

**TOWN OF HAMPTON
COUNCIL MEETING
January 13, 2009**

A Closed Session of Council was held immediately preceding the regular Council meeting, commencing at 6:00 p.m. A regular meeting of Council was held in the Council Chambers at 27 Centennial Road on January 13, 2008 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Council: Mayor Ken Chorley Deputy Mayor Dwight Bond
Councillor Peter Behr Councillor Robert Doucet
Councillor Clara Ann Lights

Staff: Richard Malone, Chief Administrative Officer
Megan O'Brien Harrison, Town Clerk/Development Officer

Delegations: Sgt. Gourdeau, Hampton, RCMP
Terry O'Neill, Administrator, Dr. V. A. Snow Centre Inc.
Dr. Rose McCluskey, Board of Directors, Dr. V. A. Snow Centre Inc.
Gary Rent, Vice-Chairperson, Board of Directors, Dr. V. A. Snow Centre Inc.
George Stevens, Chairperson, Board of Directors, Dr. V. A. Snow Centre Inc.
Chris Mew, 127 Demille Court

Guest: David Carr, 564 Main Street

Media: Erin Dwyer, Telegraph Journal David Kelly, Kings County Record

1. CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with Section 10.2(4) of the *Municipalities Act*, Mayor Chorley called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned the same meeting at 7:00 p.m. During that time, a number of issues were discussed and the confidential information from such discussions was classified as follows:

<u>Subsection of 10.4 (2)</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u># of Items</u>
(a)	Confidential information protected by law	
(b)	Personal information	1
(c)	Financial loss or gain (individual or municipal) or could jeopardize negotiations leading to an agreement or contract	2
(d)	Land transactions for a municipal purpose	3
(e)	Violates confidentiality of information obtained from other governments (Federal and/or Provincial)	
(f)	Legal opinions or advice, and privileged communications	1
(g)	Litigation or potential litigation	
(h)	Access to/or security of particular buildings, other structures or systems	2
(i)	Information gathered by police	
(j)	Labour/Employment matters	1

2. **REGULAR SESSION – PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Chorley called the Open Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE AND MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

Deputy Mayor Bond led Council in a moment of reflection.

4. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Not Applicable.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND DELEGATIONS**

Sgt. Steve Gourdeau, Hampton RCMP

St. Gourdeau reported that the Hampton RCMP had a fairly uneventful Christmas and New Year's season. They completed checks on several hundred vehicles over the holidays and identified two impaired drivers.

Sgt. Gourdeau was pleased to report that they have made two arrests in connection to a string of break and enters throughout the District. Homes were targeted during the day time. A Hampton resident contacted the RCMP after several individuals acted oddly when he answered his door after they had knocked several times. Sgt. Gourdeau encouraged residents to follow this example and care enough to call the RCMP if they feel something is out of the ordinary.

He thanked Council for the installation of the traffic lights on Main Street.

Dr. V. A. Snow Centre Inc.

George Stevens, Chairperson of the Dr. V. A. Snow Centre Board of Directors, introduced Council to the group that would be speaking on behalf of the Centre and its Board.

Gary Rent, Vice-Chair of the Dr. V. A. Snow Centre Board of Directors, stated that the Dr. V. A. Snow Centre began as a community based initiative. The group obtained the provincial license for a nursing home in 1983. Community support also helped furnish the facility. Mr. Rent noted that the Centre is the second largest employer in Hampton. The Snow Centre is an independent facility managed by a volunteer Board of Directors. It is an accredited nursing home and operates under the provincial guidelines.

Mr. Rent stated that there was an opportunity to service the community as more than a nursing home. He indicated that an expansion of the facility was needed for additional permanent and relief care beds.

He noted the Board is currently facing the following challenges:

- Lack of/Shortfall in funding;
- Aging Infrastructure;
- Changing Needs of the Community; and
- Lack of Public Awareness

He stated that the Board needs to be aggressive and proactive in seeking funding.

Terry O'Neill, Snow Centre Administrator, provided Council with an overview of the Centre's management team. She stated that there are 50 residents in the nursing home – 49 permanent and one relief bed; and 20 seniors' apartments. Mrs. O'Neill stated that there is no age limit for nursing home care and noted that their current residents range in age from 36 years to 103 years. She indicated that the Centre provides 24 hour care (level 3 and 4) and that the residents have varying physical, medical and psychological needs. Their residents are 70% female, 30% male.

