



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS**  
**Committee of the Whole Minutes**  
**January 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Sanford Council Chambers**

Present:	P. Morton	Deputy Warden
	A. Zebian	Warden
	R. Jannasch	Councillor District 1
	K. Monroe	Councillor District 2
	D. Keith	Councillor District 3
	T. Leopold	Councillor District 4
	D. Francis	Councillor District 5
	J. Daniels	Councillor District 7
	R. Zwicker	Councillor District 10 (left 9:04 p.m.)
	M. Laycock	Chief Administrative Officer
	B. Carrigan	Director of Public Works
	M. LeMay	Director of Planning and Development
	C. Rochon	Director of Finance
	S. Shay	Planner (left 9:00 p.m.)
	R. Brown	Municipal Clerk
	R. Parker	By-Law Enforcement Officer (left 7:00 p.m.)
	C. McClare	Waste Reduction/Safety Coordinator (left 6:40 p.m.)
	K. Remme	Waste Educator (left 6:40 p.m.)
	J. Woodman	Administrative Assistant
Regrets:	R. Hussey	Councillor District 6
Guests:	Jennifer Tufts	Valley Regional Enterprise Network (REN)

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

1. Call to Order  
Chair Morton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Announcements  
Chair Morton announced the meeting was being broadcasted on Facebook Live and reviewed the standard fire evacuation procedure.

Warden Zebian announced with great sadness that West Hants had lost a community leader yesterday. He indicated that Mr. Dave Peters was well known in the Municipality especially in the Vaughan area. He expressed that Mr. Peters from day one was a true leader and brought out the best in everyone in his community. He offered that Mr. Peters will be missed but not forgotten and that we will all strive to carry on his inspirational work.

Councillor Leopold announced Ellershouse Community Hall will be hosting their breakfast this weekend.

Councillor Zwicker encouraged everyone to attend the Hantsport Winter Carnival this weekend.

CAO Laycock advised the Transition meeting had been rescheduled until February 4<sup>th</sup>.

3. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions

**MOVED and SECONDED that the agenda be approved including additions:**

- **11 (d) Capped Assessment (Warden Zebian)**
- **11 (e) Letter from MLA Chuck Porter (Warden Zebian)**

**Motion Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes

**MOVED and SECONDED that the Committee of the Whole Minutes of November 27, 2018 be approved, noting any errors or omissions.**

**Motion Carried.**

5. Presentation (s)

- a. Valley REN Quarterly Update

Jennifer Tufts introduced herself as the Acting CAO for Valley REN and presented a quarterly update for the Valley REN.

Councillor Monroe asked what Valley REN had done specifically for this area. Ms. Tufts offered that she could provide a list of businesses that REN has worked with. She noted they have had preliminary discussions with the Landing Strong group in Windsor. She offered that Valley REN would like to get out even more in the area and stated that if a councillor has any ideas to please contact them. Councillor Zwicker indicated that he felt this was very beneficial to the area and offered his appreciation for the work being done. Councillor Daniels agreed and suggested that it is very important for networking and makes the communities and businesses stronger. Ms. Tufts suggested that REN would like to arrange quarterly meetings with all the Municipal Economic Development Officers so that everyone is on the same page and make connections with businesses.

- b. Waste Sorting App

Christine McClare and Krysten Remme presented on the Waste Sorting App. C. McClare explained it is a personalized waste collection schedule which will offer reminders and storm cancellation notifications. She explained that West Hants and Region 6 will be doing promotion for the app. Councillor Monroe asked if it would be necessary to still print calendars for residents. Christine McClare offered this has been considered by other areas, but they are finding there are residents who prefer a paper copy calendar. It was noted that the app is for cell phone and internet users, however residents have the choice to request an automated call. K. Remme reviewed how to access the app via the West Hants website and she confirmed the app recently went live.

6. Hearing (s) – Dangerous & Unsightly  
There were no Dangerous & Unsightly Hearings.

7. Business Arising from Minutes  
There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. Report of the Chief Administrative Officer  
a. Noise By-law N-001

The Municipal Clerk presented the Noise By-law N-001 and explained it would be for the areas of Three Mile Plains, Hantsport and Falmouth. She clarified under the proposed By-law complaints would only be investigated if it was contentious noise exceeding over 30 minutes or recurring with regular interruptions of up to an hour in duration.

