney,

Agenda item	Notes	Lead	ACTIONS
Welcome & Introductions		Madison	
Quick Catch-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colleen: Winter Carnivals right across the county (except Oxford). Tons of family friendly barrier free events Businesses were involved, and so there was some alcohol 	Madison	
Standing Item – Expanding Alcohol Sales	According to Heather Mulligan, the most recent the provincial government session has not tabled any more bills. We have survived another session. This is good news.	Madison	
Update & Review – Community Readiness Didn't happen	CAPE 3.0 Webinar – quick overview -	Sophie	date is set for March12, 1:30pm Sophie will forward the registration link
Alcohol Sales Regulation Change	Agreement between Ontario & NS		
Group Discussion – Readiness for our own Policy	<p>What is the “temperature” (see readiness)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We need to be strategic in what and to which council - Oxford might be interested (due to the new community centre opening, if we could have it there beforehand) <p>What would be the first steps?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practice/policy scan of each municipality <p>What is the ask, are there portions of policy that would be easier to get?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maybe we can start with the “practices” municipalities are currently doing. And existing policies (stadium uses) - NSAP document - Gather community voices (innovative approach, maybe with NSCC help?) <p>Is it time to offer to present to councils?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Around budget time is NOT a good time (sweet spots might be: after Summer break, winter months) - They do like policy, generally: They might appreciate the feedback 	Madison & Sophie	Jason MacDonald, Linda Cloney, Greg Herrett.
Wrap-up	Next Meetings: April 7 th at 1:30pm Reminder: Please send MAP meeting minutes to CAOs	Madison	