



# NASHWAAK

Committee of the Whole Meeting

April 1st, 2026 7:00pm

Nashwaak Community Office

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## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Sweeney.

## 2. Record of Attendance

Present: Mayor David Sweeney, Councillor Jeff Foster, Councillor Mike Mulherin, Deputy Mayor Heather Holt-Logan, Councillor Doug Koch, Councillor Victoria Green, CAO Bethany Ryan, Clerk Anouchka Hawkes-O'Hara

Regrets: Councillor Andrew Ferris

## 3. Approval of Agenda

*Motion:* That the agenda for the April 1st, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as amended.

*Moved by:* M. Mulherin

*Seconded:* D. Koch

*Result:* Carried

## 4. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Members were asked to declare any conflicts of interest. **None declared.**

## 5. Presentations/Delegations

The Committee discussed the EXP Wastewater report with consultant Gary Spencer.

## 6. Discussion Items

### a) Administration & Governance (By-laws and Policies)

- **Subdivision By-law**

The Subdivision By-law remains under staff review. No further discussion occurred at this time.

- **Dogs By-Law**

The Committee reviewed the draft Dog Control By-law intended to apply across the Nashwaak Rural Community. Members discussed alignment with provincial legislation and the potential impact of the by-law on existing dog training, breeding, and trial facilities within the municipality.

- **Noise & Gatherings By-Law**

The Committee reviewed the draft and proposed changes to include adjusting the quiet hours to start at 11pm and end at 7am, establishing a clear exemption process for special events or construction and including language that speaks to persistent noise from animals.

- **CAO By-law**

The Committee discussed whether to have an amending by-law, or to include language to repeal the 24-09 CAO By-law in a new by-law. They also discussed adding the definition of Mayor, and moving HR related items to separate policies.

## **7. Other Business**

### **a) Canada Post Letter**

The letter will be sent and the Mayor will include it in his Mayoral Report.

### **b) Provincial Veterinary Services**

The letter will be sent and the Mayor will include it in his Mayoral Report.

### **c) DNR Gifting Letter - Wildland Firefighting Equipment**

COTW reviewed the letter regarding the Wildfire assets offered by DNR and the Mayor signed the agreement. He will add this to his Mayoral Report.

### **d) Cardigan Church Heritage Site Request**

COTW recommends Council support the process, and recommend Council provide a letter of support.

### **e) Local Governance Commission Findings - Code of Conduct Complaint**

COTW stated that Council will accept the report at the April 15, 2026 regular Council meeting.

### **f) Land Offer - Giants Glen**

COTW discussed the potential land donation from a local family, agreeing to move the process forward at the April 15, 2026 meeting.

## **8. Closed Session**

Council considered entering a closed session and reviewed Section 68 of the Local Governance Act. As no applicable grounds were identified under the Act, no motion was made to proceed into a closed session.

## **9. Recommendations to Council**

The Committee of the Whole recommends that Council:

1. Confirm the constructed wetlands system as the preferred wastewater servicing option for the Stanley area; and direct the CAO to proceed with preparing and submitting funding applications, including to the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF), and to bring forward any required agreements or next steps for Council consideration.
2. Direct the CAO to prepare the proposed Dog Control By-law.
3. Direct the CAO to adjust the quiet hours, also to develop a special events permit process to be required in the Proposed Noise and Gatherings By-law.
4. Direct the CAO to amend the proposed CAO By-law to include the definition of Mayor, this By-law will repeal the existing CAO By-law. Remaining HR related items will be reflected in separate policies.

5. Direct the CAO to draft a letter of support for the Cardigan Church Heritage site request.

6. Direct the CAO to start the process of accepting the proposed land gift on Giants Glen.

## **10. Adjournment**

*Motion:* That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:32pm

*Moved by:* H. Holt-Logan

*Result:* Carried