



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Hantsport Area Advisory Committee (HAAC)
June 12, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
Hantsport Office**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Zwicker called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND ADDITIONS

Mr. Hussey requested that the first item of business from now on be an update on the Hantsport aboiteau; the Committee agreed that from now on agenda item #4 should read: Municipal Update; "Hantsport Aboiteau".

Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF HANTSPORT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF May 8, 2019

Moved and Seconded that the Hantsport Area Advisory Committee Minutes of May 8, 2019 be approved as circulated noting any errors or omissions.

Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL UPDATE

Councillor Zwicker reported that it appears that Dexter Construction Company is bringing in clay and rock for the aboiteau and that Minister Chuck Porter had said that gates are designed in case they are required. Discussion followed on the gates; supports required; the lack of transparency of the Province related to the project; that the gates should be installed now for a trial; the depth at which the culverts are installed; concern with the design; and erosion increasing in the estuary.

Moved and Seconded that HAAC recommend to PAC/HAC that it recommend to Council that a letter be sent to Minister Porter stating that the hinges, supports and securing mechanisms for the gates be put in place and the gates be trialed now; that the community be advised of the plans for installing the gates when they are required; and that the Province advise the community of the intended final height of the structure, considering community knowledge indicates that the former structure was at least two (2) feet too low.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Zwicker noted that work has been completed on several streets (Cherry, Oak and Davis). The Municipality awaits funding from the Province before the remaining projects can begin.

Councillor Zwicker will fully update HAAC on the status of the Hantsport Fire Hall at the next HAAC meeting.

CONSOLIDATION UPDATE (Madelyn LeMay)

Ms. LeMay noted that work has increased for Windsor and that the Department is now working with Windsor to hire a Building/Fire Official. Work on revising West Hants planning forms is mainly complete; Windsor's forms remain. Work on removing all fees from all planning-related By-laws for Hantsport, West Hants and Windsor and adding them to a fees policy is in progress.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE (Madelyn LeMay)

The Committee noted that item 6 (Sustainability Update) and item 6 (Climate Change) could be combined. Ms. Davis reminded members that an updated household livestock by-law amendment with a focus on sustainability is on the "back burner" and should not be forgotten.

Considerable discussion followed on alternative energy and matters related to Climate Change. Having Climate Change as a regular agenda item was a request of Mr. Pace at the May HAAC meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was heard.

MISCELLANEOUS

Licensed Professional Planners Association of Nova Scotia (LPANS)

Ms. LeMay advised HAAC that Sara Poirier had acted as Co-Chair of the annual conference committee this year, the first year someone other than a planning director has acted in this capacity, and she did an excellent job. Ms. Poirier had prepared a brief presentation for HAAC which Ms. LeMay reviewed, noting:

- The Nova Scotia Planning Conference was held from May 29-31, 2019 in downtown Halifax with the theme of Housing for All: Sharing our Stories. The entire conference went extremely well.
- One of the keynote speakers was from Tubingen, Germany. He discussed how their Town has been redeveloping brownfield sites with community-based criteria for redevelopment.
- Another presentation was given by Ken Stannix, the Mayor of McAdam New Brunswick who discussed their plan to encourage homeownership for low income individuals. The Village purchased property from Housing New Brunswick and sold building lots to individuals for \$1.
- Other notable presentations include the Antigonish Affordable Housing Societies new energy efficient and barrier free units, a student project on a study of tiny homes in HRM, and the Town of Bridgewater's project to reduce energy poverty which won the Smart Cities \$5M prize.

Ms. LeMay advised members with questions, or who want to hear more, to contact Ms. Poirier. Mr. Preston attended the conference and added that information presented on the National Housing Co-Investment Fund (<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/nhs/co-investment-fund>) has been used in a number of places (perhaps in Windsor) and was particularly interesting.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

No members of the public were in attendance.

NEXT MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Chair