



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS  
Hantsport Area Advisory Committee (HAAC)  
May 8, 2019, 11:00 a.m.  
Hantsport Office**

- PRESENT:** Jane Davis, Vice Chair  
Philip Zamora, Resident Member  
Bill Preston, Resident Member  
Greg Pace, Resident Member
- STAFF:** Madelyn LeMay, Director of Planning & Development
- REGRETS:** Robbie Zwicker, Chair  
Donald Hussey, Resident Member
- PUBLIC:** No members of the public were present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND ADDITIONS**

Items 9(a) Hantsport Aboiteau and 9(b) Climate Change were added to the agenda under Miscellaneous.

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

**Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF HANTSPORT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF April 10, 2019**

**Moved and Seconded that the Hantsport Area Advisory Committee Minutes of April 10, 2019 be approved as circulated noting any errors or omissions.**

**Motion carried.**

## **MUNICIPAL UPDATE**

No Municipal Update was provided as Councillor Zwicker was not in attendance. Vice Chair Davis noted that at the recent Transition Committee meeting, the municipal funding for work on Main Street (Willow St. to School St. and William St. to Tannery Road) and a portion of Prince Street was approved; the Municipality awaits funding from the Province before the projects can begin.

## **CONSOLIDATION UPDATE (Madelyn LeMay)**

Ms. LeMay noted office spaces for West Hants and Windsor staff are established in each municipal building; the "consolidation" is complete for the department. The major work of preparing all policies, by-laws and other documents for the Region remains.

The hearing before the UARB regarding Districts and boundaries will be held June 24 and 25, 2019.

## **SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE (Madelyn LeMay)**

Two (2) students have been hired and will begin work in about two weeks; the Request for Proposals for GHG emissions planning was posted. A recommendation regarding hiring a consultant will be made to the June Municipal Climate Change Action Plan meeting.

Vice Chair Davis noted that the discussion regarding the keeping of household livestock in Hantsport is really an issue of sustainability and remains a concern to the Committee. It was the consensus of the Committee that planning staff re-draft amendments and reports so that the rational more clearly reflects the need and desire for food sustainability. Terms used within the report and amendments should reflect this as far as possible.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **Update - Nova Scotia Planning Directors Association 2019 Spring Conference**

Ms. LeMay advised that one place is available for resident members to attend the conference, and that this could be for the entire conference or just one day. Ms. Macumber will register anyone who wishes to attend.

### **Budget**

Ms. LeMay noted that during the final budget consideration, Council approved the Economic Development Officer position for the 2019-2020 budget.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business was heard.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Hantsport Aboiteau**

The Committee again discussed the use of a culvert versus an aboiteau, with members noting that the design for the replacement is apparently for two culverts with “flap” to be added if necessary, at a later date. Discussion followed on the need and potential for fish passage, the design of the structures and the unavailability of information from the province regarding the project. The question of what process was used to determine design, required approvals and public consultation was also raised.

### **Climate Change**

Mr. Pace noted that the recent UN report on climate change reinforces the concerns he has had and the need for action to be taken at both an individual and community level regarding climate change. Members agreed that all need to take climate change “personally” and take whatever small steps they can. The Committee read and considered the ICSP policies which are contained within the Hantsport MPS.

It was the consensus of the Committee that planning staff investigate and report on development of a financial support program for alternative forms of energy (solar, air, etc.) in accordance with HMPS policy 2.2.1(8).

The Committee also requested that Climate Change be added as a regular agenda item from now on.

## **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

No members of the public were in attendance.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next HAAC meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

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Chair