



Committee of the Whole

Council Chambers and Zoom

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Time: immediately following the Special Council Meeting

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

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3. Approval of the Minutes – May 13, 2026

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4. Town Departments Reports – Department Heads Presenting

4.1 Municipal Physical Activity Leader (MPAL) Report – CAO presenting

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4.2 Fire Department – Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief presenting

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4.3 Bylaw Enforcement – Bylaw Enforcement Officer presenting

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4.4 Public Works Report – Public Works Supervisor presenting

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4.5 Administration Reports – CAO presenting

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5. Council Committees and Boards Reports – CAO presenting

5.1 Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Pages 16 - 17 – approved minutes – December 10, 2025

Page 18 – Agenda – May 6, 2026

5.2 Cumberland Municipal Alcohol Project – June 2 meeting
Pages 19 - 20 – approved minutes – May 5, 2026

6. Items of discussion and correspondence

6.1 Sharps and Tire Letters to the Minister – Northern Region Solid Waste
Management Committee

Pages 21 - 24 – Sharps Disposal in Cumberland, Colchester, and East Hants

Pages 25 - 26 – Tire Disposal in Nova Scotia

7. Adjournment



Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Place: Council Chambers, Zoom, streamed live to Facebook
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Presiding Officer: Deputy Mayor Chrystal McNutt
Councillors Present: Mayor Greg Henley, Councillors Carla Black, Brenton Colborne, Olivia Canning-Sweet, and Paul Jones
Councillor Regrets: Councillor Padraic Moore

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: Linda Cloney (CAO), Bruce Rushton (Fire Chief), Kyle Purdy (Deputy Fire Chief), Larry Reicker (Public Works Supervisor), Marion Abbott (MPAL), Stan McDougall (Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary)

Staff Regrets: Paul Macdonald (Bylaw Enforcement Officer)

Presenters in attendance: Terri-Lynn Smith, Site Lead and Director of Operations and Redevelopment at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre

Media in attendance: Nil

Gallery in attendance: Nil

Marion Abbott entered the meeting at 6:17PM and left at 6:25 PM
Bruce Rushton and Kyle Purdy left the meeting at 6:35PM.

1. Call to Order

At 6:02 PM, Deputy Mayor McNutt called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda, Pages 1 -2

Moved by Mayor Henley and seconded by Councillor Jones, that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for Wednesday, May 13, 2026, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of the Minutes – April 8, 2026, Pages 3 – 6

Deputy Mayor McNutt, Chair, on May 13, 2026

4. Presentations

4.1 Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre Redevelopment Presentation -

presented by Terri-Lynn Smith, Site Lead and Director of Operations and Redevelopment at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre.

Pages 7 – 44

Terri-Lynn Smith presented the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre Redevelopment Presentation to the Oxford Town Council. Topics discussed included the overall changes to emergency care facilities, dialysis, CT scanner, ambulance centre, parking and other changes to the Amherst Hospital (Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre) redevelopment project.

Deputy Mayor McNutt and Council thanked Terri-Lynn Smith for her presentation.

5. Town Departments Reports – Department Heads Presenting

5.1 Municipal Physical Activity Leader (MPAL) Report – Marion Abbott
Presenting, Pages 45 - 46

5.2 Fire Department – Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief presenting
Pages 47 - 48

5.3 Bylaw Enforcement – CAO presenting, Page 110

5.4 Public Works Report – Public Works Supervisor presenting, Pages 49 - 50

5.5 Administration Reports – CAO presenting, Pages 51 - 54
Deputy Mayor McNutt thanked all town departments for their respective reports.

6. Council Committees and Boards Reports – CAO presenting

6.1 Cumberland Public Libraries Report, Page 55

6.2 All Saints Community Health Care Foundation

Pages 56 – 57 – approved minutes – March 10 Regular Meeting

Pages 58 – 64 – approved minutes – April 29, 2025, AGM

Pages 65 – 67 – approved minutes – April 29, 2025, Special Board Meeting

6.3 Northern Region Solid Waste Management Committee

Pages 68 – 93 – approved minutes – March 27, 2026

Linda reviewed that sharps disposal in Nova Scotia was discussed. A letter requesting Provincial regulated sharps disposal program has been written.

