



**Regular Meeting of Council #9
August 19, 2025, at 6:00 pm**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Gary Goobie

Marjorie Gibbons, CAO

Deputy Mayor Michele Woodford

Councillor Laura Crawley

Councillor Bruce King

Councillor Sadie King

Councillor Mabel Tilley

Councillor Steve Winsor

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE TOWN OF HOLYROOD ON THE
RECENT WILDFIRE**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

09-101-25

Woodford/Crawley

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting is now called to order, and the agenda is adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council July 22, 2025 adopted as presented.

3. BUSINESS ARISING- n/a

4. CORRESPONDENCE- n/a

5. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a. Update

b. Permits

09-102-25

Woodford/Winsor

BE IT RESOLVED to table and approve the attached permit listing. 25 permits were issued from July 17 to August 8, 2025. (Permit # 07-0210-25 to 08-0236-25) and includes permits for residential build, occupancy, patio, general repairs, accessory building, fence, demolition, site preparation, sign and extension.

Motion Carried

- c. Location: Main Beach
Proposal: Roadside Vending- Hot Dogs & Fruit/Bubble Tea
Zoning: OS/C

09-103-25

Woodford/Crawley

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the above application, in principle, subject to the Town's Municipal Plan and Development Regulations and the Mobile Canteen and Vendor Regulations.

Motion Carried

6. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

a. Update

No committee meeting due to wildfire. Recreation facilities were closed down for a few days due to fires and reopened on August 11. Holy Cross Park, Camp A'hoi and Soccer concludes this week.

7. INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

a. Update

No committee meeting was held due to the wildfire. Remind everyone that our tank takes 30 feet of water which equates to 255,000 gallons. One foot is 8500 gallons. Our new future tank will double that capacity. During firefighting efforts, we had a significant leak on Route 60 by Subway restaurant which was repaired. Our tank went down lower than 5 feet which is a dangerous level. We put a call out to residents to conserve water, and everyone cooperated. The tank is now over half full. Thanks to everyone in the town for your support.

Residents on private wells who were impacted by firefighting, we have filling stations set up, flats of water to give out. The province has taken samples for all the wells on Green Acres and Duff's Road. Water Resources Division has that sent to the lab for testing. When the results are back, residents will be notified. Other people in the area on private wells can also get sampling done by contacting the town.

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

a. Update

Our committee did not meet due to wildfire and emergency operations. A lot of our businesses were affected, and we realize it's been challenging for everyone. There were 13 businesses directly affected and displaced by the evacuation order. We want to acknowledge and thank those businesses for their cooperation and support of the efforts of our firefighters. Thank you to all of the business community (local and outside) for their support, generosity and contributions during our state of emergency.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Update

No committee meeting was held due to wildfire but we had quite the tabletop exercise. The Emergency Plan worked great and the results of the emergency plan working great is the fact we had no loss of property, life or injuries. We never lacked anything in the way of equipment or help during the state of emergency. The Fire Departments that came to help us out were Harbour Main- Chapel's Cove-Lakeview, Avondale, Conception Bay South, St. John's Regional, Torbay, Portugal Cove-St. Phillips, Pouch Cove, and Witless Bay. We had a good collection of people coming to our aid. From a safety perspective, please have a look around your property and make sure that flammable material is removed.

Hurricane season is coming up, so people need to prepare.

Don't forget to prepare a go bag for yourself and your pets in case of an emergency. Ensure you register with the Red Cross in an emergency evacuation.

A huge pat on the back to all of our volunteers. Voyant Alert system was a great tool to communicate with the residents. Community support was amazing- there was always food available for volunteers. Thank you to everyone.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Update

We know how important Voyant was, especially during this state of emergency. The Town is accepting monetary donations for Conception Bay North, that can be sent to info@holyrood.ca with the message of donation to CBN. Food and school supply donations can be donated as well.

11. CORPORATE SERVICES & ADMINISTRATION

a. Update

b. Accounts

09-104-25

Crawley/B. King

BE IT RESOLVED those accounts tabled in the amount of \$298,936.62 (cheque numbers D4964 to D5056 and 47242 to 47303) be approved for payment from the general account.

Motion Carried

c. Bankbook Balance: \$ 246,489.60

12. NEW BUSINESS

Woodford- Thanks to our Fire Chief, Firefighters, Forestry, Ground Search & Rescue volunteers, town staff, and many others who had a role to play. Thanks to our residents.

B. King- Please consider donating funds to help support the residents of Conception Bay North. We had a couple of celebrities at the museum over the weekend- Rick Mercer, Mark Critch, and a former premier. They were impressed with the museum. This Day in History- on the 19th of August 1976, I joined the Canadian Armed Forces.

Crawley- Thank you to the town for respecting the bans on ATV's, hiking, and water. Staff have been working tirelessly over the last couple weeks. Thanks to all the staff. Be mindful of your mental health during these situations. Take care of your mental health.

Tilley- My heart is filled with gratitude. We are lucky to have our CAO and Fire Chief. The mental health of first responders, residents and staff- it's normal to have triggers with sirens and the smell of smoke. It's normal to be anxious, and to not sleep, but if it lasts longer than a week- where you're not eating right, you're not sleeping right, you're agitated, please seek help for your mental health. It's important to look after yourself and your friends. There are so many supports available.

S. King- Thankful that everyone is back safely in their homes. Thanks to everyone who worked in this emergency.

Winsor- Thanks to our first responders. I feel a lot of gratitude for our community, staff and volunteers. Lots of kindness shown to our neighbors and neighboring communities. Be kind to one another.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

September 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm

14. ADJOURNMENT

09-105-25

Crawley/Woodford

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourn.

Motion Carried

Mayor

CAO

Minutes taken by CT