Dr. Rose McCluskey provided Council with a variety of statistics regarding seniors and senior care options, now and in the future. She indicated that the demand for senior care today exceeds the spaces and options available. She expressed concerns for the future, as statistics indicate that by 2026, 25.7% of New Brunswickers will be seniors. She noted that our region (Region 2), which stems from Sussex to St. Stephen, is currently at a disadvantage in regards to the number of care beds we have in relation to seniors. Our region currently has 926 beds, or 78 beds per 1000 seniors. Other regions have more beds per capital. For example, Region 4 has 112 beds per 1000 seniors.

Dr. McCluskey sees some of the future roles for the Snow Centre as:

- Providing more relief care beds;
- Palliative Care;
- Services for Young Disabled Residents; and
- Community Outreach

George Stevens, Chairperson of the Dr. V. A. Snow Centre Board of Directors, wrapped up the presentation by asking Council for their political support. He said it was crucial to have Council support them in lobbying both the Federal and Provincial Governments. He also asked for their assistance in raising community awareness. He mentioned that of particular concern was the expansion/renovation of the facility and community outreach program, including the purchase of a new van to transport seniors.

Mayor Chorley stated that the Board of Directors has Council's support. He also volunteered to serve on an ad hoc fundraising committee if they create one. Council thanked them for the presentation.

Chris Mew, 127 Demille Court

Mr. Mew indicated that he and other residents of Pleasant View Estates were paying a combined total of \$2,960 for street lighting and power to the pump houses. He wanted Council to inform him as to why a portion of his municipal taxes was going towards street lighting yet he was being billed for the cost of street lights in his subdivision.

It was noted that, as per an agreement with the developer of Pleasant View Estates, The Town does not pay for the power for the decorative street lighting in Pleasant View Estates. When Mr. Mew purchased his property he entered into an agreement with Pleasant View Estates Inc. which included covenants and conditions to which the sale of the property is subject. This included Mr. Mew's agreement to pay his proportionate pro rata share of certain services. Mr. Mew entered into this agreement. He knew of these conditions at the time of purchase.

Council advised Mr. Mew that this was not a Town issue. Mr. Mew had entered into a legally binding agreement with the developer of Pleasant View Estates.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

6.1 Regular Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Behr and seconded by Councillor Lights that the Minutes of the December 9, 2008 Regular Council Meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

Special Meeting of Council

Moved by Councillor Doucet and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bond that the Minutes of the December 18, 2008 Special Council Meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

Special Meeting of Council

Moved by Councillor Behr and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bond that the Minutes of the December 31, 2008 Special Council Meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Not Applicable

8. CORRESPONDENCE LIST

09-001

Harley Tingley, President Enterprise Fundy

Mr. Tingley encouraged the Town of Hampton to apply for infrastructure funding that both the Federal and Provincial governments have indicated that they intend to fast track as a means to stimulate the economy and create jobs.

Referred to Staff.

09-002

Jim McKenzie, 45 Dineen Cres.

Mr. McKenzie expressed concerns regarding misinformation on the River Centre fish panel regarding Rainbow Trout.

Staff is directed to write Mr. McKenzie to inform him that a new panel was ordered and will be installed in 2009.

09-003

Hon. Bernard LeBlanc, Minister of Local Government

Copy of Commissioner Finn's report, titled, *Building Stronger Local Governments and Regions: An Action Plan for the Future of Local Governance in New Brunswick*.

Referred to Staff to review portions that pertain to the Town of Hampton.

09-004

Tracy Glynn, Acadian Forest Campaign, Conservation Council of New Brunswick

Ms. Glynn requested the Town support the Conservation Council of New Brunswick's efforts regarding their Acadian Forest Campaign by writing a letter to the Government of New Brunswick.

Referred to the Environment Committee.

