



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS  
Hantsport Area Advisory Committee (HAAC)  
January 9, 2019, 11:00 a.m.  
Hantsport Office**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Robbie Zwicker, Chair  
Jane Davis, Vice Chair  
Bill Preston, Resident Member  
Philip Zamora, Resident Member
- ABSENT:** Donald Hussey, Resident Member  
Greg Pace, Resident Member
- STAFF:** Madelyn LeMay, Director of Planning & Development  
Saira Shah, Planner  
Sara Poirier, Planner  
Coby Milne, Economic Development Consultant

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND ADDITIONS**

The following items were added:  
7(c) Procedure for Cancelling Meetings

**Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved.**

**Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2018**

**Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of Hantsport Area Advisory Committee of November 14, 2018 be approved as circulated noting any errors or omissions.**

**Motion carried.**

## **MUNICIPAL UPDATE**

Chair Zwicker reported that the arena project is on-going. He noted that he will discuss the potential upgrades for the Hantsport area with the Municipal Engineer before the February HAAC meeting.

## **SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE (Saira Shah)**

Ms. Shah said the Staff Grant application for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions planning was not successful. She is waiting on confirmation for additional funding opportunities and programs.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **Update - Hantsport Household Livestock By-law (Saira Shah)**

Ms. Shah reported that the advertisement for the Public Hearing was not placed in the newspaper in time for the December Council meeting. The Public Hearing for this amendment will take place on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Update - Bill 177 (Sara Poirier)**

Ms. Poirier said that the notice of amendment regarding the amendments to the MPS had been placed in the local paper and the amendments are now effective. The Public Hearing and Second Reading regarding the accompanying Comprehensive Development District By-law was held January 8 and will be sent to the Minister for approval.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Hantsport Aboiteau**

Chair Zwicker reported that MLA Porter has now said the aboiteau is to be fixed on a temporary basis; it is likely to be a culvert to begin with. Engineers will be here "this week" to begin the process.

It is not known what the community wants or needs on a permanent basis, and what the long-term solution is. Committee members mentioned reports which had been done in the past regarding the area. Staff will see if any are now available and will circulate anything relevant.

## **Economic Development Update - Coby Milne**

Mr. Milne acts as Economic Development Consultant for West Hants and is gathering information for an Economic Development Strategy and has a draft framework now being discussed with members of Council. The Strategy has three priorities: The Strategy has three priorities: improve business friendliness; build community capacity; and help with becoming investment ready. In discussion and in response to questions Mr. Milne made the following comments;

- The first course of action for Hantsport would be to pull together and strengthen the existing business community; this could be done by re-establishing the Hantsport and Area Business Association (HABA) or creating a new association
- A Business Improvement District (BID) could be useful. One of its main tools would be a self-imposed tax which could then be used to carry out whatever the organization considers its priorities. This is often a façade program. A BID can also apply for provincial programs not available to individual businesses.
- BIDs are useful for information sharing and can be created using sweat equity.
- Not-for-profit organizations not completely funded by government can be members as can organizations fully funded by government which improve the business community.
- A BID can determine and create a brand for a business community.
- Mr. Milne said that the Strategy will not specifically identify market research as a need but that research for broader community trends is needed.
- Following discussion, Ms. LeMay said staff would review the requirements for Bed and Breakfast establishments in Hantsport and bring the information for discussion at the February HAAC meeting.
- Mr. Milne agreed that he would be able to attend HAAC to present the framework to community members. The meeting date is to be determined as soon as possible.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Procedure for Cancelling Meetings**

Mr. Zamora raised the topic of notification of meeting cancellation as there was insufficient notice to Committee members when the December meeting was cancelled. It was agreed that meetings be cancelled only with 48 hours' notice. Ms. LeMay asked Committee members to advise staff before meetings of any questions they might like staff to respond to.

## **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next HAAC meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved and Seconded that the meeting adjourn.**

**Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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Chair