

TOWN OF HAMPTON COUNCIL MEETING

October 12, 2021

A closed session of Council was held immediately preceding the regular Council meeting, commencing at 5:30 pm. A regular meeting of Council was held at the Town Hall, 648 Main Street on October 12, 2021, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL: Mayor Robert Doucet Deputy Mayor Jeremy Salgado
 Councillor Todd Beach Councillor Ken Chorley
 Councillor Kim Tompkins

STAFF: Richard Malone, Town CAO
 Megan O'Brien Harrison, Town Clerk/Communications Officer
 Chris White, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism

DELEGATIONS: Cpl. David Smith, Hampton RCMP
 Paulette Hicks, Envision Saint John

GUESTS: Chris Rendell
 Josh Adams

1. CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with Section 68(1) of the *Local Governance Act*, Mayor Doucet called the closed session to order at 5:30 p.m. and adjourned the closed session at 7:00 p.m. Council entered in a second closed session at 8:25 pm and adjourned same at 9:00 pm. It was noted that Sherman St. Germain, Town Treasurer, Arthur McCarthy, Building and Development Officer and Chris White, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism attended the Closed Session. During that time, several issues were discussed and the confidential information from such discussions was classified as follows:

<u>Subsection of 68 (1) Category</u>	<u># of Items</u>
a) Information of which that confidentiality is protected by law	2
b) Personal information as defined by the <i>Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i>	
c) Information that could cause financial loss or gain to a person or the local government or could jeopardize negotiations leading to an agreement or contract	6
d) The proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land	1
e) Information that could violate the confidentiality of information obtained from the Government of Canada or from the government of a province or territory	
f) Information concerning legal opinions or advice provided to the local Government by its solicitor or privileged communications between solicitor and client in a matter of local government business	
g) Litigation or potential litigation affecting the local government or any corporation referred to in subsection 8(1), the local government's agencies, boards or commissions including a matter before an administrative tribunal	
h) Access to or security of buildings and other structures occupied or used by the local government or access to or security of systems of the local government or access to or security of systems of the local government, including computer or communications systems	
i) Information gathered by police, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in the course of investigating any illegal activity or suspected illegal activity, or the source of that information	
j) Labour and employment matters, including the negotiation of collective agreements	2

OPEN REGULAR SESSION (7:00 pm)

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Doucet called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

3. SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Mayor Doucet requested that everyone rise for a moment of silent reflection.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Salgado that the agenda of the October 12, 2021 Council meeting be approved with the noted amendment.

MOTION CARRIED

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Doucet asked that anyone who has a conflict of interest declare it when they reach that item on the agenda.

6. DELEGATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 RCMP REPORT

Cpl. David Smith of the Hampton RCMP provided Council with an update of the following month. He indicated that he was new to the area. Council welcomed him to Hampton. Cpl. Smith reported that traffic enforcement had recently been focused on the school zones. With COVID-19 restrictions, there are no school walk-throughs but they have had a vehicle presence in the area.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of September 14, 2021

Moved by Councillor Beach and seconded by Deputy Mayor Salgado that the minutes of the September 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were none

9. CORRESPONDENCE

#	From	Subject Matter	Recommendation
21-049	Evan Bellamy	Request for sponsorship	Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Salgado that the Town of Hampton purchase a Bronze Sponsorship at a cost of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the U18 Vito's team. MOTION CARRIED

10. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Councillor Tompkins that the Town of Hampton approve the General and Utilities Fund Paid Invoices from September 1 to September 30, 2021 for the amount of three hundred thousand, five hundred and sixteen dollars and fifty-seven cents. (\$300,516.57).

MOTION CARRIED

11.REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

11.1 Fire-Rescue

Councillor Beach provided an overview of the Fire-Rescue Minutes. Noting 329 total fire hours for the month of September with 1696 total fire hours, year-to-date.

11.2 EMO

Councillor Tompkins reviewed the EMO minutes. It was noted that Debbie Delong and Lori Burns recently resigned from the committee. The committee reviewed the applications of Robin and Kirk Langford to serve on EMO.