The Municipal Clerk confirmed to enforce the By-law the Municipality would need to purchase two sound level meters, one for the By-law enforcement officer, and one for the RCMP. She suggested the cost has yet to be determined or the cost of court cases related to the By-law.

**MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council, that Council to give the First Reading and proceed to a Public Hearing for the Noise By-law N-001 as presented in the Noise By-law, N-001 Recommendation Report dated January 22, 2019.**

Councillor Daniels clarified that if a business was started, they may need to request a noise exemption. She went on to asked if there is duplication or inefficiency as it seems like it is already covered under the Planning Department. The Director of Planning offered that the Planning and Development Department would deal with land use not the sound level and if the business was not under a development agreement there would be no control of the hour of operation. The Director stated if business was generating noise outside of regular hours then an exemption would probably be needed.

Councillor Daniels expressed concern that there was no section regarding hot air balloons. The Municipal Clerk confirmed the FDA regulations superseded it and it would not be necessary to include. The Councillor went on to note concerns regarding the discharge of firearms and barking. The Municipal Clerk noted the restriction for firearms was not just for hunting rifles but for all types firearms and that noises made by dogs were already covered by the Dog By-law.

Councillor Daniels asked what would happen if a rooster is crowing at 5 a.m. in the morning. The Municipal Clerk responded that it would need to be for 30 minutes or intermittently for an hour or more before the By-Law officer would go and use the meter reading and if found it was in acceptable range no action would be taken.

**MOVED and SECONDED to amend Schedule A, Part 2 of the Noise By-law by removing Item #9.**

**Amendment Carried.**

When asked the Municipal Clerk advised if the By-law is approved some businesses will be automatically exempt and others will need to request exemptions every two years. She confirmed the By-law would be complaint driven and the Municipality would not be seeking out noise.

**MOVED and SECONDED to amend the Noise By-law to include CKF under section 4.3.c. Amendment Carried.**

When asked, the By-Law Enforcement Officer confirmed he receives 2-3 noise complaints per year. He advised they are usually complaints such as someone getting a driveway paved or machines being used nearby. Councillor Francis questioned whether it was necessary to have a Noise By-law if a significant amount of complaints is not being received.

Councillor Leopold indicated she would not be supporting the By-law and referred to figures provided by the RCMP from January 1, 2017 to June 26, 2018, noting the RCMP had 7500 calls, 389 were noise complaints which is 5% of calls and only 9 of those fell under the Municipality. She asked about legal fees associated with this and asked what the Town is doing as we are currently in the process of merging.

The Municipal Clerk indicated if Council chooses not to move forward with the by-law, staff may request that the Hantport Noise By-law be repealed so that all growth areas follow the same rules and is fair.

**Motion Defeated as Amended.**

Councillors Leopold, Daniels, Francis, Keith, Zwicker voted nay.

b. Sewerage and Stormwater Connection, Discharge and Charges By-law, S-003

The Municipal Clerk reported that staff are recommending a revised Sewer By-law that has been in progress for eight years. She explained an amendment was required to enforce the new consolidated sewer charges that has been recommended by Council. She noted some of the significant changes include setting daily discharge chemical limits within the By-law and that the Engineer would now be responsible for approving new connections and sewer lines. She advised the previous Sewer By-law stated that Council or Committee of the Whole approved the sewer connection and new sewer lines but clarified this has not been practiced.

**MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council , that Council give First Reading and proceed to a Public Hearing for the Sewerage and Stormwater Connection, Discharge and Charges By-law, S-003 as presented at Committee of the Whole on January 22, 2019.**

**Motion Carried.**

c. Happy Community Project Proposal

Councillor Monroe declared a conflict of interest and removed herself from the discussion. CAO Laycock reported that he was approached by the Happy Community Project with an opportunity to for the organization to leverage an estimated \$50,000 of funding from the Provincial Government if there was a commitment from the Municipality of \$10,000. He advised that he and Mr. Braun looked at the opportunities for projects that would strengthen the region as a whole and build a relationship between the rural and urban communities within the area. He suggested this is a unique opportunity to fund the Happy Community Project and leverage a significant amount of money from the Province to be able to work with community groups to develop projects.

