

HALIFAX WATER SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – AGENDA

September 2, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

Hybrid – 455 Cowie Hill Road, Room 102 & Virtually via Teams

Please visit www.halifaxwater.ca to register to attend the public portion of the meeting.

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AGENDA ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER

1. Approval of the order of business and approval of additions and deletions

MOTION:

That the Halifax Water Board approve the order of business for the special meeting of the Halifax Water Board and that the agenda be approved as presented.

2. E-Vote Ratification

MOTION:

That the Halifax Water Board ratify the e-vote motion on August 31, 2026, to approve Halifax Water's revised 2026 Financial Statements.

3. Pension Holiday

MOTION:

That the Halifax Water Board as the Trustees of the Plan, approve the following recommendations as set out in the Current Status and Options for Continued Employer Contribution Holiday Report, dated August 21, 2026,

- 1) Restart an employer contribution holiday for the Halifax Regional Water Commission Employees' Pension Plan to commence 60 days after written notice has been provided to all plan members and retirees.
- 2) Continue the pension holiday until the full amount of going concern special payment has been recouped, an additional \$12.8M, conditional on the annual reassessment on the impact on the pension plan based on the actuarial extrapolation or actuarial valuation.

4. 2026 General Rate Application

MOTION:

That the Halifax Water Board direct Executive Management:

- 1) To ensure compliance with all directives issued by the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals
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Board (NSRAB) within the timelines prescribed in the NSRAB's Decision dated December 16, 2025, and to report back to the Halifax Water Board at the next Halifax Water Board meeting, scheduled for September 24, 2026, to confirm that all directives are either in progress or satisfied in accordance with that Decision.

- 2) To continue to work on the 2026 General Rate Application for final approval at the next Halifax Water Board meeting, scheduled for September 24, 2026, within the following parameters:
 1. Increase the average annual residential bill for water, wastewater and stormwater services not to exceed 9.0% in 2027/28 and 9.0% in 2028/29.
 2. Approve the deficit elimination strategy, such that the overall impact to the proposed rates remains within the threshold of parameter 1.
 3. Any increase to water and wastewater rates is to apply only to consumption and discharge rates, respectively.
 4. Increase to total public and private fire protection revenue shall not exceed 34% in 2027/28 and 14% in 2028/29.
 5. Any increase to stormwater charges not to exceed 11% in 2027/28 and 19% in 2028/29.
 6. Any increase to stormwater right of way charges based on current impervious area not to exceed 24% in 2027/28 and 7% in 2028/29 and an increase in the incremental per square meter charge to \$0.325 per square meter in 2027/28 and \$0.364 per square meter in 2028/29.
 7. Any increases to take effect over two fiscal years, becoming effective April 1, 2027, and April 1, 2028.
 8. Engage with interested parties on the pending 2026 General Rate Application.

5. Appointments to Consecutive Standing Committees

ADJOURNMENT