



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Hantsport Area Advisory Committee (HAAC)
February 19, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
Hantsport Office**

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

STAFF: Madelyn LeMay, Director of Planning & Development
Saira Shah, Planner
Sara Poirier, Planner
Velma Macumber, Planning Admin
Coby Milne, Economic Development Consultant

PUBLIC: Three members of the public were present

CALL TO ORDER

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.

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF HANTSPORT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2019
AND SPECIAL HANTSPORT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 31, 2019**

Moved and Seconded that the Hantsport Area Advisory Committee Minutes of January 9, 2019 and the Special Hantsport Area Advisory Committee Minutes of January 31, 2019 be approved as circulated noting any errors or omissions.

Motion carried.

Ms. Davis clarified that an email was circulated to the Aboiteau Action Committee that she had requested that the Chair contact Shaw Concrete, and this was not the case.

MUNICIPAL UPDATE

Chair Zwicker reported that a CBC article on the aboiteau stated Minister Lloyd Hines is waiting for approvals from Department of Fisheries and Nova Scotia Environment before repair work can be done. Municipal Affairs Minister, Chuck Porter, has assured that the work will be done; however, they are not willing to share the design drawings. Chair Zwicker also asked Mr. Porter about the guardrails and he was advised that the NSTIR is evaluating the situation. Chair Zwicker noted that although HAAC wants to advocate on behalf of the community, the aboiteau is not a municipal issue.

Ms. LeMay noted that the recommendations made at the special HAAC meeting of January 31, 2019 have not gone to the PAC HAC yet as the Committee has not met since the HAAC meeting took place. The PAC HAC will be meeting on February 21, 2019.

Discussion was held with respect to other options that may be available to the Committee. Several members suggested using the Environmental Emergency Act and declaring the aboiteau a state of emergency. A suggestion was made for Chair Zwicker to email the Warden to call a special Council meeting to discuss declaring a state of emergency.

Ms. LeMay advised that the HAAC's only mandate is to recommend to the PAC. The PAC can then recommend to Council. However, Chair Zwicker, as an individual Council member can choose to bring this up at any Council meeting.

A brief discussion ensued to define the state of emergency.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE (Saira Shah)

Ms. Shah advised that Council approved \$20,000 to be placed in the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan 2019/2020 budget for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions planning. Unfortunately, West Hants will not be receiving the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Staff Grant to hire a new staff member to work on GHG emissions planning. The funds provided by Council will be used to hire a consultant to create a GHG emissions inventory and forecasting model.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

Ms. Shah reported that the Public Hearing took place at the February 12th Council meeting. Council was not in favour of the animal units recommended by HAAC and requested that the animal units for Hantsport match the West Hants definition for animal units. These changes are considered substantial and create unintended consequences, therefore Council will need to hold a new public hearing or amend the motion.

Committee members expressed concern with respect to the amount of work and efforts they put into the development of the amendments for the community for Hantsport.

Ms. Shah will be preparing a report outlining options for consideration by Council on March 12th.

Update - Commercial Development District Improvement By-law and Phased-In Assessment Agreement (Sara Poirier)

Ms. Poirier advised that both Windsor and West Hants Commercial Development District Improvement By-laws had to go to the Transition Co-ordinating Committee for review prior to being sent to Municipal Affairs. Municipal Affairs is now reviewing both by-laws.

NEW BUSINESS

Economic Strategic Framework and Business Improvement Districts (Coby Milne)

Mr. Milne provided some background information about his consulting company Roman 3 Solutions. The company is a local advisory and solutions service provider with locations in Coldbrook and Windsor. They offer community, economic, and organizational solutions to the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. He advised that currently, Roman 3 Solutions has been contracted by the Municipality of West Hants to provide economic solutions in preparation of the creation of the new regional municipality.

Mr. Milne presented a draft framework for an economic improvement plan which outlined strategies and goals that align with the strategic plan for West Hants. The framework is being shared with the wider community for comment.

Mr. Milne described several Collaborative Business Groups (CBGs) which are member-led organizational models that support community, industries, or businesses. There are three (3) main types of CBGs, and they are organized by their revenue type:

- Volunteer or Grant/Donation Based Revenue
- Membership Based Revenue

- Tax Based Revenue

Mr. Milne advised that he will email his presentation for staff to circulate to the Committee for review and discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS

Hantsport area upgrades

Chair Zwicker advised that the Municipality is currently seeking proposals for Main and Prince Streets services upgrades.

A brief discussion was held about other street upgrades for Hantsport.

It was noted that the RFP for Main and Prince Street service upgrades is posted on the municipal website with a closing time of 2:00 p.m., February 28, 2019.

HAAC Meetings

Suggestion was made to hold a Q & A session after each item on the agenda for the members of the public. Ms. LeMay commented that it was a great idea. Chair Zwicker added that a small note should be placed on future agendas to inform the public that they can ask questions after each item.

Information Circulation

A brief discussion was held about circulating information to the residents of Hantsport to inform them of what is happening in Hantsport.

Moved and Seconded that the Hantsport Area Advisory Committee recommends that the Planning Advisory Committee recommend to Council that information regarding Hantsport be circulated quarterly with the Hantsport water bills.

Motion carried.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

No members of the public were present at this time.

NEXT MEETING

The next HAAC meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Chair