6.4 Police Advisory Board

Pages 94 – 97 – RCMP Report – January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026

Pages 98 – 100 – approved minutes – January 20, 2026

Linda reviewed that the Police Advisory Board Committee is reviewing an increase from 5 to 7 members. This would require an additional Council representative. A letter concerning this change would also need to be written to the Minister of Justice.

6.5 Cumberland Municipal Alcohol Project

Pages 101 – 103 – minutes – April 7, 2026

6.6 Accessibility Advisory Committee

Pages 104 – 106 – approved minutes – May 21, 2025

Linda reviewed that Access Awareness Week is May 25 to May 31 in Nova Scotia and a Karaoke event has been planned at the Capitol Theatre. The theme this year is “Stronger Together”. The annual Accessibility Report Card is being worked on by the Accessibility Committee. Discussion regarding accessible entrances and the need for public accessible washrooms were discussed and considered for further discussion at the May 25, 2026, meeting.

6.7 Planning Advisory Committee

Pages 107 – 109 - approved minutes – November 25, 2025

At the May 5, 2026, meeting, the town house development by Blake & Co. Properties Inc. was discussed. Three more four-unit townhouses in addition to the existing townhouse is planned.

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

7. Items of discussion and correspondence

7.1 nil

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Deputy Mayor Chrystal McNutt

Stan McDougall, Admin Assistant

Date Approved

May/April MPAL Report

Summer Programs

All registration is completed and we're looking forward to a jam-packed summer. We have two soccer programs, one games program and four day camps, plus special events planned.

Summer Student

We have hired Sarah Brown to be our Recreation Leader this summer, as part of our partnership with Canada Jobs. We have also hired and appointed various teen subcontractors and volunteers to help with our soccer programs this summer. We are thrilled to have Oxford residents join the rec team this busy season.

MPAL Updates

I have recently completed the one year plan as required by our MPAL agreement. The plan includes a list of everything I plan to do, i.e. programs, events, classes, and how each fits into our Physical Activity Policy. Our Policy was created in 2019 and is sorely out of date. Linda and I, along with Councillor McNutt and Municipal partners have started to work on creating a new policy. On June 11th I will be attending a pilot staff summer training, provided by the province. Afterward I'll be contributing feedback and seeing how I can be a part of teaching training in future summers.

Community Karaoke

Our May Community Karaoke was another amazing event. We started off with a beautiful poem written by Teresa about the power of collaboration and community and raised the Awareness Month flag. We began our karaoke singing with O Canada and later in the evening, the Sunset Community sang a song in honour of Laura, a dear friend who recently passed away. Again the event was packed and it was a magical evening of community and music. Our last one in the theatre until September will be Friday June 26th.

Special Screening

This week is our special screening of Pricilla Queen of the Desert, in collaboration with Cumberland Pride.

Theatre Productions

Anne and Maud was our last production of this theatrical season and was well attended. We had a great number of people attend from neighbouring towns and it received a lot of positive reviews online. We recently released a special summer theatre subscription pass - three productions for the price of one regular ticket. We're already 50% sold out.

Movies

We've got two movies this month - Scream and The Wizard of Oz. You can pick up a schedule of all summer movies at the Post Office or look for posters and take a photo so you have it on your phone.

Theatre Tech Training

This past week we held our first free theatre tech training. Scott Nowak taught attendees how to run our lighting, sound and projection systems. These participants will be asked to provide tech support with upcoming shows and events. We're super excited about this new initiative.

Full disclosure: I'm pretty wiped out from all the 'end of the year' things and summer prep, but I'm taking a mini vacation shortly to rest up for the summer chaos. Bring it on.

Marion Abbott
mpal@oxfordns.ca

Firefighters responded to 4 calls in May.

- structure fire
- vehicle fire
- Power lines arcing on a tree
- Suspicious odour in a home – multi gas detector

- 2 Call in Town
- 2 calls assisting other departments (mutual aid)

May 28 – Fire department monthly general meeting.

