



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Hantsport Area Advisory Committee (HAAC)
May 2, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
Hantsport Office**

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

STAFF: Madelyn LeMay, Director of Planning and Development
Saira Shah, Planner
Sara Campbell, Planner
Velma Macumber, Admin. Assistant
Kristyn Remme, Planning Intern

ABSENT: Philip Zamora, Citizen Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Zwicker called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Committee members and staff introduced themselves to Kristyn Remme. Ms. Remme is working as a Planning Intern under the MCCAP researching Low Impact Development.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND ADDITIONS

Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2018

Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of Hantsport Area Advisory Committee of April 11, 2018 be approved as circulated noting any errors or omissions.

The following items were noted as missing from the meeting minutes on April 11, 2018 regarding household livestock:

Animals permitted on Less than ¼ acre:

- rooster?

Animals permitted on ¼ - ½ acre

- 20 laying hens, broiler chickens, 2 roosters
- 5 turkey broilers
- 20 rabbits in pens

Animals permitted on ½ to 2 acres

- 40 laying hens, broiler chickens, roosters
- 10 turkey broilers
- 2 sheep
- 20 rabbits in pens

Animals permitted on +2 acres

- 1 rooster
- 1 cow
- 1 dairy heifer
- 1 beef cow
- 2 beef feeders
- 1 horse and pony
- 2 miniature horses and ponies
- 4 sheep
- 2 sows (breeding/gestation)
- 1 sow (farrow to finish)
- 2 sows (farrow to wean)
- 2 hogs (feeders)
- 80 laying hens (whole year)
- 80 broiler chickens
- 25 turkey broilers
- 20 rabbits (female including young)
- 1 llamas/alpacas
- 1 ostriches/emus

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

Ms. Shah advised that correspondence was received from Municipal Affairs, stating that the documents were reviewed, and it was determined that the amendments do not fall within any of the categories requiring Ministerial approval. The Notice of Approval was published in the Valley Journal Advertiser on May 1, 2018 and the amendments became effective on that date. This matter can now be removed from the agenda.

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

Ms. Shah advised that at the last HAAC meeting, the Committee agreed to have two public meetings. She showed the Committee a draft presentation and flyer to confirm what she will be presenting to the public. Ms. Shah asked the Committee for their input.

Discussion was held with respect to two options Ms. Shah presented:

1. Small-Scale

Allow a small number of animals on all lots.

Example: For all lots only 5 chickens and 5 rabbits

2. Size of Property

Regulations based on size of the property.

Example: Less than 1/4 of an acre (10,890 sq. feet) = 15 chickens

Between 1/4 an acre and 1/2 an acre (21,780 sq. feet) = 20 chickens

The Committee agreed that the “Size of Property” option be presented to the public first as much time was spent by the Committee on this.

Ms. Shah asked the Committee for a tentative date to hold the two public meetings and a location. The Committee agreed that the public meetings could be held on June 6, 2018 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Churchill House. Staff will provide the Committee members with flyers to be dropped off at select locations, and a notice will be posted on the Municipal Website and Municipal Facebook page.

Discussion: Bill 177 (Sara Campbell)

Ms. Campbell provided the Committee an overview of Bill 177 and how the Municipality can make use of this opportunity. She described that the first step in this process is to designate a Commercial Development District through an amendment to the Hantsport Municipal Planning Strategy. She asked the Committee members what area(s) they would like to designate the Commercial Development District. The Committee agreed that they would like to provide more opportunity to property owners, and include both the current Commercial and Industrial designation in the new Commercial Development District. Ms. Campbell will

draft the HMPS amendment for the next meeting and provide information regarding by-law development for the phase-in tool.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was heard.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nova Scotia Planning Directors Association 2018 Spring Conference – May 16-18, 2018

Ms. LeMay advised that the NSPDA 2018 Spring Conference will be held on May 16-18. She advised that the PAC HAC made a recommendation that Council approve up to two (2) Council members and one member-at-large of HAAC/PAC/HAC to attend this conference. She asked the Committee members to contact staff if they are interested and staff will circulate a draft conference brochure by email.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

NEXT MEETING

The next HAAC meeting will be scheduled for June 13, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Chair