



Minutes of the Special Council Meeting

Place: Council Chambers, Zoom, streamed live to Facebook
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026
Presiding Officer: Mayor Greg Henley
Councillors Present: Carla Black, Olivia Canning-Sweet, Padraic Moore, Deputy Mayor Chrystal McNutt and Paul Jones
Councillor Regrets: 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 6:24 PM, Mayor Henley called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Moved by Deputy Mayor McNutt and seconded by Councillor Jones that the agenda of the Special Council Meeting for Wednesday, March 11, 2026, be approved, as presented.
Motion Carried

3. Request for Decision (RFD)

3.1 RFD #001-2026 – Main Street Design

It was reviewed with the Council that a request for decision for Main Street Design is proposed. There are two ways to look at the design for Main Street. One of the design options involved the application for special funding.

The proposal was to permit staff to put forward the design for main street as applied for under the Local Leadership for Climate Adaption (LLC Application).

The plan is to replace watermain on Main Street, deteriorated sections along Pugwash Road, a new reservoir to replace the aging Pugwash Road facility, and to extend water, sewer and storm water services across Highway 104 to open development of proposed new residential lands.

LLCA was recommended to staff to help fund the project. An application has been made for the reconstruction of Main Street from James Street to Hanlon Street. If awarded, it could be up to \$800,000 toward that project.

To qualify, the project required the integration of accessibility and climate adaptation measures consistent with the Nova Scotia Accessibility Act and municipal accessible priorities.

Recently, it had been announced that the Town of Oxford had been awarded the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program (GRID).

For staff to proceed, Council would need to choose which design option would be preferred for the Main Street section only.

There are two options for Council to consider:

1. Council recommend staff proceed with a design for Main Street that integrates green infrastructure (permeable pavers in parking areas, rain gardens and increased vegetation), improved drainage and inclusive mobility features (wider sidewalks, improved sidewalk to street transitions, tactical indicators at transitions), acceptable for LLCA funding.
2. Council to recommend making no changes to the design of Main Street.

Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Deputy Mayor McNutt to approve option 1 to move forward with funding from the LLCA and GRID funding application.


Motion Carried

4. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.



Mayor Greg Henley



Linda Cloney, CAO

03-25-26

Date Approved

