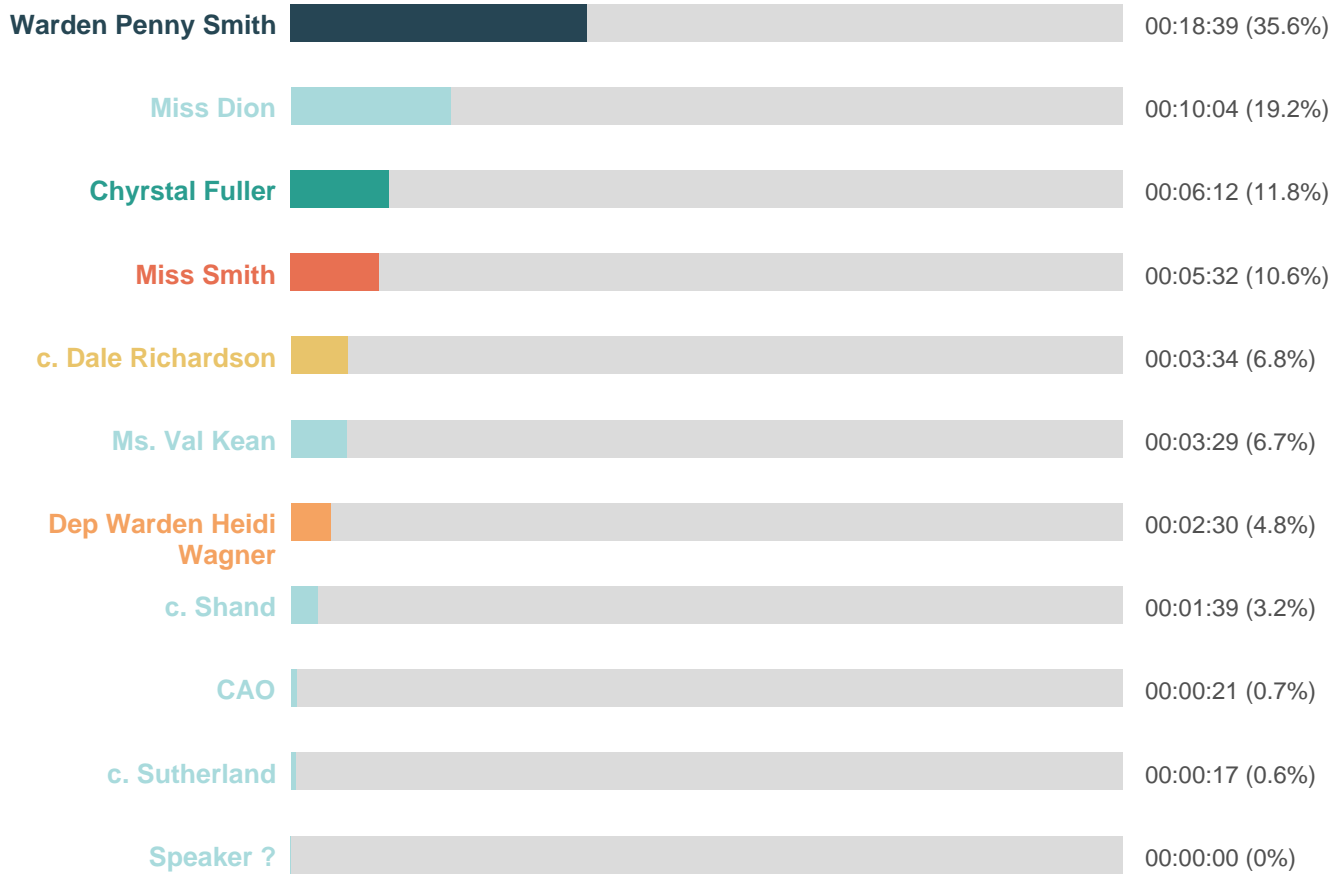


Transcript - Council Meeting May 27, 2026

Speaker Summary



[00:00:01] Warden Penny Smith

So at six o'clock, and we will call our meeting to order, and welcome everyone this evening. We have one regret, and that is from Councilor Thorben Irvine, who may be able to log on later virtually. Our first item of business is the approval of the agenda for May 27th, 2026, and there are a couple of additions. Under 8B, inter municipal service agreement, six month extension, and under 9B, seeing your Director of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, re-response to request to expand eligible expenditures under the Canada Community Building Fund Advocacy Letter. If I can have a motion, please to approve as amended. Sorry, Warden. We also like to switch to the two, but we can do those in camera. Okay, perfect. Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye, aye, those supposed no, motion is carried. Next is the acceptance of the minutes of May 13th, 2026. Are there any changes required to these minutes? If not, we will accept those as presented. Next item is business arising from the minutes. Anything to be brought before council from the last meeting? Hearing none, we'll move on to proclamations. The first is First Responders and Volunteers Day, May 27th, 2026. And today, of course, is the third anniversary of the Barrington Lake Wildfire. Recognizing the anniversary of first responders and volunteers day and honoring the community response to the Barrington Lake wildfire. Whereas on May 22nd, 2024, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Children issued a proclamation declaring May 27th as first responders and volunteers day to recognize and honor the exceptional dedication, bravery and service of those who answer the call in times of crisis. And whereas the state holds profound significance for our municipality, marking the anniversary of the Barrington Lake wildfire, the largest and Nova Scotia's history, which struck our region in May 2023, causing widespread devastation, evacuations, property loss and hardship across our communities. And whereas our volunteer firefighters, community volunteers, and municipal staff responded with unwavering courage and compassion, working tirelessly to protect lives and property, providing critical support services and helping guide our community and the victims of the fire through recovery in the months that followed. And whereas the response to the to the Barrington Lake wildfire stands as a powerful testament to the resilience unity and spirit of our community, neighbors helping neighbors and volunteers stepping forward and extraordinary ways to meet extraordinary challenges. Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelton reaffirms May 27th as first responders and volunteers stay and recognition of the heroic contributions made during the Barrington Lake wildfire and in gratitude to all those who continue to serve our community with dedication and heart. Let this day serve as an enduring symbol of our appreciation and as a reminder of the strength we find in one another during our most difficult times. And I would ask council to hold a moment of silence for Alex Andrew, you with Chita, the 40-year-old firefighter with the Bridgetown Volunteer Fire Department, who suffered a sudden medical emergency and passed away last week while helping battle a wildfire in Annapolis County. Our thoughts are with his family, friends, and the department at this difficult time. And I have passed along the municipalities condolences as well. Next item is the Proclamation for Access Awareness Week. Whereas the week of May 31 to June 6, 2026 is recognized as Access Awareness Week. And whereas Access Awareness Week aims to celebrate achievements made both by and for persons with disabilities in the areas of accessibility, transportation, housing, employment, recreation, education, and communication. And whereas this is the 40th year that this public awareness initiative has taken place in Nova Scotia. And whereas the theme of for 2026, Access Awareness Week is disability justice stronger together, first voice leading collective action. And whereas accessibility barriers are many and interconnected, removing and preventing them is challenging and complex. And whereas the foundation of Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act is to provide support and protect the rights of persons with disabilities to full inclusion and accessibility by the identification, prevention and removal of accessibility barriers. And whereas access of awareness week promotes the inclusion of all Nova Scotians with disabilities as full citizens within our communities. And whereas through public awareness, community partnerships and education, this campaign aims to foster an environment of equal participation for persons with disabilities within the municipality of Shelburne. Therefore, be it resolved that I warden Penny Smith on behalf of the municipality of the District of Shelburne. Do hereby proclaim May 31st to June 6, 2026 as access awareness week. Moving on to public hearing number six, six a municipal planning strategy and land use bylaw review. So first, I would like to welcome everyone to this public hearing regarding the amendments to the municipality of Children's Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Long. And on behalf of Council, I thank you for your interest and participation in this important step in the planning process for our municipality. This public hearing has been advertised in convenient accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Government Act and all statutory obligations related to public participation notice and process have been fulfilled. The purpose of this public hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to offer input on the proposed municipal planning strategy and land use by law documents prior to council's final

consideration of their adoption. And I believe that brighter planning is with us virtually and so we will ask them to provide an overview of the amendments to the documents please.