Monthly vehicle and equipment checks were completed.

May 19 – Annual ladder testing was completed and everything passed

Several other meetings were held throughout the month for fund raising, training, building maintenance, officers meeting.

The County Fire Chiefs will be meeting in Springhill on June 8th.

We have our annual Horse pulls scheduled for June 13th.

We will soon have a 5th elevator operational in town. Will be looking at rescue training for elevators which is an estimated cost of \$ 700.00 per firefighter.

We also want to thank everyone who supports the Oxford Fire Department through our fundraising efforts.

We are currently working towards moving from our 30 plus year old hydraulic rescue tools to battery operated tools. Rough estimates at this time for one tool, 2 batteries and charger is \$ 30,000.00

Training:

May 14 - monthly training with 23 members attending. Trained on Vehicle Extrication with fire (using fake smoke).

8 members attended a first aid course at our station.

1 member has signed up for the regional “Structural Protection Unit” training. This includes Cumberland, Colchester and East Hants. Lots of training involved for this.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief, Bruce Rushton
Deputy Chief, Kyle Purdy

BYLAW REPORT JUNE 2026

Oxford Depot

Things have been smoother , the depot has been very busy

We had a break-in last week , some items were taken. We reported this to the RCMP.

We have bear issues which means we show up to a mess every morning , DNR has been notified and out to look

BY LAW

Several new files in this month, some verbal complaints with written complaints to follow

Some headway on our dangerous unsightly with the most pressing one obtaining a permit to demolish ... no action yet but am hoping to see demolition soon if not it will be posted asap

I am awaiting quotes for demolition on two other properties on Handle St

We have had some very close calls with scooters and pedestrians with the scooters almost hitting people on the sidewalks, this issue will only get worse and am working on a solution I am open to any suggestions from council , I am very concerned of having a elderly resident hit while walking on sidewalk

We have some dumping issues in town with residents dumping garbage and large amounts of dirty cat litter on town property.

Some files come in and I can resolve very quickly some seem to take much more time

Respectfully submitted by Paul Macdonald , Bylaw Officer
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COW Meeting – June 10, 2026

During the Month of May, Public Works have continued to work at multiple regular maintenance, and emergency callouts. We have an increase of over 10% in our work orders and now with an extra member we are looking to strive even higher in coming months.

Here are some highlights of the month of May 2026:

- Major Sewer Blockage on Main St.
- Set out and cleaned-up various items stored of winter.
- Water break issues on Waverly St.
- Ongoing mowing of Town Properties.
- Purchase of a new to Public Works plow/dump truck.
- Discovery of Force Main Leak & Issues on Meadowell Street.
- Unexpected Power Outage at Wells & Chlorination Building.
- New soccer netting and accessible toilets at sports fields.

I encourage all service request to be submitted by the forms located at the front entrance of Town Hall, as well as online at www.oxfordns.ca - report a complaint. Only written reports can be processed other than emergency issues.

Thank you, and welcome to Summer 2026.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Reicker, Public Works Supervisor
publicworks@oxfordns.ca



May 2026 – Admin Assistant Report

Administration, Payroll and HR Tasks:

- Interest for April 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”
- Assist the Manager of Finance with Reconciliation of VISA statements for all Town of Oxford Credit cards (reconcile to Sage)
- Stats Canada Payroll Survey for April completed
- Customer service front desk coverage and in clerk’s absence
 - bill payments (water, taxes, dog tags)
 - Oxford depot card creation
 - Information inquiries for new residents
 - Receipting electronic transfers and other payments
 - Invoice posting and filing for previous year and new year
 - Processing cheques to be mailed and collecting and processing received mail.
- **Q4 Water Bills**
 - Mailed out on May 1, 2026, Due May 29, 2026.
 - Adjustment to TownSuite regarding Interest Income Account as per the Manager of Finance.
 - A few credits issued for house sales that did not go through.
- **Interim Tax Bills**
 - TownSuite to PVSC reconciliation completed with assistance from PVSC for clarification.
 - Trial Levy reviewed.

