



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