[00:07:44] Chyrstal Fuller

Good evening Council. Let me share my screen please. Can you hear me all right? We can. It's been a while. It's nice to see you at least word and Smith. I can't see the rest of Council. So this has been a while coming. This is the final step in the process for your inclusion area and bonus density amendments to your recently adopted municipal planning strategy and land use by law. So. What is inclusion area or bone and this is the public hearing which is the opportunity for the public to give comments directly to you before you can consider second reading. So I'm going to I can't tell if the room is full or if there's just a few people there, but I'll give a very brief presentation unless you would like me to give a lengthy presentation where I go into more detail and then then and then we'll go on from there. So, inclusionary or bonus density, it's essentially their tools to incent affordable housing through different ways. Essentially, bonus density is the ability to give extra units or provide additional flexibility in exchange for the developer providing affordable housing. Inclusionary zoning is again a different kind of incentive. They're linked. They're linked, often the requirements for inclusionary zoning would be that it's a certain amount would be affordable. And then you would bonus them through additional height provisions or reductions in parking. So the two, the way we've structured these are linked. So the inclusionary zoning is really about providing and encouraging affordable housing through some of the bonus provisions. So it's a tool that was basically came under the United States, and it's become very considered in some municipal units. It's more of an urban tool, honestly, than it is a tool used in more rural places. And the issue isn't really urban or rural. It's more about pressures of the market. and developers wanting to have additional bonus provisions in exchange that give the affordable housing commitments. So you at your first reading would have received the package of amendments. Essentially, there are just a few policy changes that talk about the affordable housing inside the suburban designation by development agreement. And again, it is in exchange for bonuses. So things like a decreased height of buildings or decreases in parking. This is linked to your housing accelerator fund process. So part of that commitment that you made when you received that money as you would consider inclusion area and bonus zoning. So this helps fulfill that requirement. So based on your current planning policies, we're proposing the bonuses include things like reduction in parking requirements, the increase in lock coverage percentage, the permitted increasing height or and potential for payment rather than constructing the affordable units. So for example, the Halifax did this. Sometimes they were unable to secure a local housing provider that could guarantee that the housing units would be affordable so that there was a fee that was paid to the municipality that went into a fund. specifically for affordable housing. And so they didn't provide the housing. They provide funds, which would allow the housing to be constructed. So this is just help you to kind of think about what a bonus density would look like. So this is a three unit and the bonus height in exchange for the the additional height would be in exchange for those affordable housing units as we've discussed. So the proposal in front of you is that it would only happen in the suburban designation that it would involve parking height, lock, coverage, and amenity space. It would be voluntary. So you can make this a requirement to have certain amount of affordable housing in certain circumstances. However, you have to have a really robust market to do that to really force developers to do it. You don't want to drive developers away. You want to work with the development of community to get these affordable housing units. And then we also need to determine how we have what we consider affordable and so we have included in the amendments what they would affordable would look like. It's important to understand that inclusionary zoning does come with some administrative requirements if you get any. So you have to ensure that your affordable units stay in the affordable market for a certain period of time. And if you have money that you have to manage the money and that would fall to your finance department. especially if there's cash and lieu, as I mentioned. So we're going to add a few new sections to your by-law as the amendments that have been circulated describe. We'll have new sections on bonicing. And then we need to just make some changes to your land use by-law. They're not huge changes. They're just minor changes. But the impact is to create this bonicing and inclusionary zoning requirements. So, the Warren spoke about the process. We've had a public information meeting. We did the adjacent municipal notifications. Council gave first reading to the proposed amendments on April 22nd. And tonight we're doing the public hearing and council them would consider second reading. After second reading of council gave second reading, it would go off to the minister for their review, similar to what happened with your MPS and LUB amendment. or LUB when you adopted them, and then they would come into force once the minister approved them, and then the notification went out in the newspaper. So at this point, that's my presentation, and I'm not aware of any submissions from the public, but I defer to Nicole on that if there's any submissions that have been circulated.

[00:15:00] Warden Penny Smith

Okay, thank you very much for that and I do not believe that we had received any submissions from the public. So we do need a motion to go to enter public hearing if someone would like to make that please.

[00:15:15] c. Dale Richardson

And motion we go in public hearing.

[00:15:18] Warden Penny Smith

Thank you. Is there a seconder?

[00:15:20] c. Dale Richardson

I'll second.

[00:15:21] Warden Penny Smith

Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Aye. Those supposed no motion is carried. And are there any members of the public who wish to speak to this matter this evening, either in person or online? Hearing none. Whether you're here to speak or just to learn more or listen, we appreciate your attendance and your contribution to this process. So we will now need a motion to exit public hearing.

[00:16:02] Dep Warden Heidi Wagner

As a move.

[00:16:04] Warden Penny Smith

Thank you. And a seconder, please. Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying, I, I those opposed no motion is carried. Okay, so we will now move on to economic and community development in our first item is municipal planning strategy and land use by law. Second reading and that's Ms. King. Welcome this evening.

[00:16:33] Miss Smith

Thank you, Warden.

[00:16:34] Ms. Val Kean

Further to Crystal Fuller's presentation and subsequent to public hearing. I now ask that council consider the recommendation to give second and final reading to the proposed amendments to the municipal planning strategy and land use by law to establish affordable housing, financing within the suburban designation.

[00:16:55] Warden Penny Smith

Okay, thank you. Would someone like to make that prepared motion please?

[00:17:04] Dep Warden Heidi Wagner

Deputy Warden. It resolved that the council of the municipality of the district of shelter and give second and final reading to the proposed amendments to the municipal planning strategy and land used by law to establish affordable housing, bonicing within the suburban designation.

[00:17:21] Warden Penny Smith

Thank you. Is there a seconder, please? Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. Excuse me. Any discussion on the motion? Bring none, all those in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye. Aye. Those who pose no. Motion is carried. Thank you very much, Crystal, for all of your work on this file and staff as well. Thank you. Have a wonderful evening. Next item under seven is speed radar signs, woodland drive, and that's miss Smith and welcome.

