

Emailed April 15, 2026

Dear Mayor and councillors:

Please add my name to Heather Garner's concerned letter to you attached. Frankly I could not put it any better. This would be a step backwards, very similar to the type of secrecy our current Premier is promoting. Not a good look for our town!

Jeannine Comeau

I watched the streaming of the latest committee of the whole meeting and while I understand and sympathize with the Councillor's issue, I also believe these meetings should be available to the voting public. A read of the minutes provides little informational background on issues, nor our elected representatives feelings on those issues. Expecting townspeople to attend lengthy meetings is unrealistic, however watching video at one's convenient time works for many. How are we to judge and vote in the next election if we can't see our officials in action? How do we know that what they say when they knock on our door, is what they speak in council chambers?

I believe when one runs for public office, they should be prepared for this recording in council chambers as well as photos and recordings whenever they are in their official roles in public.

It seems there are ways to protect privacy, some of which council has already implemented sensibly, such as turning off the comments section. I see no reason why minutes couldn't be continued to be stored behind a privacy wall on youtube, or a private page elsewhere, which would then only be accessible by a town citizen, with a one time written request.

To vote on this before proper investigation of suitable alternatives, is short-sighted. Why this urgency?