



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

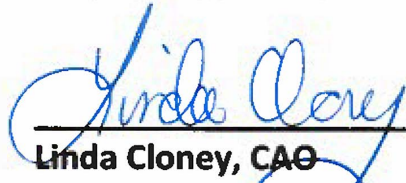
6.1 Nil

7. Adjournment


The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.



Mayor Greg Henley



Linda Cloney, CAO



Date Approved