[00:26:59] Warden Penny Smith

You know, that could that could be the solution.

[00:27:02] c. Dale Richardson

But that makes too good a too much sense. Yeah.

[00:27:05] Warden Penny Smith

The province did state very clearly to us. And Deputy Warden had attended the meetings as well. That they wouldn't allow that. No, even if we were to pay for it.

[00:27:18] Dep Warden Heidi Wagner

But even to Councilor Richardson's comment and a problem state and that moving the sidewalk up our problem that we discussed was that coming from this way when say broke the hill and if a child was in or resident was in that sidewalk they there's no distance before we'd have to put it so far down the road that we'd be creating another sidewalk and that sort of thing. I'm one of the ones that brought it forward because of the calls that I would get from residents and the view of a child almost getting hit in that crosswalk one day on the way to work. It's scary because I thought for sure they had got him. And you know, the driver as well as the child who was on their phone wasn't paying attention either. But we need to get our drivers to slow down. I like the options. I would much rather see the 15 inch display. We need that fake right now. We need people to be aware. And we need it before the crosswalk not entering the school zone. We need it right there. That's where the kids and the residents are crossing and we have the kids that's going there during the summer to play in the field. We have programs going on. And my understanding these ones that we're seeing here. are not mobile. They will be a fix to a poll that's in the ground cemented in. And I see it's got a two year warranty onto it when I read that and that's good as well. And I think it comes to our responsibility to put those polls in. So it'll be an extra cost above what the sign is here. I'm in full support because I think we need it before we're faced with a fatality there, either a resident or a child.

[00:29:06] Warden Penny Smith

So which auction are you suggesting? Definitely.

[00:29:10] Dep Warden Heidi Wagner

Well, I like, and it doesn't say that option five has the slowdown. If it either four or five, I think we need the bigger display.

[00:29:19] Warden Penny Smith

Okay, thank you for that. This was shared. Did you still wish to speak? That's the other one.

[00:29:30] c. Sutherland

I'm kind of in favor of option five because it has the available user display multiple customizable messages, which you could put slow down. Or if there's like a mon think enough is a sports thing going on. That is the high school and there are sports events that do go on. So safety's got to be the number one priority.

[00:29:50] Warden Penny Smith

Yeah. Absolutely. Okay. Any other questions or comments or suggestions? Councilor Richardson?

[00:30:00] c. Dale Richardson

No, I'm, you know, given the choice, I would rather voice that. And obviously it's not the choice. I also would go with the option five, the more you can enhance it, whether it be flashing or anything else. And also, if my Ben research me, they can count the speeders and you get stats off of those and some of those. I can't. I reviewed them and I can't remember which was which. But it would be nice to know how many are paying attention. That would be useful also of the RCMP.

[00:30:42] Warden Penny Smith

And I think. The comments that you made about, you know, the awareness and you know, I think that's. Well, you know, it's one thing to put. Yeah, the infrastructure in place, but there's more to it than just that. Yeah. So fucking in the school. Yeah. Yeah.

[00:31:04] Miss Smith

And the other thing I was thinking too is with that, we can try to get a little bit more information about because my only thing is that 30 and 50 when schools in and schools not. So how do you put what the, you know, is there a setting you can go in there and change the times, you know, from nine to three. that it should be 30 when there's a student present, you know, that kind of thing that we can try to get a little bit more information on that option five.

[00:31:27] Warden Penny Smith

Okay, so I think it's the consensus around the table that we explore option five and the additional costs related to the mounting or I'm not sure if that's exactly what it's called, but additional costs involved with installing it.

[00:31:47] Miss Smith

Yeah.

[00:31:48] Warden Penny Smith

And we'll look forward to a snark report at that point.

[00:31:51] Miss Smith

It might turn over to Marcia because it will become a project. So I will definitely get the information and stuff, but with as far as the project and installation that will go.

[00:32:00] Warden Penny Smith

Okay.

[00:32:01] Miss Smith

Yeah.

[00:32:02] Warden Penny Smith

Appreciate you bringing it to Council. Thank you.

[00:32:05] Miss Smith

Welcome.

[00:32:06] Warden Penny Smith

All right, moving on to the next item, which is the phase one environmental assessment and has met a survey and that's when it's keen to gain.

[00:32:20] Ms. Val Kean

So after much discussion at the Economic Growth Committee table, it was decided that. With councils overall objective of. moving forward with some type of cleanup at the old boy school site that an environmental phase one environmental assessment and hazmat survey was going to be necessary. So we currently have kind of two legislative processes on the go. Right now we're waiting in a redemption period on potential ownership by the municipality. And also demolition order that was signed by the warden. So regardless of which of those legislative processes you choose or are going to have the authority to follow, this has met and environmental assessment will be necessary with that overall objective. So we do have RV Anderson under contract doing some infrastructure work on that site. So we ask them to increase that scope of work or add an additional scope of work to complete this survey and assessment. So the cost came back at 13,750 plus tax. And the staff report does outline the type of work that will be done and included. So this is a recommendation from the May 12 economic growth committee where the motion was passed to recommend to counsel to proceed with this phase one environmental assessment and hazardous material survey as outlined.