- Posted Trial Levy with due date of June 30th as per the CAO's approval.
- Printed Interim Tax bills May 11, 2026. Finished folding and processing the Interim Tax bills to be mailed out by May 13th.

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

- **Proclamations:**
 - Heart Failure Awareness Week
 - Safety and Health Week
 - Lyme Disease Awareness Week
 - Gaelic Nova Scotia Month
 - International Day Against HBD
 - NS Access Awareness Week
- **Communications and Social media posts shared for:**
 - Job Fair for Nova Scotia Works (CANSA) May 20, 2026
 - Access Awareness Week posters from Sunset Communities and AMANS to our website and FB page.
 - Business and Local Organization updates and listing
 - Census Canada collection reminders and info graphics shared to our website and FB pages.
 - Oxford Public Library posts regarding closures shared.
 - Northern Region Solid Waste "What goes where" post share.
 - Notice of Intent and Public Meetings re: 4812 Main Street shared to FB pages, Website and Voyent Alert.

Payroll & HR

- Assist the CAO with payroll and HR inquiries as required
- Update wages as per Council approved budget
- Update wages via report to Telus Health Care Plan

Technical Support/IT Tasks:

- Tech support for all staff for hardware, software, printing, network, mobile phone, security video, and file access. Installation, updates,

configuration, and troubleshooting of all Town-owned devices and Internet and email connectivity.

- Zoom meeting video and audio setup and operation for Council and committee meetings.
- Daily server backup monitoring and external hard drive backup swap out.
- Assist Manager of Finance with banking website shortcuts and sending the bank information as requested regarding website access.



**Community Liaison Committee
December 10, 2025 1:00 pm
Nova Scotia Community College
Amherst Campus**

Present:

- Fred Gould, Councilor, Municipality of the County of Cumberland
- Brenda Rioux, Municipal Solid Waste Educator & Contract Coordinator
- Neil Gillis, Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change
- William Leary, Environmental Coordinator, GFL Environmental
- Steve Watts, Operations Manager, GFL Environmental
- Kaitlyn Hirschfeld, Administrative Coordinator, GFL Environmental

Regrets:

- Dylan Dawson, Community Member
- Linda Cloney, CAO, Town of Oxford
- Greg Herrett, CAO, Municipality of the County of Cumberland
- Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Public Works, Municipality of the County of Cumberland Jason MacDonald, CAO, Town of Amherst

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Call to order at 1:10pm. Members were welcomed, with introductions around the table.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Fred Gould, second to approve by William Leary. Motion carried to approve the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes: December 2024

Minutes were reviewed by all attendees. Motion to approve by Fred Gould, second to approve by William Leary. Motion carried to approve the December minutes.

4. Site Initiatives Report

William Leary reviewed the report. Brenda Rioux asked if GFL has a new C&D site. Steve Watts confirmed C&D is being disposed of in the same location as solid waste. Fred Gould asked for the timeframe for the current cell. William and Steve confirmed 2030. Brenda Rioux inquired if waste from outside the municipality is disposed of on a regular basis. William Leary confirmed no, only a very small amount of waste.

5. Operations Report

William Leary reviewed the incoming tonnage of waste categories. Across the board 15-20 % increase from last year. Neil Gillis asked what is happening with recycling. Steve Watts confirmed GFL receives the recycling, then transports the residential to Colchester to curricular materials. The commercial side of recycling has not changed. Brenda Rioux asked Steve Watts if he foresees that GFL will stop accepting commercial recycling, Steve Watts confirmed no.

6. Environmental Monitoring Summary

William Leary reviewed environmental samples and the switch of the main site discharge sampling location. Late summer it went from a croc at outlet of engineered wetland and has moved to a ground water well. William confirmed Environmental monitoring from the consultants have been completed and consultants are working on the annual reports.

7. New Business

HHW Dropoff. William Confirmed the HHW Dropoff is in the works. Members discussed their opinions and concerns about the lack of drop-off options.