Moved by Councillor Tompkins and seconded by Councillor Beach that the Town of Hampton appoint Robin and Kirk Langford to the Hampton EMO Committee effective immediately as recommended by the Hampton EMO Coordinator.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Tompkins noted that Keith Copeland & Fred Cormier had conducted a Community Volunteer Network presentation at the Hampton Food Basket in September. They would be presenting to other community groups in October.

11.3 Leisure Services

Deputy Mayor Salgado presented Council with the Leisure Services report. He noted that the committee is recommending a policy that would allow only service animals in the arena. Staff has been tasked with drafting a policy for consideration. The Leisure Services Director will also ensure that there is signage at the ball fields concerning dogs not being permitted on the playing field. He noted that the Hampton Community Centre's Operational Plan: Living with COVID-19 was circulated to Ice Users. The Parks department has begun working on Christmas decorations and they have resurfaced the Spooner Island trail due to

11.4 Age-Friendly

Councillor Tompkins provided an update on the Age-Friendly Community Committee. They have completed a community survey. They are prepared to conduct 3-4 focus group meetings in the coming weeks.

11.5 Economic Development and Tourism

Councillor Beach reviewed the Economic Development and Tourism minutes. The Town has submitted an application for federal funding to adapt the Lighthouse River Centre into more of a community access/arts and cultural space. The application is still under review. The Town of Hampton continues to discuss EV Car chargers with NB Power.

11.6 Tourism

Councillor Beach provided an overview of the Tourism Subcommittee minutes. He noted that the Manager of Economic Development and Tourism had reported that the Provincial Department of Tourism had shared a great quantity of images from the Town of Hampton as part of their summer tourism campaign. There was also lots of positive response to Envision Saint John's "SJ and the Towns By the Bay" campaign. Hampton was well represented.

- 11.7 Public Works Advisory and Utilities Commission
Councillor Chorley presented the Public Works Advisory and Utilities Commission minutes to Council.

Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Salgado that the 2022 Water and Sewer Rates be forwarded to the Finance Committee for consideration in the 2022 Budget as recommended by the Public Works Advisory and Utilities Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Councillor Beach that the Town of Hampton install jersey barricades at each end of water street, allowing foot traffic only as recommended by the Public Works Advisory and Utilities Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Beach and seconded by Councillor Tompkins that the Town of Hampton accept Fire-Rescue, EMO, Leisure Services Advisory, Age-Friendly Community, Economic Development and Tourism, Tourism, Public Works Advisory and Utilities Commission and Joint Health and Safety committee reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

12. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

- 12.1 Building Permit Report
Council reviewed the Building Permit Report.
- 12.2 Dog Constable
Council reviewed the Dog Constable Report for the month.
- 12.3 Financial Reports
Council reviewed the Financial Reports.
- 12.4 Communications Report
The Communications Officer provided an overview of the Communications Report for September.

Moved by Councillor Tompkins and seconded by Councillor Beach that the Town of Hampton approve the Building Inspector, Dog Constable Report, Financial and Communications Reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

13. BYLAWS

- 13.1 By-law 217-2021 A Bylaw to Close Oakville Crescent
Moved by Councillor Tompkins and seconded by Councillor Beach that the Town of Hampton approve and enact the third and final reading of By-law 217-2021 – A By-law to Close Oakville Crescent.

MOTION CARRIED

By-law 218-2021 Animal Control By-law

Moved by Deputy Mayor Salgado and seconded by Councillor Chorley that the Town of Hampton approve the first reading of By-law 218-2021 – Animal Control By-law.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Salgado and seconded by Councillor Tompkins that the Town of Hampton approve the second reading of By-law 218-2021 – Animal Control By-law.