[00:34:11] Warden Penny Smith

Okay, thank you for that. There is a prepared motion if someone would like to make that please. Councillor Richardson?

[00:34:17] c. Dale Richardson

be it resolved to counsel the municipality of the district of children, authorize its staff to proceed with phase one environmental site assessment and hazardous material survey or PID 80101587. The former boy school property at a cost of \$13,750 plus applicable taxes as outlined.

[00:34:44] Ms. Val Kean

Okay, thank you for that. And I made one slide edition for that. Funds to come from the Canada Community Building Fund.

[00:34:53] Warden Penny Smith

Okay. And Councillor Richardson, you're okay with that inclusion. Great. Thank you. And a seconder. Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion on this motion? Councillor Schand.

[00:35:12] c. Shand

I'm just curious, maybe it's from before I started it. So we're going ahead and doing an environmental assessment and we don't actually own the property yet. So if we don't get the property, we're at a loss of the 13th. No, I'm just, I'm talking for more.

[00:35:30] Ms. Val Kean

So we have two legislative authority, authoritative process is going on right now. So in January of 2026, the warden did sign a demolition order through the dangerous and unsightly process. So that is one process that we could follow if Council's overall goal is to repeat by subsequent to that when it was discovered to be on tax sale. It was a motion was passed for the municipality to place a tender bit on that property and we were successful in in securing that property, but there is a six month redemption period. So if the if that lapses in the municipality becomes the owner. Then we would, we would clean it up through our own ownership through funding that's available to us. So either way, if the overall goal is to remediate, the survey will need to be done regardless of who the owner is.

[00:36:26] Warden Penny Smith

But if I may, Councillor Schand, is your question that if we don't own it, why would we pay that cost? Why wouldn't that cost be borne by the property owner? I think is perhaps you were what you meant by that.

[00:36:43] Ms. Val Kean

Yep. So, so that that is a valid point. It is in a recoverable cost under the tax sale redemption either. So either either of those processes, this would be a cost bear by the municipality under the use of their Canada Community Building Fund.

[00:37:06] Warden Penny Smith

Okay. Is that clarifying a bit more for you, Feltzler? Yes.

[00:37:12] c. Shand

I understand what you're saying. But I guess it's just we're going to spend that money for a project that we may not get. So then we're completing that for somebody else to own it out of our pockets. It's that either either route that we take, it's the cost is still on us to do it. Right. So if we don't get that into property.

[00:37:34] Ms. Val Kean

this can actually if it's if you follow the dangerous and unsightly process it becomes part of it becomes applicable to their their tax account. So it's recoverable through the tax account if we own it is when it's not going to be recoverable.

[00:37:48] c. Shand

Yes, which is totally I mean if we get that that obviously it needs to happen and make sense and spend money to do so I was just thinking about if we did it and we spent the money how that could be reconnected. So that makes it.

[00:37:58] Warden Penny Smith

Yeah, so it will be recoverable that cost if it does stay with the property owner.

[00:38:05] c. Shand

Nicole, the CAO had his hand up.

[00:38:08] Warden Penny Smith

Okay, go ahead, CAO.

[00:38:11] CAO

Yeah, I think that question was just answered there by Val. It is recoverable because it becomes a lean on the property. If the property owner does redeem the property and own it, we have an obligation to look at remediating that site anyway. So we have to put that money into that environmental assessment ahead of time. And that becomes a lean on the property going forward.

[00:38:35] Warden Penny Smith

Thank you for that. I think we're trying to be proactive and to get it done ahead of time instead of waiting for after the redemption or whatever the case may have, whatever happens in a couple of months from now. Okay. Does that answer your questions, Councillor Chanda? Okay. Wonderful. Thank you. Any other questions or comments regarding this motion? Not all those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Those supposed no motion is carried. Thank you for that. Next item is. We're into eight eight a waste diversion officer quarterly report and I believe Miss Dion is going to present that evening. So welcome.