Municipal Public Tenders

Willaim requested tenders should consult directly with GFL to ensure the waste can be accepted.

8. Q&A

Fred Gould asked if contaminated recycling is still an issue. Steve Watts confirmed it is still an ongoing issue.

9. Next Meeting Dates

The next meetings are scheduled for May 6, 2026 and December 8, 2026. Meetings will be held at the NSCC Amherst boardroom, 147 South Albion Street.

10. Adjournment

Fred Gould motion to adjourn, second to approve by William Leary. The meeting adjourned at 1:41pm.



Cumberland Landfill Facilities Community Liaison Committee

May 6, 2026

NSCC Board Room, Amherst Nova Scotia

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of December 10, 2025, Minutes (Attached)
4. Site Initiatives Report
5. Operations Report
6. Environmental Monitoring Summary
7. New Business
8. Q&A
9. Next meeting dates:
 - a. December 9, 2026
10. Adjournment

Cumberland MAP Notes

May 5, 2026

Attendance: Linda Cloney, Michaela Costard, Zack Knol, Madison Bennett, & Sophie Melanson

Absent: Mallory Klooster, Kim McMillian, TJ Omasheye, Colleen Dowe, Carrie Lee & Courtnay Kingsbury

Agenda item	Notes	Lead	ACTIONS
Welcome & Catch-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Melanie: Policing RCMP annual celebration family friendly free BBQ (Dickie Park 4:30-7:30 on May 14) - Shout out to Linda for sharing the Progressive & Prosperous at the committee of the whole - YMCA Outreach & The Nest (Food pantry - Tues-Fri) have moved to the Blue House on Prince Arthur Street (27 Prince Arthur St) 	Madison	
Group Discussion continued – Alcohol Policy & Municipal engagement	<p>1) Presentation aim & structure – Thank for ongoing support, celebrate progress (policy scan), identify opportunities for amplification (Progressive & Prosperous)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What (education, how far we’ve come. What do we want to achieve, highlighting those achievements, good news stories, alcohol free events, family friendly approach, - Liability/Insurance risk of having alcohol at events - MADD, Schools Plus (Paige), SADD: prom season, do something within the school system... Prom posters. School resource officer - Zack: Hand out a tool kit to youth (taxi vouchers, disposable cameras, useful information, condoms, etc.) Maybe youth health centers could help with supplies. Maybe Katie could direct us for Naloxone. - Parent group (Oxford Home & School committee). Maybe ask Michelle - Revival of the traditional Safe Grad. 	Madison & Sophie	We would benefit from doing a deep dive, and creating a list of past 6-12 months of family friendly events (or events which took a harm reduction measure)
Good to Know	Less Is Best Campaign LiveWell PEI is a brand of the Health Promotion Unit, Department of Health & Wellness	Sophie	
Community voices Gathering - BRAINSTORM	<p>WHAT we want to know</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is there a dissonance between how much we’re drinking and the attitude we have around alcohol use? - Community opinion - What are the impact of alcohol use in our community? - Police Advisory board: Impaired driving infractions - How does alcohol show up in the community? - Are there differences between city and rural alcohol use? 	Sophie & Madison	Madison, Zack & Sophie will get together before the next meeting to prepare a loose proposed approach for our online outreach, etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do you think alcohol use has increased or decreased? - Where are people drinking alcohol, in what context? <p>WHY we want to know this</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To inform our committee's work - To assist in amplifying the good - When appropriate, to assist in sharing concerns <p>HOW we will collect this information</p> <p>Online/Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doodle Poll surveys (Linda has a contact who can help), - Social Media Post eliciting a response - Game/quiz, etc. <p>In person</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stories & conversation (organized & leisure, talking circles) - Calendar of potential engagements/activities/opportunities (setting up a table: depend on the conversation and what questions we ask) - OREC School Spring Fling? - Alcohol Awareness Month (April) - Anchor Harm Reduction Event? <p>Structured event (more so in the future to give us time to organize & budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open Space or forum - Intergenerational 		
Wrap-up	<p>Next Meetings: June 2, 1:30pm</p> <p>Reminder: Please send MAP meeting minutes to CAOs</p>	Madison	Sophie will ask in the minutes e-mail preference between online and in person.

