



# NASHWAAK

Committee of the Whole Meeting

March 4th, 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, Councillor Andrew Ferris, CAO Bethany Ryan, Clerk Anouchka Hawkes-O'Hara

## 3. Approval of Agenda

*Motion:* That the agenda for the February 4, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as amended.

*Moved by:* H. Holt-Logan

*Seconded:* M. Mulherin

*Result:* Carried

## 4. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

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

## 5. Presentations/Delegations

### Stanley Fair Board – Proposed Show Ring Facility

Representatives of the Stanley Fair Board presented a proposal for the development of a multi-phase outdoor show ring facility at the Stanley Fairgrounds.

The proposal includes the construction of a 150 ft x 250 ft outdoor ring with lighting, with a future phase including the installation of a steel roof structure to allow for year-round programming.

The proposed facility would support livestock shows, agricultural events, concerts, and other community activities. The delegation noted that the project may also increase tourism and economic activity in the region.

The Fair Board advised that they are currently exploring external funding opportunities through ACOA and the Regional Development Corporation, and may request a letter of support from Council in support of funding applications.

Council thanked the delegation for the presentation.

## 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.**

Council 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**

Council discussed the development of a municipality-wide Noise and Gathering By-law. Members discussed the need to balance residents' right to quiet enjoyment with the realities of rural living, including agricultural operations, recreational vehicles, and organized community events. Discussion also included noise associated with dog trials and the use of starter pistols during these events. Members generally supported maintaining quiet hours between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., while allowing flexibility for approved events.

- **CAO By-law**

Council reviewed proposed amendments and comments related to the CAO By-law. Discussion included clarification of governance roles, administrative responsibilities, and alignment with existing contracts municipal policies.

b) Finance and Budget

- **Migration of Website**

Council discussed options for migrating the municipal website to improve reliability, security, and long-term sustainability. Members considered options including internal management, hybrid support, and outsourcing the migration and ongoing maintenance to an external service provider.

- **CCBF (Penniac Splashpad) - Councillor Mulherin**

In light of the Penniac Splash Pad project not proceeding, Council discussed potential options for the reallocation of the previously designated Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) funding. Several potential community projects were identified. Council will continue the discussion at the next Council meeting.

c) Public Works & Infrastructure

- **Streetlights in Penniac**

Council will further discuss the item at the March 18th 2026 regular council meeting

## 7. Other Business

- **Council Training - Psychological Safety in the Workplace (1 hr.)**

Council will participate in Psychological Safety in the Workplace training following the EMO tabletop exercise on March 12.

## 8. Recommendations to Council

The Committee of the Whole recommends that Council:

1. Direct the CAO to review the proposed Dog Control By-law to determine potential impacts on existing dog training, breeding, and trial facilities within the municipality before proceeding with readings.
2. Direct the CAO to conduct further research regarding the proposed Noise and Gathering By-law, including regulations governing the use of starter pistols during dog trials and special event policies used by other municipalities.

3. Direct the CAO to consolidate the proposed CAO By-law amendments, give clarification on the Nashwaak Rural Community HR Policy Manual and circulate a revised draft for further Council review.
4. Direct the CAO to obtain additional information and quotations regarding the migration and ongoing maintenance of the municipal website.
5. Direct the CAO to proceed with the installation of two streetlights in Penniac.

## **9. Adjournment**

*Motion:* That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 9:35pm

*Moved by:* Councillor Mulherin

*Result:* Carried