[00:39:25] Miss Dion

Good evening. Our waste diversion officer is not available today, so I'm going to present this on her behalf. Essentially, this is a quarterly report to update council on the various activities that have been taking place in relation to waste and waste in all of its in all capacities. She's kind of broke it down into the various activities that have been taking place and I'll just give a quick summary. Her and I both will be attending the Swana conference the first week of June. It is a really good chance to network with the various waste experts and professionals that are in Nova Scotia and to learn about the challenges that are facing us and find out the tips and tricks. So kind of excited about that. Curbside collection, we get a significant amount of calls on a daily basis. And our waste diversion officer fields those calls and provides education to residents to make sure that they are sorting their waste properly, that they are receiving instructions on where to bring their waste. Waste is complicated, like I say, quite often. Not everything goes in a bag. There's various facilities available, and our Waste Aversion Officer is always available to answer those questions and to provide some instructions and education around the process. So, you all know that we started with EPR, which is the contract that we have with circular materials. This is a provincially mandated program that came into effect December 1st, 2025, and we are an opt-in community, which means we opted into their program, meaning that we still manage it, but we follow their rules. The program's been going well overall, however, there are a few items that are depot eligible that we do not have a depot in our area currently that we're aware of. We think that there's potential for that to change and and we hope there's some news on that front right now. But for now, it is business as usual for those items. Residents can choose to bring materials such as styrofoam. They can drive it to a depot in Yarmrethra Bridgewater or they can continue to put it curbside as they do. And Daniel's always available again to instruct you on what to do with your waste. Recently, the spring metal cleanup was completed. It went off without a hitch and according to our site weigh-ins, we collected just under 30,000 pounds of metal. screen carts, screen carts were a topic of conversation at a council meeting in May. You'll be seeing a future staff report within the next meeting or two about a new internal policy for green carts. So I'll leave that one for the future. Household hazardous waste. There were a few items identified in an occupational health and safety report. They've now been addressed. We also, as a project, approved in this fiscal year, were approved to have a CCAN for storage purposes. And the CCAN quotes have been requested. And we're just waiting for the preparation work at the site to be completed before we can complete that project. We're excited to have some additional storage space and ability to expand that program. battery recycling, the waste evasion officer attended, and I apologize. I have an eye injury and I'm struggling to read this right now. I can't quite see it, but I also can't take my glasses off. So, sorry.

[00:43:15] Warden Penny Smith

It's going great.

[00:43:16] Miss Dion

It's got with fuzzy vermin it. And so she attended a call to recycle program training and had some additional information on how to process batteries in our in our area. There is a new pilot program and we're hoping that that's something that we're able to participate in. I should mention on this section that we are collecting a significant number of vaping products and currently there is No recycling solution for those, but they are contributing significantly to material that's collected. So that's something that we're hoping that's addressed in the Swaniac conference when we go in June because we know that other units are reporting that they are also receiving a significant amount of vape products. We have a light recycling program that we shipped out a shipment of lights in March. The litter incentive program 28 kilometers have been completed to date and I believe that all kilometers have already been spoken for. and should be completed in the next few weeks. Earth Day 2026 looks that looked a little bit different this year. In the past, the municipality has done a compost pickup at the CND site due to the timing of the operational changes and the site closure and the timing of Earth Day. We did something a little bit different this year and encouraged municipal staff to participate in a community cleanup and staff and counselors. went out on the sidewalk here and on the local area within the municipality and picked up in the vicinity of the municipal administration building. So, and we were really happy that everyone volunteered their time for that. And our waste effort and coordinator also attended and participated in an Earth Day information session together with our region six educator. And she felt like that was a very informative discussion and was well received by the people that attended and there is some plans underway to host an additional session at the Shelburne Community Center later this summer. So that's. That's a plan for the future. And as I indicated, the RMRF transfer station, we are operating under the new model. Everything seems to be going well. And the process was overall smooth and the waste diversion coordinator assisted with helping that happen and making sure that it got advertised to the public and fielding any phone calls that came through, you know, to us here at the Human Building. That's the update in terms of the waste diversion coordinator.

[00:46:07] Warden Penny Smith

Thank you very much for that report into our waste diversion coordinator. You mentioned the 20, just over 29,000 pounds of metals collected. Is that would that be an average spring?

[00:46:20] Miss Dion

It's very similar to our regularly now.

[00:46:23] Warden Penny Smith

That sounds like a lot.

[00:46:24] Miss Dion

Yeah, it does. But it's been a successful program and I think that

[00:46:33] Warden Penny Smith

Because it's been a long running program that it's something that we get a lot of buy-in and you know that contributes to it's success when something can become a habit is when you when you see people really use the service I think residents really appreciate the that it's an annual event and yeah and just before councilor Richardson you mentioned about different items that perhaps they're our residents We don't have a depot for a various number of items, I guess, that people are looking for. So what type of item? Right.

