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**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Public Hearing
November 14, 2017**

**Second Reading Land Use By-Law Amendment to Add Museums to the Uses Permitted in
the Commercial (C) Zone, Hantsport**

Present:	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
	J. Daniels	Councillor District 7
	P. Morton	Deputy Warden
	R. Zwicker	Councillor District 10
	M. Laycock	Acting CAO, Director of Finance
	K. Kehoe	Director of Parks and Recreation
	M. LeMay	Director of Planning and Development
	B. Carrigan	Director of Public Works
	S. Campbell	Municipal Planner
	R. Brown	Municipal Clerk
	C. Remme	Executive Assistant

There were 12 members of the public in attendance.

Warden Zebian advised that this was a Public Hearing required by Part 8 of the *Municipal Government Act* stating the sessions, hosted by Council, provide members of the public with an opportunity to bring forward concerns and ask the applicant and planning staff questions regarding the proposed amendments.

Warden Zebian advised that when the Public Hearing regarding an application for an amendment to the text of the Hantsport Land Use By-law to add museums to the list of uses permitted in the Commercial (C) Zone is complete, the Council meeting will resume, and members of Council may then ask questions and make comments.

Warden Zebian called on the Director of Planning and Development to speak on the amendment.

The Director reviewed the report noting the application was brought forth by the Hantsport and Area Historical Society wishing to have a museum at 50 Main Street, Hantsport. She advised that the lot is currently zoned Commercial adding that there is currently no policies or background in the Hantsport Municipal Planning Strategy regarding permitted uses nor one to permit use within commercial core or zone. The Director noted that the general

policies of the Hantsport Municipal Planning Strategy are used to determine whether a museum is suitable within the Commercial Zone quoting Policy GP-2.

The Director of Planning and Development reviewed a variety of uses in the commercial areas in Hantsport noting that museums would be a reasonable to add to the permitted uses. She went on to point out that there is currently no apparent lack of space in the commercial core of the community noting that vacant premises and ground floor residential uses decrease vitality.

The Director concluded that the proposed text amendment was considered within the context of the specific and general policies of the Hantsport Municipal Planning Strategy and consistent with the intent, objectives and the policies of the Municipality.

Warden Zebian asked if there any questions from the public. There were none.

Warden Zebian called for any oral or written submissions in favour of the amendment. There were none.

Warden Zebian called for any oral or written submissions in against the amendment. There were none.

Warden Zebian declared the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Abraham Zebian, Warden

Rhonda Brown, Municipal Clerk