



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Hantsport Area Advisory Committee (HAAC)
May 11, 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
Bertina Evers, Citizen Member

STAFF: Karen Dempsey, Director of Planning
Jeanne Bourque, Planner

Chair Zwicker called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. and welcomed new citizen member Bertina Evers to the committee.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND ADDITIONS

Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2016

Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of Hantsport Area Advisory Committee of April 13, 2016 be approved as circulated noting any errors or omissions.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Draft Terms of Reference

Karen Dempsey advised that the Draft Terms of Reference for the HAAC were still with the CAO for review and approval.

NEW BUSINESS

NSPDA Spring Conference – May 18-20, 2016 “Planning Beyond Zoning”

The NSPDA Spring Conference May 18-20 entitled “Planning Beyond Zoning” takes place at the Lord Nelson in Halifax. It was noted that two staff members and one PAC representative and one HAAC representative will be attending the conference.

HAAC Focus & Priorities

Staff requested HAAC members to comment on what they feel the focus and priorities of the HAAC should be for the coming year. The following list was generated from those comments:

1. Look at zoning on properties and determine if it is appropriate and if there are changes needed. Are areas used to their potential
2. View HAAC as enablers and facilitators for the development & enhancement of Hantsport both from a residential and business perspective with new ideas and an open mind
3. HAAC is in place to serve the residents and to act as a conduit between the residents & their municipal government
4. The local school is an important facility, that often determines where people decide to live and should be promoted (currently undergoing a 4 million \$ upgrade)
5. HMCC is an important community facility and should be protected
6. The entrance to the community is important and needs a face lift. Promotion of the community is important
7. Need to be concerned about future succession but HAAC has a narrow focus concerned mostly with land use planning
8. Activate more green spaces and use what we have to their fullest potential, protect what we have
9. Partner with adjoining municipalities if necessary re: promotion of community assets (services, facilities, etc.)
10. Hantsport is a community in transition with tremendous opportunities for big and small business and needs an “open for business” attitude
11. We need to market the community to young families with children
12. A variety of projects are currently in the works that would provide additional employment and housing opportunities within the community. What can we do to assist with these initiatives?

MISCELLANEOUS

Rezoning 101

Jeanne Bourque went through a sample application for a multi storey, multiple unit dwelling in Hantsport. She explained each step of the rezoning process that is enabled in the MPS, and what each policy means when preparing a staff report.

Robbie Zwicker and Bertina Evers left the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Moved and Seconded that staff be asked to review the Multiple Unit Residential (R3) zone specifications and lack of restrictions as they relate to building height and size and bring information back to the June meeting. (i.e. what restrictions exist in the West Hants LUB for multiple unit dwellings)

Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next HAAC meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Chair