[00:47:13] Miss Dion

So with the changes to EPR that took place in December, our recycling program has been in place for almost 20 years within Nova Scotia, the mandated recycling program. But they changed just a small few items that previously used to be considered garbage that are now eligible for recycling, but only at depots. And those include some single use plastics, such as chip bags, KitKat wrappers, wash, saran wrap, and styrofoam being the big one. And so if you choose to, you can collect those items and you can drive them to a depot in order to dispose of them. For areas that do not have a depot within a reasonable driving distance, we essentially encourage people to continue to process those curbside the same way you always have. You can beg them up and place them curbside. They will still be collected. Currently they do not get considered as a contaminant. They do not sort of impact us in a negative way. However, they are eligible for recycling through the depot program and we do encourage people to comply if possible, but we understand without a local depot option that that is very difficult.

[00:48:28] Warden Penny Smith

Right. Okay. Thank you for that. Councillor Richardson.

[00:48:34] c. Dale Richardson

Yeah, I don't really have any questions. It seems like that change over is going well. The only thing I'm noticing is several residents making journeys to the C&D site, not paying attention to the change. So I think I had called the deputy CAO about it and possibly with the onslaught of summer residents. That aren't aware of possibly the changes that we periodically do on Facebook notice on that, which I see there was one put in recently, but it may be a good thing to be ongoing for the next month or so.

[00:49:20] Miss Dion

Yeah, so in relation to the phone call that you made, we did put a post out, we did share it. We have also, we've updated the signage at the site, and we had done some radio advertising that's considerably expensive, but we had done some around the time of the closure and the reopening. And one of the things we did discover, just within the last week or two, is that a Google search, Google itself was advertising our hours wrong. Our website was updated. Our signage was updated. Our Facebook was updated, but Google itself was giving our old hours. So we did notify them and ask them to change it and that's been done. So that might help as well.

[00:50:04] c. Sutherland

Okay.

[00:50:05] Warden Penny Smith

Excellent. Thank you for that. And it's always great to see the last comment in the being progress continues across multiple management. It's not racial areas. So I think we are moving in the right direction.

[00:50:19] Miss Dion

I think that overall Daniels, if she was standing here in front of you today, I think overall she'd say she thinks it's going well.

[00:50:31] Dep Warden Heidi Wagner

The only comment that I think it's going great of her great comments. But one of the residents have brought forth that, and I know it's not in our budget this year, but to consider in our next budget round, a digital sign down at our C&D site. So even if they're not open, we have information displaying, oh, by the fence. I know it's on the fence and we have different things, but if it's flashing and it's bigger and people are seeing it, even displaying our hours and you know, the separation, that sort of thing. It'd be something to consider in our next budget rounds to think about.

[00:51:08] Warden Penny Smith

So are you thinking almost like when you walk away? We used to do it at Tim Hortons, and there was this line, and you'd be waiting. Exactly. So you'll see all kinds of messages that are like announcements and things. That's what I'm thinking. That's what I'm thinking. All right.

[00:51:22] Miss Dion

Something to explore.

[00:51:24] c. Shand

I'm so ashamed. I have a question, but maybe it's something that needs to wait until we revisit the green cars again. Just noticing that it's noted like in her report that there was a total of 94 cars distributed like since this year. Just wondering how she tracks that because one of the things that we have brought out with the green car was away being able to track as they're given out rather than just go with the standard. If it's broken, you bring it back and change. I'm just curious how to track.

[00:51:51] Miss Dion

We've always track the green cards going out. So we have a green card request form. So anyone that requests a green card, regardless of whether it's, you know, in the past paid for or not paid for. They have to fill out a green card request form before ones released from the inventory. Yeah, so we can count the green card request forms in order to track that.

[00:52:11] c. Shand

I'm wondering about that tracking system. It was way to incorporate that into what we were talking about.

[00:52:17] Warden Penny Smith

Thank you for that. Any other questions or comments on this report? Hearing none, thank you. We'll move on to 8B. And that's the inter municipal service agreement six month extension is beyond.

[00:52:32] Miss Dion

So the municipality of Shelburne met with our inter-minisable service partners and we collectively called them shared services partners. We had a shared services meeting last week to go over all the variety of services that fall within this interminisable service agreement. And one of the items on the agenda was the fact that this agreement expires in July and needs to be updated. One of the reasons it needs to be updated is because of the changes at the RMRF site, so the agreement needs to be updated to reflect those changes amongst other things. So at that meeting, we had a discussion and all of the parties identified several clauses and items that they would like to revisit and renegotiate and given the tight timeline prior to the expiry. They've said they don't believe that we'll be able to come up with a revised agreement in time prior to the expiry, plus bring it to councils for approval. So they've asked to just extend the current agreement under the current terms for six months while we continue to explore and essentially. There's no immediate financial implications of this. The budget as past reflected business as usual under this contract. So there's no financial implications to granting the extension. Any future financial impacts would form part of the next budget season and would only be known once the terms of the contract were discussed and agreed to. If any, and essentially We've made a prepared motion. I know that Lockport brought this before their council. I don't know yet if the town of Shelburne did, but Lockport brought it before their council last week. And yeah, there's a motion to extend the agreement for six months to January 8, 2027.