The Honourable Timothy Halman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Government of Nova Scotia
P.O. Box 442
Halifax, NS B3J 2P8

May 22nd, 2026

RE: Sharps Disposal in Cumberland, Colchester and East Hants

Dear Minister Halman,

On behalf of the Nova Scotia Northern Region Solid Waste Resource Committee, we are writing to raise an increasingly serious concern regarding the disposal of sharps (needles) within the communities of Cumberland, East Hants, and Colchester.

The Committee understands that a regulated provincial sharps program is not currently under consideration. However, sharps continue to be found regularly across all waste streams, including illegal dumping sites, roadways, public spaces, waste transfer stations, Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs), and Enviro-Depots throughout Cumberland, East Hants and Colchester. These occurrences present an ongoing and significant risk to the general public, first responders and to waste management workers. At the Kemptown MRF, staff have documented weekly incidents, with more than 2,150 needles identified on recycling sorting lines since 2025.

Sharps represent a clear public health hazard. They are generated through both medical treatment and substance use, and improper disposal exposes workers and community members to the risk of injury and disease transmission. Municipalities and regional waste authorities continue to manage the consequences of this issue in the absence of a consistent and enforceable provincial framework. Furthermore, The Northern Region has learned that similar incidents are occurring and increasing across Nova Scotia. Appendix A, developed by the Regional Solid Waste Coordinators' Sharps Subcommittee, outlines reported exposure incidents and the locations where sharps are being found province-wide.

While the Committee acknowledges the value of existing education efforts and voluntary stewardship initiatives, these measures alone are not sufficient to address the current scale and persistence of the issue. Through direct engagement with local pharmacies in the Northern Region, it has been confirmed that the current voluntary disposal program frequently lacks an adequate supply of safe sharps containers, as well as consistent collection services. The Committee maintains that a regulated, provincially led sharps disposal program is necessary to ensure safe handling, reliable collection, and accountability across Nova Scotia.

Given the significant public health implications of sharps mismanagement, we have copied the Minister of Health and Wellness on this correspondence. Addressing this issue effectively will require coordinated action across both environmental and health mandates.

The Northern Region Committee respectfully requests that the Province reconsider its current position and engage with municipal and regional partners to explore options for a regulated approach. We would welcome the opportunity to share frontline experiences of the issues being faced beyond Appendix A attached.

Sincerely,



Councilor Paul Weatherby, Municipality of Colchester
Chair, Nova Scotia Northern Region Solid Waste Resource Committee

cc: The Honourable Michelle Thompson, Minister of Health and Wellness
NS Solid Waste-Resource Management Regional Chairs Committee
Nova Scotia Northern Region Solid Waste Resource Committee

Appendix A: Recent Sharp Reporting Examples



Figure 1: Colchester, Illegal dump March 27th, 2025

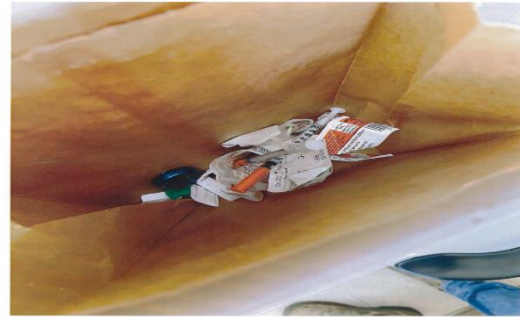


Figure 2: Windsor, Community Center. Feminine Product Disposal – March 27th, 2025



