



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Hantsport Area Advisory Committee (HAAC)
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 11:00 a.m.
Hantsport Office

PRESENT: Councillor Robbie Zwicker, Chair
Jane Davis, Citizen Member
Donald Hussey, Citizen Member
Greg Pace, Citizen Member
Bill Preston, Citizen Member
Philip Zamora, Citizen Member

STAFF: Karen Dempsey, Director of Planning
Jeanne Bourque, Planner
Velma Macumber, Admin. Assistant

REGRETS: Rachel Adrian, Citizen Member

Chair Zwicker called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of February 10, 2016

Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of Hantsport Area Advisory Committee of February 10, 2016 be approved as circulated noting any errors or omissions.

Motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda

The following items were added under New Business:

- HAAC Citizen Membership – Rachel Adrian
- Committee Member Remuneration

Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Draft Terms of Reference

Ms. Dempsey advised that once the Committee approves the draft Terms of Reference it will be forwarded to the Municipal Solicitor and the CAO for review.

The Committee continued with the review of the Terms of Reference.

Mr. Hussey suggested using acronyms for the Municipal Government Act, Planning Advisory Committee, the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-law.

Discussion was held about the possibility of a long term care facility locating in Hantsport for the communities of Hantsport and Glooscap First Nation. A feasibility study was completed with four possible locations in mind. Staff suggested that the developers come into the planning department to discuss the proposed locations from a land use planning perspective. The planners can review the locations, their current zoning, and advise on possible changes that might be made in the zoning to accommodate the proposal.

Planning staff will bring the amended terms of reference to the next meeting.

Moved and Seconded that the draft Hantsport Area Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be forwarded to the municipal solicitor and CAO for review.

Motion carried.

New Business

Committee Member Honorarium

Ms. Dempsey circulated TD1 forms to Committee members and requested that they submit these forms to the Accountant for payment of their monthly honorarium.

HAAC Citizen Membership – Rachel Adrian

Ms. Bourque advised that she had spoken with Ms. Adrian about her term on the Committee. Ms. Adrian advised that she regrettably has to resign from the Committee due to being enrolled in university full time, and that there were conflicts between her class times and the Committee's meeting dates. Ms. Adrian

said that she may be able to help out from time to time, and would like to stay informed on planning activities in Hantsport.

The Committee discussed options for replacement of Committee members. They agreed that if someone else was interested in participating on the Committee that they contact Planning staff.

Business Arising from the Minutes cont'd

Asset Mapping – continued

Ms. Dempsey continued with the exercise in asset mapping. Ms. Dempsey advised that she attended a workshop at Acadia University where Hantsport was the subject of a case study. She said that the workshop was very informative. She asked the Committee to think more about the social assets of Hantsport.

Social Assets:

- Food bank
- Think Hantsport Innovative Development Association
- Heritage
- Community centre
- Churches
- Businesses
- Fire department
- Library
- School
- Come Home Year

The Committee discussed the following:

- The school getting upgrades
- Concern about the future of Hantsport churches, although many seniors attend, attendance is declining
- Fire hall very active hosting fundraising events, having dances, showers, wedding receptions, etc.
- Library is well used and supported
- Food bank being operated by fire department and church volunteers and being utilized by 50-80 clients a month, from both Hantsport and beyond
- Security cameras in Hantsport decreased policing costs
- Need for more additional recreational activities for youth
- Active Lions Club, Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge
- The Historical Society being in need of additional space

- Need for safety programs for seniors
- Baptist Church Youth Group
- Soccer field and ball field well utilized

Discussion was also held about Hantsport's Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP). It was noted that Hantsport's most important risk factors were dykeland and inland flooding. It was suggested that perhaps the church groups could work with REMO to set up a coordinated approach with respect to emergency measures.

Discussion was held about Think Hantsport and their mandate for promoting economic development in Hantsport.

Next Meeting Date

The next HAAC meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. At this meeting planning staff will be hosting a Planning 101 Workshop. All PAC members are welcome to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Chair