- 09-005** Penny Pacey, Executive Director, Literacy Coalition of New Brunswick
 Requested that the Town of Hampton recognize January 27th as Family Literacy Day in Hampton and encouraged the Town to host a Literacy Day event.
The Town's current policy is to not make a declaration. Council referred the request for a Literacy Day event to the Leisure Services Department and directed staff to also provide a copy of the letter to Hampton Alliance for Lifelong Learning (HALL).
- 09-006** David Keirstead, 752 Main Street
 Mr. Keirstead thanked Council for the certificate marking his retirement as Hampton's *unofficial town historian*.
Received and Filed.
- 09-007** Christopher Mew, 127 Demille Court
 Mr. Mew expressed his concerns over the payment of power to street lights in Pleasant View Estates.
Received and Filed.

9. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

- 9.1 **Moved by Deputy Mayor Bond and seconded by Councillor Lights that the Town of Hampton approve the General and Utilities Fund Paid Invoices from December 1 to December 31, 2008 for the amount of seven hundred ninety-six thousand, three dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$796,003.**

MOTION CARRIED.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 10.1 **RCMP**
 Council did not comment on the report.

- 10.2 **Library**
 Council did not comment on the report.

Moved by Councillor Lights and seconded by Councillor Behr that the Town of Hampton accept the reports from the RCMP and Hampton Library as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

11. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

- 11.1 **Dog Constable Report**
 Council noted that they liked the improved format of the dog report.

- 11.2 **Building Inspector Report**
 Council was pleased with the year-end figures in the Building Inspector's report.

11.3 Tourist Bureau/Lighthouse River Centre

Council recommended that staff add information regarding donation canvassing to the Town Website calendar of events. For example, in February it should indicate that individuals will be canvassing for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Moved by Councillor Lights and seconded by Councillor Behr that the Town of Hampton approve the Building Inspector, Dog Constable, and VIC/ River Centre reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

12. PETITIONS

Not Applicable.

13. READING OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Chorley noted that when William Bell Drive was turned over to the Town it included parcels of land in front of certain properties on William Bell Drive that are classified as street, but that are not in actual fact part of the road. In order for these parcels to be used, they must be officially closed as a street.

Respecting Closing Portions of William Bell Drive

1st Reading of By-Law #184-09

Moved by Councillor Doucet and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bond that the Town of Hampton approve the first reading of the Town of Hampton By-law No. 184-09, *A By-law to Close Portions of William Bell Drive.*

MOTION CARRIED

2nd Reading of By-Law #184-09

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bond and seconded by Councillor Doucet that the Town of Hampton approve the second reading of the Town of Hampton By-law No. 184-09, *A By-law to Close Portions of William Bell Drive.*

MOTION CARRIED

Consideration of Objections to By-law

Moved by Councillor Doucet and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bond that the Town of Hampton consider written and oral objections to By-law No. 184-09, *A By-law to Close Portions of William Bell Drive* at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10th, 2009 in Council Chambers.

MOTION CARRIED

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1 ESSO Agreement

Moved by Councillor Behr and seconded by Councillor Lights that the Town of Hampton enter into the license agreement as presented with Imperial Oil for the property known as 647 Main Street.

MOTION CARRIED

14.2 Capital Borrowing Board Application:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bond and seconded by Councillor Doucet that the Town of Hampton submit an application for authorization to borrow money for a capital expense in an amount not to exceed the following terms and the amount be submitted to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board:

<u>Purpose:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Term:</u>
Protective Services:		
Fire Tanker	\$340,000	15 yr
Truck Refurbishment	\$ 35,000	5 yr
General Government Services:		
Land	\$300,000	30 yr

MOTION CARRIED

14.3 Resignation of James English

Moved by Councillor Doucet and seconded by Councillor Behr that the Town of Hampton accept the resignation of James English effective December 31, 2008.

MOTION CARRIED

15. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Street Lights

Council Doucet noted that it was nice to see the street lights up and running.

Speed Limit in Subdivision

Councillor Doucet stated that he has received several requests from residents to reduce the speed limit in subdivision to 30 or 40 km per hour.

Council directed staff to review the Traffic Study and to consult with neighbouring municipalities on their policies.

Deer in the Town Limits

Council stated their concerns over the increasing deer population.

Council directed staff to investigate possible options. Mayor Chorley also indicated that the issue should be raised with UMN.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of Council was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Behr and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bond that the Town of Hampton adjourn the council meeting of January 13, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED:

Ken Chorley, Mayor

Megan O'Brien Harrison, Clerk