Mr. Braun advised the Happy Community Project has been operating for over 17 months and developed seven major projects during this time. Councillor Daniels offered this is a wonderful initiative but inquired about the sustainability plans. Mr. Braun advised the Happy Community Project is sustainable for the next 12 months but offered they do not have it all figured out yet and anticipated that the corporate sponsorships will help with the sustainability. Councillor Leopold asked if the Town of Windsor is financially supporting this. Mr. Braun confirmed the Town gave them a \$2,000 grant last year which helped them stay afloat. He noted he had approached the CAO of the Town but was advised he was too overwhelmed with the consolidation process to consider the request at this time.

Councillor Leopold expressed concern about the budget particularly over the salary of the Community Leader which is 1/3 of the budget. She suggested that there are many volunteers in the community who do not take salaries. She indicated that she supports the idea of the Happy Community Project but could not support the motion.

Warden Zebian advised the Municipality did provide a grant to the Happy Community Project last year. He felt it is such a good deal that if West Hants gives \$1 and the Province will provide \$5, so he would support the motion but suggested that the Happy Community Project needs to find a way to be sustainable in the future. Mr. Braun offered that he has put his heart and soul into this, and \$8,000 of his own money. He suggested that if the request was not granted, he was done with the Happy Community Project.

**MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council, that Council support the Happy Community Project proposal as attached to the January 22, 2019 Committee of the Whole report and commit funds for the project of up to \$10,000, subject to approval of Provincial funding.**

**MOVED and SECONDED to amend the motion to stated that Council support the Happy Community Project proposal as attached to the January 22, 2019 Committee of the Whole report and commit funds for the project of up to \$10,000, from the Transition Committee subject to approval of the Provincial funding.**  
**Amendment Carried.**

Councillor Jannasch advised that he had reservations about the Happy Community Project however he questioned whether it was fair to compare the Happy Community Project to the

other volunteer organizations. He did understand the concerns others had but felt it was unique but agreed that it should be tried for a year to see if it can be sustainable. Councillor Francis stated that she would like to see the Town of Windsor share in the funding. Councillor Zwicker suggested that he did not know how he could look another volunteer group in the eye and not give them money when the Municipality is giving this amount to the Happy Community Project. He stated it is a noble cause but that he would not be supporting the motion.

**Motion Carried as Amended.**

d. West Hants Sports Complex – Energy Modeller Study

The Director of Public Works presented the report. He advised the Department of Public Works has conducted the evaluation of RFP# WHPW18-14 issued for an Energy Model Study required for Efficiency Nova Scotia potential funding for the proposed West Hants Sports Complex.

The Director of Public Works suggested the intent of this proposal is to perform an Energy Model Study for the proposed West Hants Sports Complex facility and complete an Energy Model Application to Efficiency Nova Scotia, with the objective of achieving a minimum of 40% energy savings above Reference Case for the proposed Sports Complex project. Achieving the reduction would result in a potential \$0.12 per electrical kWh saved for the ongoing operation of the facility.

Director Carrigan reported a public opening was held on December 13, 2018, with four (4) proposals received. He explained the 2-part Request for Proposal (RFP) process defined the bid scoring process to be used; that combined both a weighted technical criteria component (80%) as well as weighted financial component (20%). He advised out of the four (4) proposals received, three (3) were determined to meet the minimum technical requirements specified in the scope of work. He indicated although the tender price received from an alternative proposal was lower, I.B. Storey Inc. received a greater cumulative score based on their technical submission, and therefore has been deemed the best overall proposal for the Municipality.

Councillor Francis expressed concern that there is already an RFP out for a conceptual design and questioned what happens if they approve the conceptual design and then down the road changes are needed because of the energy efficiency recommendations. She offered that maybe the energy modeler study should have been done before sending out the conceptual design RFP and cautioned now costs will need to be added or items cut in order to factor in the energy savings.

Warden Zebian agreed this should have been done before sending out the design RFP and that the study will cost \$30,000. Councillor Leopold expressed concern about the RFP process. She suggested that there may be an issue that there are so many RFP's that are overlapping each other and suggested that timing is of the essence when there are multiple asks out at the same time. Councillor Keith suggested that he had never witnessed anything like this, and he shared Councillors Francis and Leopold's concerns. Councillor

Zwicker felt this is a complimentary process and suggested it could be a considerable savings in operating the arena.

CAO Laycock indicated that this study would look for efficient in the designs to possibly lower operating costs and agreed there could be a trade off for potential costs or he suggested you could cut something out of the build to offset those costs.

**MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council, that subject to awarding RFP WHPW18-12, the Municipality award a contract to I.B. Storey Inc. to perform an Energy Model Study for the West Hants Sports Complex; in the amount of \$27,800 plus applicable taxes, with funding coming from the Operating Reserves. Motion Carried.**

e. West Hants Sports Complex – Climate Lens Study

The Director of Public Works presented the report. He explained the intent of the proposal is to perform both a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Mitigation Assessment and a Climate Change Resilience Assessment for the proposed West Hants Sports Complex facility. He stated these studies are a requirement of the Climate Lens Reporting for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

Director Carrigan confirmed a public opening was held on December 13, 2018, with eight (8) proposals received., five (5) were determined to meet the minimum technical requirements specified in the scope of work. He explained that proposals were reviewed and evaluated by West Hants Public Works and Planning staff.

**MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council, that subject to Council awarding RFP WHPW18-12, the Municipality award a contract to Stantec Consulting Ltd. to perform a Climate Lens Study for the West Hants Sports Complex; consisting of a Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Assessment and a Climate Change Resilience Assessment; in the amount of \$19,760.04 plus applicable taxes, with funding coming from the Operating Reserves. Motion Carried.**

Councillor Leopold inquired why there was a variation in price. CAO Laycock indicated that the variation in price may be due to the understanding of the requirements of the scope of work. The Director of Public Works offered that a company can meet all the requirements but do not give alternatives or options to the proposal. Councillor Leopold advised her concern was more with the difference in the price and suggested that she hoped everything was justified. The Director of Public Works reminded there were three other proposals that were not opened and could be lower.

f. Sports Complex Operation Services

The Director of Public Works presented the information report. He advised that Council gave direction to provide options for consideration to determine the most suitable method

of operation and management of the proposed West Hants Sports Complex. Councillor Francis expressed concern that the Municipality is not building a rink to compete with the GFL Newport Arena but building it to fulfill a need in the area.

The Director of Public Works indicated there are three types of operating systems that can be considered: direct staff operation, municipal appointed commission and independent service contract provider. Councillor Daniels suggested she is in favour of an independent service contract provider for the first five years. She indicated that she did not want to see the GFL Newport Recreation Centre in charge of the facility, as it could lead to the perception of one rink favouring the other.

Warden Zebian inquired if the Municipality had reached out to the Newport Rink to inquire whether they would even be interested or want to be involved. CAO Laycock advised that the GFL Newport Rink was not contacted. Councillor Jannasch advised the independent service contract provider model is his least favourite. Councillor Keith offered the obvious solution would be to work with the GFL Newport Rink as there are two arenas located within a ten-minute drive and he felt they need to collaborate. Councillor Francis added that she does not believe that this area needs an arena to be operated 12 months of the year. She suggested when the Sports Complex Fundraising Committee is seeking money the residents need to know that this arena is being built as there is a need for it, not as a competition for the other rink. She suggested that Council needs to think about it as a whole community. She offered there is an opportunity for the building to be used for other things besides the arena.

Councillor Leopold stated that she would not be able to support a third-party arrangement for operations unless there was some level of involvement with the GFL Newport Rink. She cautioned she does not want to see this Council put a facility out of business.

**MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council, that Council direct staff to reach out to the GFL Newport Rink to look at ways to collaborate for the ongoing operations of the West Hants Sports Complex.**

**Motion Carried.**

Councillor Daniels voted nay.

g. Bill 62 – Financial Assistance for the supply, use, storage or conservation of water  
CAO Laycock advised the purpose of this Bill is to amend the Municipal Government Act to permit municipalities in Nova Scotia to expend funds providing for, financing and installing equipment, including containers, on private property for the purpose of supply, use, storage or conservation of water. He noted municipalities would require a by-law to allow this. He confirmed this was in response to unusually low rainfall in 2016 which resulted in water systems running dry. He advised it did impact some West Hants residents but hit the southwest part of the province the hardest where it was reported 2,000 wells went dry. He

clarified that Bill 62 was to allow residents to go to the municipality and borrow funds for a drilled well and have the funds repaid on their tax bills over a number of years.

**MOVED and SECONDED to table the Information report on Bill 62 Financial Assistance for the supply, use, storage or conservation of water to the February 26, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.**

**Motion Carried.**

9. Reports – Other Committees

a. MCCAP Committee

i. An Independent Review of Forestry Practices in Nova Scotia

S. Shay reported the MCCAP committee met on October 4, 2018 and directed staff to provide a summary of An Independent Review of Forestry Practices in Nova Scotia by William Lahey.