Figure 3: Colchester, Recycling Sorting Line – April 24th 2025



Figure 4: Lawrencetown, Transfer Facility – April 16th 2025



Figure 5: Yarmouth, Senior's Home – March 25th 2025

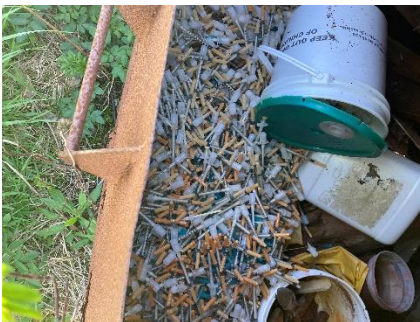


Figure 6: Illegal Dumpsite, Guysborough County - May 29th, 2025

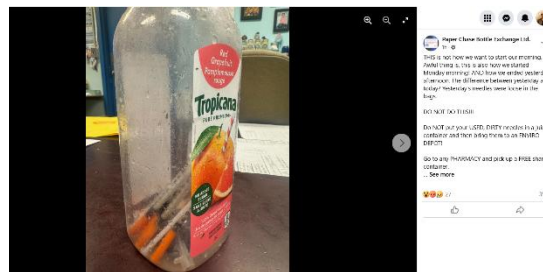


Figure 7: Yarmouth, Paper Chase Bottle Exchange – March 25th 2025

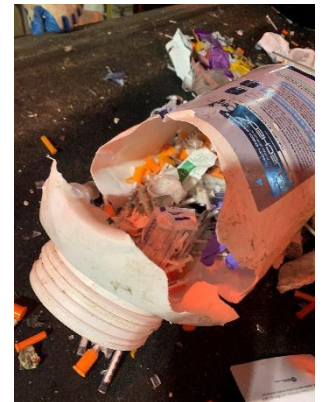


Figure 8: Colchester, Recycling Sorting Line – January 8th 2025



Figure 9: Sidewalk, Middleton Nova Scotia - March 27, 2025



Figure 20: Roadside Litter Clean Up, Yarmouth
- March 19th 2026



Figure 31: Illegal Dumpsite, Pictou County -
March 27th 2026



Figure 11: Colchester MRF - March 23rd, 2026



Figure 12: Abandoned Homeless
Encampment, Kentville - March 23rd, 2026



Figure 13: Halifax MRF - March
27th, 2026



Figure 14: Illegal Dump, Shannon
Park Kentville - March 30th 2026



Figure 15: Illegal Dump, Town of Kentville. 150
+ Sharps- Kentville - March 30th 2026



Figure 16: Bag Found in
Construction/Demolition Load, East Hants -
April 28th 2026



Figure 17: Residential Community, Glace Bay - April 1st 2026

The Honourable Minister Timothy Halman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Government of Nova Scotia
P.O. Box 442
Halifax, NS B3J 2P8

May 11, 2026

RE: Tire Disposal in Nova Scotia

Dear Minister Halman,

On behalf of the Northern Region Solid Waste Resource Committee, I am writing to share our concerns and to seek your department's guidance and collaboration regarding the current lack of disposal options for tires that fall outside of Nova Scotia's regulated tire program.

At present, residents and businesses in Cumberland County have no viable means to properly dispose of non-program tires, such as oversized or specialty tires. The GFL landfill in the Cumberland region, which is the only approved disposal site in Cumberland County, has recently stopped accepting these materials. As a result, there is now a significant service gap, leaving both residents and businesses without a responsible or accessible disposal option.

These materials, such as oversized, agricultural, and ATV tires are challenging for facilities to manage. While some locations in the province may accept them, they remain problematic for many facilities and are not consistently accepted, creating barriers across multiple regions.

This situation raises concerns not only from a service delivery perspective but also from an environmental standpoint. Without appropriate disposal pathways, there is an increased risk of improper storage, illegal dumping, or stockpiling of these materials.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with the Department of Environment and Climate Change to explore potential solutions, including the possibility of expanding the existing tire program to include these non-program tires, or developing an approach to ensure safe and accessible disposal options across all regions in the province.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and would welcome the opportunity to discuss potential solutions further.

Sincerely,



Councillor Paul Weatherby, Municipality of Colchester
Chair, Northern Region Solid Waste Resource Committee

cc: NS Solid Waste-Resource Management Regional Chairs Committee
Nova Scotia Northern Region Solid Waste Resource Committee