

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
Approved Minutes
February 3, 2026 at 5:00 pm**

1. Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Sybil Skinner-Robertson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm
2. Present	Mayor Amery Boyer, Councillor Adele MacDonald, Deputy Mayor Sybil Skinner-Robertson, Councillor Lynn Myers, CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell and Recording Secretary Kim Dunning Member of the public: Roger Lindala – who has waived the live recording notice Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson acknowledged that this month is African Heritage month in Nova Scotia, and this years' theme is strength and unity and celebrates the resilience, leadership and contributions of the African Nova Scotia communities and the paths shared forward.
3. Regrets	Councillor Heather Sadkowski
4. Absents	None
5. Additions to Agenda	None
6. Approval of Agenda	MOTION #CoW2026-02-03-01 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented by unanimous consent.
7. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Issues	None
Edits to the Minutes	None
8. Approval of Minutes	MOTION #CoW2026-02-03-02 The January 7, 2026 minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

9. Presentation

None

10. Public Input

Roger Lindala would like to keep the mooring balls, and noted that yes, they are a liability, but also an asset for the Town. They would like Council to consider delaying the decision on this until the wharf revitalization discussion has begun.

11. New Business

i. Request for Decision – Mooring Balls

CAO Millett-Campbell advised that there are four mooring balls in the water that have not been inspected properly for some time (only the tops have been inspected). Councillor Myers has seen the mooring balls used in the summer and would prefer to keep them. Councillor MacDonald had concerns that they had moved the motion and perhaps shouldn't have as they do need attention. There was discussion about including an amount of \$5,000 in the 2026-2027 budget and amending the motion to reflect this. CAO Millett-Campbell added that the Town is liable and the inspection and costs to repair the work would be more than \$5,000. Mayor Boyer stated that she would be in favour of the current motion being discussed further.

Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson asked if the Town tracks usage and CAO Millett-Campbell responded that the Town doesn't have a list of uses, and there has been very little collection of fees. If the Town waits until the wharf plans are in effect, this could be in 2027-2028, which is too far away. Councillor Myers asked if there would be an option to add new ones later if they were all removed, and CAO Millett-Campbell responded that this could be an option. Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson asked if this could be discussed further at a later meeting, and CAO Millett-Campbell responded that they do need a decision. Mayor Boyer added that they do have

concerns about any incidents that may occur and the risks involved, and Councillor MacDonald asked about signage there and suggested checking 'Marina.com' on the internet for liability.

MOTION

It was regularly moved and seconded to recommend to Council approval the cost of removal of the four mooring balls owned by the Town in the operating budget of 2026-2027. **Motion defeated. 4 nay.**

CAO Millett-Campbell advised that the costs would need to include inspection, repairs or removal as needed to have a figure for the 2026-2027 budget. Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson was concerned about what would happen if there wasn't enough money set aside for this. Mayor Boyer added that they were concerned with the amount of \$11,000 now being considered for inspection plus unspecified maintenance. After further discussion it was agreed to find out what it would cost to install two new ones.

ACTION Cost for two new mooring balls

NAME: CAO Millett-Campbell

DUE: February 10, 2026

- ii. Annapolis County Regional Emergency Management Organization (Annapolis REMO) Memorandum of Agreement
Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson advised that this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Kings Transit and REMO would provide for emergency situations. They added that there will be additional charges for transportation.

MOTION #CoW2026-02-03-03

It was regularly moved and seconded to recommend to Council approval of the Memorandum of Agreement for Emergency Transportation Services between Kings Transit Authority and

the Annapolis Regional Emergency Management Organization (Annapolis REMO), as recommended by the Annapolis REMO Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

- iii. Request for Decision – Budget Overage Fuel
CAO Millett-Campbell advised that the Town is over budget for Public Works and the Police Department.

MOTION #CoW2026-02-03-04

It was regularly moved and seconded to recommend Council approval of an increase in budget lines GL 01-23135Z for \$1,000 and GL 01-22170C for \$2,500.00 from the 2025-2026 operating budget. **Motion carried.**

- iv. Live Streaming of Council Meetings Policy
Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson advised that the Policy is being brought to Council because two councillors have concerns with these meetings being recorded and shared on the internet. Mayor Boyer read out Councillor Sadkowski's concerns:
- Live streaming increases the risk of misidentification, or misuse of footage
 - Video recording can discourage town residents from speaking freely
 - Processes suffer when participation becomes performative (including Council members)
 - Video snippets taken out of context can be easily edited
 - Written minutes provide a neutral record
 - Transparency does not require video
 - In person attendance preserves openness, while maintaining appropriate boundaries around privacy and civic discourse
 - Outside of Council and Committee of the Whole (CoW), no other committee meetings are recorded.

Councillor Myers added that the above covers a lot of their concerns and added that this discourages people not wishing to be on video. There is also clarity of record-keeping through minutes and agendas, and there can be anxiety as a result of

having your digital footprint being exposed. They added that they have enjoyed watching Council meetings but noted that there are a lot of downsides to recording meetings.

Councillor MacDonald is in favour of continuing to record these meetings, as they are concerned that there will be a reduction in transparency and it will be perceived negatively by the community. They added that to date there have been zero issues of clipping or malicious use of any materials regarding recording of meetings. There have been more people watching the videos than previously, and not everyone can attend in person at these meetings. They added that they feel it would be a step backwards not to record. Written minutes are exceptional, but they don't believe that they translate to most people what happened during the meeting. They also wanted to acknowledge that everyone has a different level of comfort, and broadcasting something and not keeping a recording of the meetings would need to be investigated further in terms of municipal governance. CAO Millett-Campbell responded that the Town is not mandated to record meetings.

12. Unfinished Business

Council Engagement Session – February 23, 2026

Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson advised that there is another meeting arranged for Council that conflicts with this engagement session. There is the option of some council members attending this and the remainder attend the other meeting. It was agreed to keep this date and change the end date of the engagement session to 5:30 pm, as this will allow everyone to attend both. The engagement session will include discussing the recent survey and live streaming. Councillor MacDonald added that open topics could also be included. Deputy Mayor Skinner-Robertson suggested having statistics for the live streaming and Councillor Myers responded that this doesn't mitigate the issues discussed earlier.

13. Correspondence

None.

14. In-camera

Under Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act:

MOTION #CoW2026-02-03-05

It was regularly moved and seconded to move in camera at 5:53 pm to approve the in-camera minutes of January 7, 2026, and to discuss labour relations and contract negotiations, and personnel matters. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #CoW2026-02-03-07

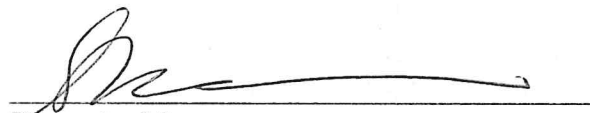
It was regularly moved and seconded to move out of camera at 6:03 pm. **Motion carried.**

15. Next Meeting

March 3, 2026

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.


Deputy Mayor
Sybil Skinner-Robertson
Recording Secretary
Kim Dunning