



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Committee of the Whole Minutes
February 8, 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
	R. Hussey	Councillor District 6
	R. Zwicker	Councillor District 10
	M. Laycock	Chief Administrative Officer
	C. Lowe	Director of Finance
	B. Carrigan	Director of Public Works
	R. Brown	Municipal Clerk
	J. Woodman	Administrative Assistant

Regrets: J. Daniels Councillor District 7

There were 2 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 reviewed the standard fire evacuation procedure.

Warden Zebian announced the Children's Wish Foundation Wish Month is in March and encouraged anyone who would like to help to contact him for more information.
3. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions
MOVED and SECONDED that the agenda be approved.
Motion Carried.
4. Business Arising from Minutes and any Related Correspondence
 - a. Aboiteau & Dyke conditions and planned repair processes

Councillor Monroe suggested that Council is the first line of offence and responsible for public safety. She suggested that failure to get the situation in Hantsport addressed amounts to political malpractice.

MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council to request support from our MLA, Chuck Porter to create a cross-department committee such that all impacted parties and all responsible parties be included in the ongoing review of the condition of our protective systems. The individuals on this committee should have the mandate to speak for their respective department so that rapid results can be reached to prevent the catastrophic type of result that is presently being realized in Hantsport. Specifically, this committee should have a decision-making representative from Municipal Affairs, Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans, Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and any other party responsible for these devices. It is further recommended that this committee provide to Council a periodic review (each 90-days) of all aboiteaux and dykes at risk with the intent of preventing future loss through a coordinated review of the protective systems and an active prioritization of repairs with the intent of maximizing efforts to minimize losses.

Councillor Zwicker suggested this is a Provincial issue, and it is not in West Hants jurisdiction to tackle it. He cautioned if Council were to get involved it would be a slippery slope, suggesting that Council should continue advocating for citizens and let the Province deal with this issue. Councillor Leopold agreed and felt the motion might be overreaching. Councillor Monroe offered that she wanted a more active approach and expressed concern that other areas in the County could face similar devastation as Hantsport has due to lack of repair and upkeep of the aboiteau. Councillor Jannasch suggested that a survey should be done to see what each dyke is protecting and felt with this kind of information it might be easier to move forward. Councillor Francis suggested asking staff to reach out and get some information first. CAO Laycock offered there are resources available to come and talk to Council and address concerns.

**MOVED and SECONDED that the motion be tabled.
Motion Carried.**

**MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council to direct staff to arrange for a presentation from Department of Agriculture; Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, REMO and any other related departments to present on the issues of aboiteaux and dykes in the area.
Motion Carried**

5. In-Camera
 - a. MGA 22 (2)(e) – Contract Negotiations
 - b. MGA 22 (2)(e) – Contract Negotiations

**MOVED and SECONDED to move in camera.
Motion Carried.**

The meeting moved in-camera at 6:18 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council that staff arrange a presentation from Lindsay Construction and Roscoe Construction on their proposed sports complex projects for RFP WHPW18-12 to be made at a Special Committee of the Whole.

Motion Carried.

6. Reports – Other Committees
 - a. Sports Complex Fundraising Committee
 - i. 01-29-2019 Sports Complex Fundraising Committee Excerpts

MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council to approve a special budget of \$500 for the Sports Complex Fundraising Committee pending the approval of RFP WHPW18-12 for the Sports Complex.

Motion Carried.

MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council to create a Special Reserve for the new Sports Complex pending the approval of RFP WHPW18-12 for the Sports Complex.

Motion Carried.

7. Public Participation
There was no public.

8. Adjournment
MOVED and SECONDED that the meeting adjourn.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Paul Morton, Chair

Rhonda Brown, Municipal Clerk