



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Hantsport Area Advisory Committee (HAAC)
February 14, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
Hantsport Office**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Robbie Zwicker, Chair
Jane Davis, Citizen Member
Donald Hussey, Citizen Member
Bill Preston, Citizen Member
Philip Zamora, Citizen Member
Greg Pace, Citizen Member
- STAFF:** Madelyn LeMay, Director of Planning and Development
Saira Shah, Planner
Velma Macumber, Admin. Assistant
- GUEST:** Brian MacCulloch, Agricultural Resource Coordinator, Department of Agriculture

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND ADDITIONS

Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2018

Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of Hantsport Area Advisory Committee of January 10, 2018 be approved as circulated noting any errors or omissions.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Update: Hantsport Land Use By-law Amendment – Household Livestock (Saira Shah)

Ms. Shah gave a presentation summarizing the information report on household livestock in Hantsport. Ms. Shah asked the Committee for their input.

The following points were discussed:

- Interpretation of the Land Use By-law regarding animal units. It was noted that the Development Officer does not interpret but administers what is written in the By-law; very little interpretation is possible.
- How animal units are determined and what the breakdown is for animals permitted
- Household livestock does not include cats and dogs
- How to avoid one negligent person ruining it for the rest of people who are being responsible. The Hantsport Land Use By-law cannot enforce the treatment of animals but can limit the number of animals permitted.
- Restricting the number of animals would address manure management issues
- Using the number of animals for size of property (i.e. animal units) instead of listing the type of animals permitted
- Whether exotic pets such as snakes are permitted
- If the Land Use By-law does not list something, then is not permitted
- Clarifying the type of fowl that would be permitted, potentially all fowl permitted
- Restricting the number of animals permitted for less than an acre and opening up the number for more than an acre
- What animals can be a nuisance
- Chickens, rabbits, and one rooster are permitted on less than a quarter of an acre
- Chickens, turkey broilers, and rabbits, and one rooster are permitted on a quarter of an acre to half an acre
- Sheep, pigs, chickens, turkey broilers, and rabbits, and roosters are permitted over an half an acre to one acre
- Sheep, pigs, chickens, turkey broilers, and rabbits, and roosters are permitted over one acre
- How many hens per rooster (must have at least a certain number of chickens per rooster)
- Chicken tractors are considered as an accessory structure but not a building
- Lot requirements be specified in feet.

Update: Hantsport Commercial Zone and Designation Amendments (Saira Shah)

Council gave First Reading of the amendments on February 13th and will hold a Public Hearing and give Second Reading on March 13th. Suggestion was made to include small industries for manufacturing crafts, etc. It was noted that this could be addressed at the Public Hearing during the presentation as it does not change the general intent of the amendments.

Update: HAAC Committee Membership (Madelyn LeMay)

Council considered HAAC membership at its meeting on February 13, 2018 and approved all current members as recommended by PAC/HAC. It was noted that there is no direction regarding the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair within the HAAC Terms of Reference. Direction will be provided to the Committee. Discussion was held with respect to opening the Committee membership to include a Youth Ambassador and whether it should be advertised, and whether to change the meeting time.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was heard.

MISCELLANEOUS

No Miscellaneous Business was heard.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

NEXT MEETING

The next HAAC meeting will be scheduled for March 7, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Chair