



**Date:** September 25, 2024  
**To:** Municipal Council  
**cc:** Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Councillor Perry, Corporate and Residential Services Committee Chairperson  
**RE:** Corporate & Residential Services Committee Report

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The Committee held its regular meeting on September 17, 2024, in Council Chambers. The following motions are coming forward as a result of those meetings.

## 1. EAST HANTS & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Linda Wood and Tracy Williams of the East Hants & District Chamber of Commerce presented a presentation on the East Hants & District Chamber of Commerce and their activities to promote business in East Hants.

No motions came forth.

## 2. DISMANTLING RACISM AND HATE ACT

In September 2022, the Dismantling Racism and Hate Act was enacted by the Province of Nova Scotia. The Act provides strategic direction to address systemic hate, inequity and racism within the Provincial Government, and it identifies that prescribed bodies will be required to develop a plan to address systemic hate, inequity and racism by a prescribed date through Provincial regulations. This date coincides with the required 3-year review cycle for Council's Accessibility Plan. This report provides an overview of the existing and new legislation, our current state and preliminary path forward to meet the Regulations.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council *that Council approve \$30,000.00 from Professional Services Reserve to have an external party complete accessibility audits of the Lloyd E. Matheson Centre, East Hants Aquatic Centre, East Hants Sportsplex, Waste Management Centre, Burntcoat Head Park and Fundy Tidal Interpretive Centre to support updates required under the Accessibility Plan and Dismantling Hate and Anti-Racism Act;*

*And that, Council direct staff to include an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion component in the community engagement taking place as part of the Recreation Facilities Master Plan exercise.*

*As Chair of the Committee, I so move....*

## 3. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY POLICY

This report presents proposed revisions to the Disposal of Surplus Property Policy, conducted as part of the Policy Review Program and to reflect on lessons learned from surplus disposals conducted during the current Council term. In addition to content changes, staff recommend making a slight revision to the policy name, naming the proposed revised policy the Disposal of

Surplus Real Property Policy (the “Policy”) to align with nomenclature of Council’s recently approved Management of Real Property Policy.

The Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council *that Council repeal the Council Disposal of Surplus Property Policy and approve the new Disposal of Surplus Real Property Policy as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated September 17, 2024.*

*As Chair of the Committee, I so move....*

#### **4. NORTHERN TRAINING CENTER - ADDITIONAL BUDGET**

Warden Roulston raised the issue of the new fire training facility in Noel; and the Director of Corporate Services reviewed his progress to date on the file with the Committee.

Council gave approval to use the remaining \$18,900 of insurance funds and add up to \$5,000 from District Recreation Funds (from District 11) to the Centre Rawdon Playground to add a picnic shelter at the September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In-Camera) meeting.

#### **5. PLAYGROUND IN CENTRE RAWDON**

Warden Roulston raised the issue of the remaining insurance funds were used in creating the park; the community asked for a second picnic table, and she would like to reallocate some of the District Recreation Funds for District 11 from a Spinner to a picnic shelter for the same playground.

Council approved funding of up to \$5,000 from District Recreation Funds (District 11) to the Centre Rawdon Playground to add a picnic shelter at the September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In-Camera) meeting.

*As Chair of the Committee, I move the adoption of this report.*