S. Shay noted that Dr. Lahey was appointed by the Hon. Margaret Miller, Nova Scotia's Minister of Natural Resources, to undertake an independent review of forestry in Nova Scotia. She explained that Dr. Lahey performed an in-depth analysis of current forestry practices and provided several recommendations for forestry on Crown land and on private property. She indicated that clearcutting is a type of forestry harvesting that involves cutting down most trees in an area resulting in even-aged tree growth. She advised in 2016, clearcutting accounted for approximately 64 per cent of the harvesting on Crown land and 89 per cent of the harvesting on private lands. She indicated that Dr. Lahey considered the alternatives to clearcutting and the pros and cons of adopting them. She confirmed that Dr. Lahey suggested an approach called Ecological Forestry which considers balancing environmental, social and economical interests but gives priority to protecting and enhancing ecosystems. She noted the rationale behind this is that if the health of the forests is poor, it can have a long term negative economic and social consequences for residents.

**MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council, that a letter be sent from Council to the Province in support of the forestry practices outlined in Dr. William Lahey's report as presented.**

**MOVED and SECONDED to amend the motion to read that a letter be sent from Council to the Province in support of the forestry practices outlined in Dr. William Lahey's report as presented and in their entirety.**

**Amendment Carried.**

**Motion Carried as Amended.**

Councillor Zwicker voted nay.

10. Correspondence

- a. 01-02-2019 Nova Scotia Association of Realtors – Deed Transfer Tax
- b. 01-08-2019 Valley REN – Executive Changes
- c. 01/08-2019 Shirley Pineo

Warden Zebian expressed that he did not have an issue with Shirley Pineo and indicated that he had called her and thanked her for her years of service. He advised after all the public meetings he and her would often talk and he even visited her at her residence. Other Councillors thank Shirley Pineo for her service to the Annapolis Valley Regional Library Board. Councillor Leopold suggested in the future that Councillors should not speak as to why they are not nominating someone to sit on the committee and offered that it only created unnecessary heartache in this case.

d. 01-16-2019 Minister of Environment – Amendments to Solid Waste Resource and Management

Councillor Jannasch stated that the letter indicates that the Province will endorse the incineration and energy extraction from solid waste. He expressed concern that Premier McNeil's government is becoming hooked on garbage. He noted not only is the government allowing importation of solid waste from other provinces, they are charging Nova Scotians environmental fees on tires and using the money to pay a company to burn them and promote more widespread incineration. He asked how you can promote this type of a system at the same time as promoting extended producer responsibility (EPR) on packaging. The Councillor suggested he sees the EPR being at risk if this type of technology is being promoted. He offered the goal is to reduce the waste in the first place not try to profit from it. He stated he would like an answer to see how the government will recognize these two processes.

Councillor Daniels asked if this could be added to the next Committee of the Whole for more discussion and suggested that Council needs to address this.

**MOVED and SECONDED to table the 01-16-2019 Minister of Environment Letter regarding Amendments to Solid Waste Resource and Management to the agenda of the February 26, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.**

**Motion Carried.**

11. Miscellaneous/New Business

a. Request for the purchase of Municipal lands

Councillor Daniels reported the Municipality has a parcel of land located at the Martock Crossing, between Highway 14 and Martock Back Road. She noted this land abuts land that Ms. O'Leary owns, and she has expressed interest in purchasing it from the Municipality.

She confirmed that Ms. O'Leary approached Minister Porter's office to verify ownership of this property in hopes to acquire this parcel of land to consolidate with her own. She advised Minister Porter's office confirmed that the Municipality did own this land and she is asking if Council would consider sale of this property.

**MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made, that Council direct staff to determine if municipally owned land, PID#45321841 located in Martock, Hants County is recognized for future benefit to the community and, if determined to be surplus, prepare a recommendation report to Council for its disposal.**

Councillor Jannasch noted that construction of roads in the Province is one of the most common causes of mix ups regarding real estate and suggested that Council should support this motion. Warden Zebian agreed and suggested it is not usable to the Municipality.

**Motion Carried.**

Councillor Zwicker left the meeting.

b. Sports Complex Design Committee Terms of Reference

Councillor Leopold indicated that in the near future the Sports Complex Design Committee (SCDC) will have fulfilled its goals as per the Terms of Reference but noted the Terms of Reference do not align with the RFP's that are open for the proponents to review.

**MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council, that Council increase the scope of the Terms of Reference of the Sports Complex Design Committee to ensure the Committee can fulfill the items identified in the RFP for the design-build through continued collaboration between the Committee and the design builder.**

Councillor Leopold suggested that they had a tight time frame to put together an RFP and that the SCDC was told they did not have to get it right and that they would have time to review it later. She expressed concern that the SCDC would not get to do a thorough review. She noted that the SCDC operated on the premises that their involvement would continue. Councillor Francis asked whether there would be any major changes made to the RFP without Council's discussion. CAO Laycock suggested he would have to get clarity from Council on the definition of major changes and offered a project update could be given at Committee of the Whole where Council would have the opportunity to speak.

Councillor Keith asked if citizen member Rick Smith of the SCDC could address Councillors on the matter. Mr. Smith offered that he would like to see the SCDC continue and felt they could add value to the project and noted that there are remaining challenges to address.

Councillor Monroe offered once the RFP comes back and if there are major changes Council would be better to address them. She noted the SCDC was established to ensure the RFP was created and that has been done. Councillor Daniels asked when Council would receive it to provide input. CAO Laycock stated as per the Terms of Reference the goal was to come back with a design recommendation to Council. Councillor Francis reminded that Council does not have to accept the recommendations if they are not satisfied with it. The Municipal Clerk clarified that Council will receive a recommendation from the SCDC for the RFP award and cautioned that the RFP itself could not be changed as it is already out. She suggested that Council select the proponent and then work with them to design and build the building that Council wants. Councillor Jannasch suggested the importance of continuing to value the process of citizen engagement and offered that Councillor Leopold had important concerns.

**Motion Carried.**

Councillors Monroe and Francis voted nay.

c. Aboiteau & Dyke Conditions and Planning Repair Processes

Councillor Monroe suggested there is not a strategy to take care of situations like the aboiteau in Hantsport. She suggested there are people who have been aware of this for a long time however no action was taken. She cautioned if the Windsor dyke fails, we would lose roadways, homes and a significant amount of farmland. She indicated she would like some answers from those who saw this happening and did nothing. She felt that Council should take a leadership role and create a response team and get these fixed immediately.

**MOVED and SECONDED that this matter be tabled to the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Special Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.**

**Motion Carried.**

d. Capped Assessment

Warden Zebian reported there is interest from some municipal units to remove or phase out the cap program, he suggested discussion is required to make an informed decision.

**MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council, that Council direct staff to prepare a report on the CAP program, why it was implemented by the Province, and what the implications would be on our residents and on the Municipality in terms of revenue if the program was phased-out or removed.**

**Motion Carried.**

It was agreed to have a representative from PVSC attend Council to give their opinion on the matter. Councillor Leopold advised that she would like to see the implications to municipalities in terms of revenue.

e. Letter from MLA Chuck Porter

Warden Zebian read a letter from MLA Chuck Porter regarding the Hantsport aboiteau situation, noting that surveyors have been out, and testing is underway for the temporary fix that was promised.

**MOVED and SECONDED that the correspondence from MLA Chuck Porter be received and placed on file.**

**Motion Carried.**

12. Public Participation

Bill Preston, Hantsport suggested that that he was quite concerned over the Hantsport aboiteau and he was not optimistic that the letter from MLA Chuck Porter was going to result in a change. He expressed concern that he has not seen any drilling or surveying done.

Phil Zamora, Hantsport, referred to the rescue that happened over the weekend where a car crashed where there was once a marsh and is now a tidal pond that twice a day is deep

enough to submerge a car. He cautioned if the aboiteau was not breached, this would not have happened and noted this is an issue that needs to be addressed immediately.

13. In-Camera
  - a. MGA 22 (2)(a) Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property  
**MOVED and SECONDED that Committee of the Whole move in camera.**  
**Motion Carried.**

The meeting moved in-camera at 9:54 p.m.  
The meeting reconvened at 10:29 p.m.

14. Date of Next Meeting  
The next regular Committee of the Whole will be on February 27, 2019

15. Adjournment  
**MOVED and SECONDED that the meeting adjourn.**  
**Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

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Paul Morton, Chair

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Rhonda Brown, Municipal Clerk