



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Hantsport Area Advisory Committee (HAAC)
March 13, 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
- REGRETS:** Bill Preston, Resident Member
- PUBLIC:** No 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 FEBRUARY 19, 2019

Moved and Seconded that the Hantsport Area Advisory Committee Minutes of February 19, 2019 be approved as circulated noting any errors or omissions.

Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL UPDATE

Hantsport Aboiteau

Chair Zwicker reported that he is working with Nova Scotia Power to relocate the power lines from CKF across the aboiteau. Chair Zwicker commented that he spoke with a project engineer from Dexter Construction, and was advised that there are three plans for the design of the aboiteau. Although, the final design has not been chosen to date, Chair Zwicker has been told all designs include a flapper gate.

Hantsport Household Livestock

Chair Zwicker advised that the Hantsport Household Livestock amendments went to Council on March 12th for further consideration. When Council reviewed the two options presented by Ms. Shah, there was a tied vote. Chair Zwicker stated he changed his vote to go with the option to have another Public Hearing. He commented that this option would open the matter back up for public consultation.

Ms. Shah reported that the Public Hearing will be scheduled for the April 9th Council meeting. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to address Council's request to reduce the number of chickens permitted in the draft Hantsport livestock amendments from 80 to 25.

Ms. LeMay advised that Ms. Shah will provide an update on this amendment at the next PAC/HAC meeting.

Hantsport Aboiteau cont'd

Chair Zwicker stated that Council revised the motion to write a letter to the DTIR to emphasize the need for a hazard analysis for the guardrail for the Hantsport Collector.

Discussion was held about getting clarification with respect to the possibility of reclamation of the land that was damaged by the flooding.

The Committee also discussed the Environmental Emergency Act and declaring the aboiteau a state of emergency. This matter was discussed at a Council meeting where the REMO Coordinator attended and clarified what is determined a state of emergency. Ms. LeMay suggested that the REMO Coordinator could attend a HAAC meeting to explain a state of emergency to the Committee.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE (Saira Shah)

Ms. Shah advised that, pending budget approval, two students will be hired to work on GHG emissions planning. The students will be working with a consultant to create a GHG emissions inventory and forecasting model.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

The matter was discussed earlier in the meeting.

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

Ms. Poirier noted that there are no new updates at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nova Scotia Planning Directors Association 2019 Spring Conference (Sara Poirier)

Ms. Poirier advised that this year's Nova Scotia Planning Conference will be held between May 29-31, 2019 at the Westin Nova Scotian in Halifax. This year's theme is Housing for All: Sharing Our Stories. She advised that in Canada, ensuring everyone has adequate housing to meet their needs is a complex challenge that requires collaborating with many people. The goal of the conference is to explore all areas of housing and hear local innovative stories addressing the goal of providing housing for all. As one of the co-chairs of the conference planning committee, Ms. Poirier is involved with planning the conference. She advised that Council approved up to two (2) Council members and one (1) member-at-large of HAAC/PAC/HAC to attend the Nova Scotia Planning Conference being held in Halifax, May 29-31, 2019, at an approximate individual cost of \$410.00 each.

MISCELLANEOUS

Hantsport Information

Ms. Davis asked about the progress of circulating information in the water bills to the residents of Hantsport to inform them of what is happening in Hantsport. Chair Zwicker reported that Council had tabled the motion pending more information from HAAC including who would be providing information, what information would be included and who would be drafting the 1-page newsletter.

A suggestion was made that the Committee members prepare information to go into the July water bills.

Ms. LeMay added that she would inquire about the water bill cycle and the process for inserting a 1-page newsletter into the water bills.

Consolidation Update

Ms. LeMay recommended that the matter of a Consolidation Update be added for future agendas. Ms. LeMay advised the Planning Department will soon be operating jointly with the Town of Windsor. The Development Officer for the Town will be working in the Planning Department twice a week and West Hants staff will be in Windsor during these times.

Riverview Cemetery Presentation

Ms. Poirier advised that Hartley Atwell, GIS Technician, will be presenting the online mapping that was developed of the Riverview Cemetery at the next PAC/HAC meeting. She invited the HAAC to attend the meeting.

Hantsport Household Livestock cont'd

Discussion continued with respect to Council's decision that the animal units for Hantsport match the West Hants definition for animal units. Several committee members noted that there were very specific animals that they felt were inappropriate for Hantsport. The Committee agreed that Hantsport is different than other communities in West Hants and should have its own planning policies to reflect the community.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

No members of the public were in attendance.

NEXT MEETING

The next HAAC meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Chair