

**Police & License Committee Meeting
March 12, 2026
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Chair, Councillor D. Roberts
Councillor P. McKenna
Councillor J. Sullivan
J. Pellerin, Bylaw Enforcement
J. Wright, Bylaw Enforcement
S/Sgt. K. Hillier, RCMP
E. Yeo, STFX University Administration
R. Peters, STFX University Administration Representative
K. Meisner, Director of Infrastructure and Engineering & Traffic Authority
C. Duggan, Community Representative

Also, In Attendance

M. Fougere, Municipal Clerk
K. MacInnis, Director of Community Development

Absent with Regrets

H. Qualizza STFX University Student Union Representative
Sgt. J. Jessome, RCMP
S. Cameron, Mayor

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Councillor Diane Roberts, called the Police and License Committee meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Sullivan requested the addition of one item under new Business: 6.4 Buses on Fatima Street.

Motion: That the agenda be approved as amended.

Moved by: Councillor McKenna

Seconded by: Councillor Sullivan

Motion carried.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of January 15, 2026, meeting.

The minutes of the January 15, 2026, meeting were accepted as presented.

4. Committee Reports

The following reports were submitted and circulated in advance as part of the agenda package.

4.1 Town By-Law

4.2 RCMP

- 4.3 StFX - Student Union
- 4.4 StFX - Administration
- 4.5 Town Traffic Authority

Motion: To accept the Committee Reports as presented.

Moved by: Councillor McKenna

Seconded by: Councillor Sullivan

Motion carried.

Councillor Sullivan raised a question regarding parking enforcement during ST. F. X Convocation and large St. F.X. events.

K. MacInnis advised that the Town is mindful of these events and that towing is not undertaken during those periods.

5. [Business Arising from the Minutes](#)

5.1 Three-way stops - Pleasant and Victoria Street

K. Meisner spoke to the item and referenced a memo included in the agenda package. He advised that an additional stop sign will be installed at the intersection of Pleasant and Victoria Street to establish a three-way stop. Installation is anticipated to occur in the spring, pending favourable weather and ground conditions.

5.2 Caution signage - Victoria Street

Chair Councillor Roberts spoke to the item, noting she had discussed the matter with Terry MacIntyre of the RK MacDonald. She advised that the RK may install caution signage if they choose to do so.

Traffic Authority K. Meisner noted that such signage is not within municipal standards; however, RK may install signage on their own property.

5.3 Accessibility Parking zones

K. Meisner reported that an RFP (Request for Proposal) was completed and awarded to EXP. Work is proceeding with an assessment of accessible parking spaces within the downtown core to ensure compliance with current standards.

5.4 Parking on College Street

K. Meisner advised that, similar to the three-way stop changes, official notice regarding the removal of parking on College Street will not be issued until spring, when weather and ground conditions permit installation of signage.

Councillor McKenna questioned whether notice has been provided to residents and property owners on College Street.

Mr. Meisner advised that no notice has been issued at this time.

5.5 Speed Sign Data

J. Pellerin spoke to the Speed Sign Data report as included in the agenda package and advised that speed data will be reviewed and reported on a monthly basis.

Mr. Pellerin presented data collected from portable speed signs at the following locations:

Bay Street

Data was collected on March 9 near the entrance to Mount Cameron. Staff summarized vehicle volumes, average speeds, and overall compliance trends.

Hawthorne Street

Data was collected on March 6, covering the period from November 21 to February 27. Staff summarized traffic volumes and average speeds in relation to the posted limit.

Committee members asked questions regarding higher-speed vehicles, compliance rates, and placement of the signage.

Staff confirmed the sign will remain in place and noted the radar location may be adjusted to better reflect speeds within the posted zone.

Councillor McKenna advised that funding is included in the upcoming budget for the purchase of an additional portable speed sign to support rotation throughout the Town.

5.6 Kiosk Creighton Lane

K. Meisner provided an update on the kiosk installation at Creighton Lane. He advised that the kiosk will be located in place of one of the existing flower boxes. Public Works staff are expected to pour a concrete pad in the spring, weather permitting, with installation of the kiosk anticipated in the summer or early fall.

5.7 Four-way Stop – College Street and Pleasant Street

K. Meisner advised that no further information is available at this time and that additional work is required. The matter was deferred to a future meeting and may be considered as part of a budget discussion.

6. New Business

6.1 St. Patrick's Day Event

K. MacInnis spoke to the upcoming St. Patrick's Day event, noting her involvement with the Good Neighbour Group. She advised that the Inn on the StFX campus will be open on Saturday with a band scheduled, and that mitigation efforts are focused on redirecting students toward the campus.

Communications were issued earlier in the week to landlords, including correspondence from Ms. Yeo. Early indications suggest activity may return to St. Mary's Street, and mitigation efforts are ongoing.

Chair, Councillor Roberts expressed concern regarding Fire Department access in the event of blocked streets. Councillor McKenna raised concerns regarding potential response delays if access to St. Mary's Street is restricted. Ms. MacInnis advised that mitigation measures are intended to help disperse gatherings.

K. Meisner noted the street sweeper is currently out of service; however, backup arrangements are in place.

S/Sgt. K. Hillier advised that seven additional members will be deployed to support mitigation efforts and assist emergency services if required. She further noted that the weather forecast for the weekend is not favourable.

K. MacInnis advised that StFX is working cooperatively to redirect students to campus. Some licensed establishments will be open, while others will remain closed. Landlords in the St. Mary's area have indicated plans to retain private security.

C. Duggan raised questions regarding enforcement of the Nuisance By-law. K. Hillier advised that both RCMP and By-Law staff will be deployed proactively and will not wait for complaints before responding.

Committee members emphasized that while nuisance concerns exist, student and public safety remain the primary priority.

6.2 Speed Radar Signage

Chair Councillor Roberts spoke to the item and noted that funding for a portable speed radar sign is included in the current fiscal year budget. She advised that the device will be portable, with initial placement planned for Fairview Street, followed by Northview Street.

6.3 Cross Walk Signage

Chair, Councillor Roberts spoke to crosswalk signage and advised that funding for four sets of pedestrian beacons has been included as a line item for consideration in the upcoming budget.

Councillor McKenna advised the Committee that, through recent Council discussions, Council is aware that several existing beacons are currently not functioning at multiple locations.

6.4 Buses on Fatima Street

Councillor Sullivan raised concerns regarding bus traffic on Fatima Street resulting from construction at the corner of Fairview Street and Highland Drive, which has caused vehicles to encroach into the roadway. As a result, buses are utilizing alternate routes, including Archie Street and MacDonald Street.

It was noted that Fatima Street and Archie Street include sidewalks heavily used by students traveling from Bantry Lane and the trailer court to the high school.

J. Pellerin advised that he would contact the School Board to review the bus routing and will report back to staff and the Chair.

C. Duggan noted the presence of on-street parking adjacent to the new development currently under construction. Mr. Meisner advised that parking arrangements are governed by the Planning By-law.

7. Pending Items

7.1 Parking Meter Enforcement

Staff advised that parking meter enforcement has been limited over the past year due to staffing capacity, with one By-Law Officer balancing multiple responsibilities. It was noted that, once the newly appointed By-Law Enforcement Officer is in position and able to carry out enforcement duties, a regular schedule for parking meter enforcement will be implemented, and enforcement activity is expected to increase.

Ms. MacInnis acknowledged that improvements are needed in parking enforcement and noted that increased meter enforcement will be part of addressing this issue.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

With no further business, C. Duggan called for adjournment at 1:57 p.m.