[00:54:29] Warden Penny Smith

Hey, thank you for that. Someone would like to make that prepared motion. So, Shan?

[00:54:38] c. Shand

We resolve that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, a previous six-month extension of the current Interminisable Service Agreement from July 8, 2026, to January 8, 2027, to allow additional time participating municipal units to review the agreement and explore potential amendments.

[00:54:56] Warden Penny Smith

Thank you. Is there a seconder, please? Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion on the motion? All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye aye those opposed no motion is carried. Thank you very much and I hope your eye. Next is correspondence. First item is minister of emergency management, municipal fire service requirements notice information. There that it talks about the need for fire services being reviewed. Some of them is here for us right now. Any questions or comments on that letter from the minister. I think we're moving in the right direction. The municipality with what the province is has stated that. What we're going to be seeing in the next couple of years against this transition period. Councilor Richardson.

[00:56:07] c. Dale Richardson

The one thing I have a bit of concern on, I fully support what they're doing and the direction they're going in. I haven't seen a lot of discussion about the dispatch service. Hopefully they will pay a lot more attention. I know in past there have been discussions through the firefighters or fire association of province about that. It's an essential part and I believe they really need a central dispatch from the whole province.

[00:56:44] Warden Penny Smith

Okay, thank you for that comment. Any other comments or questions regarding the letter? We'll move on to 9B and that is the letter that we received regarding or from the Senior Director of Housing, Infrastructure, and Communities, regarding expanding eligible expenditures under the Canada Community Building Fund. Yes, so we tried. They politely told us no, but I think there are a number of Number of projects that do fit within that fund. So any questions or comments on that item? Hearing none, we will move on to committee reports and warden update 10 a committee reports to discuss at this point. Okay, we'll move on to warden's update. And actually a couple of counselors did attend with me on these. On April 21st, the deputy warden community coordinator and I joined health care professionals in the Shelburne County area for a paint night at the Shelburne Fire Hall. And there were approximately 70 attended and it was a really fun, relaxing evening and there were a number of them that expressed their appreciation to us for making them feel valued and appreciate it, not just that evening, but throughout the year so that it was a really nice time to get together. On April 22nd, I attended these I think it's May that I should be saying here, not April. I attended the state of the region event in Yermeth, and there was a panel that consisted of the mayor of the town of Yermeth, the wardens for the municipality of Yermeth and Argyle. The MLA Nick Hilton minister Colton LeBong was there, as well as the MP for the area, Christie Entomod and our fisheries minister Joanne Thompson. So there were specific questions for all of them to respond to, as well as questions from the audience. And The questions pertain to economic development, municipal modernization, the fisheries, they discuss short-term priorities, and the need for collaboration among all three levels of government, as well as other topics. It was quite interesting and an opportunity for the local businesses that did attend to have informal chats with their representatives. And that afternoon, I attended the Regional Emergency Management Organization Advisory Committee meeting. And we talked about a mobile command unit, roles and responsibilities with the Incident Command System, the Remobile Law Communications Equipment. And I believe there may have been one or two other items for discussion. But we do plan to meet the third Thursday of each month through to December and reassess the meeting scheduled at that time. I believe at one point, that they were considering, or we were considering quarterly meetings, but because, you know, this is a new committee, the desire was to meet monthly. And then this morning, the Deputy Warden CAO and I met with the town of Shelburn and see representative and talked about potential water supply options. And we've invited the water operator and I'm not sure of his title, whether it's just water operator or not. to present to Council in June regarding the potential bulk water project. And the Saturday is going to be a very full day, but really wonderful events happening. At 11 in the morning there will be a pride parade followed by the spring youth makers market at our house Youth Wellness Center. At 1 p.m. will be the launch of the African Nova Scotian Sea Faring Project at the Black Loyalist Center, Black Loyalist Heritage Center, and beginning at 2 p.m. until I believe 5.30. is the welcome neighbors event happening at SRHS. So lots of wonderful events and celebrations happening this Saturday and all that are very important to our community. Okay, it is now 7-0-1. If I could have a motion please to go in camera.

[01:01:25] c. Dale Richardson

Move it.

[01:01:26] Warden Penny Smith

Thank you. Is there a seconder?

[01:01:28] c. Dale Richardson

Second.

[01:01:29] Warden Penny Smith

Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Aye. Those supposed no.

[01:01:36] c. Shand

Motion is carried.

[01:01:38] Warden Penny Smith

Okay. So if we can have a motion to go out of the end camera, please. It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Aye. Those supposed no. Motion is carried. We are now back into our public session, regular council meeting. It is 723 p.m., and we shall adjourn our meeting. Thank you, everyone.