MOTION CARRIED

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1 Oakville Crescent

Moved by Councillor Tompkins and seconded by Deputy Mayor Salgado that the Town of Hampton assent to the subdivision plan, entitled “Amending Subdivision Plan – O’Dell Ltd. Subdivision” prepared by Don-Moore Surveys and Engineering Ltd. dated October 6th, 2021 for the consolidation of five existing residential lots (85-2A, 85-3A, 85-4A, 85-5A and 85-6A) and the existing public street (Oakville Crescent), thus creating one new lot (21-1) and vests an existing Combined Public Utility and Drainage Easement, subject to the following conditions:

- The Town of Hampton has performed third and final reading of BY-LAW NO. 217-2021, a By-law to Close Oakville Crescent, and registering such document with Service New Brunswick, thus enacting By-Law 217-2021;
- Plans to be signed by respective landowners, Richard H. Brown, President, B & R Brown Holdings Ltd., the Town of Hampton as well as the appropriate utilities;
- Confirmation of discharge of any encumbrances related to the former lots, specifically identified as PID # 30056238, 30063317, 30098107, 30063309 and 30165781; and
- Execution of all transfer documents required to carry out releasing the Town of Hampton ownership to B & R Brown Holdings Ltd., and B&R Brown Holdings Ltd. agrees to pay all survey cost, legal fees and expenses relating to the registering of plan and transfer documents.

MOTION CARRIED

14.2 Agreement with Reid’s Funeral Home

Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Salgado that the Town of Hampton enter into a short-term rental agreement with Reid’s Funeral Home, ending on March 31, 2022, for use of the Lighthouse River Centre.

MOTION CARRIED

15. DELEGATIONS

15.1 Paulette Hicks – Envision Saint John: The Regional Growth Agency

Paulette Hicks, CEO of Envision Saint John, presented the strategic plan that sets the strategic vision for Envision Saint John: The Regional Growth Agency.

Envision Saint John was born from a desire to have a single entity charged with fostering growth in our community and realizing that vision. It is made up of the City of Saint John and the towns of Grand Bay-Westfield, Hampton, Quispamsis, Rothesay, and St. Martins – each with their own identity yet sharing a common desire for sustainable growth. Envision Saint John is strategically led by an independent Board of Directors made up of business and academic leaders along with municipal and provincial investor representatives.

Strategic Priorities include:

Growth Readiness, including future-back strategies to address labour force, housing, strategic real estate development, access to healthcare, schools, and other community amenities. People and investment select places that tick all those boxes.

Talent Acquisition and Pipeline. Envision Saint John will be a catalyst in ensuring we are graduating, upskilling, and attracting the skills and expertise to provide the labour force that the global economy demands.

Entrepreneurship and Business Growth. By solidifying partnerships with industry, business, government, and academia, Envision Saint John is ensuring that the experts are taking the lead in building and nurturing the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Tompkins moved that the Town of Hampton adjourn the Council meeting of October 12, 2021 back to into Closed Session at 8:25 pm.

Motion Carried

17. CLOSED SESSION

18. OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Doucet called the open session of Council back in order at 9:02 pm.

19. NEW BUSINESS

19.1 Pleasant View Estates Traffic Request

Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Councillor Tompkins to rescind the following motion of July 13, 2021 Regular Council meeting:
Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Councillor Tompkins that the Town of Hampton refrain from installing extra traffic signs in the Pleasant View Estates subdivision based on the data collected from the traffic counters and the recommendation of the Public Works Advisory and Utilities Commission and that a second traffic review will be conducted when the development is complete.

light of any increase in residential traffic and area residents' concerns.

MOTION CARRIED

Council debated the merits of installing stop signs at the intersection of DeMille Court and Mapleview Drive. Councillor Chorley did not feel that a three-way stop was warranted. He felt that residents were asking for two stops at this intersection.

Moved by Councillor Beach and seconded by Deputy Mayor Salgado that the Town of Hampton create a three-way stop at the intersection of DeMille Court and Mapleview Drive.

MOTION CARRIED

19.2 Hopkins Request on Lakeside Road

Council directed staff to trim the boughs and straighten the “S” curve signs on the Lakeside Road in the vicinity of the Hampton Bible Camp and to install supplementary signage on these two “S” curve signs to indicated reduced speed on the “S” curve section.

20.ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting of October 12, 2021 was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Councillor Beach moved that the Town of Hampton adjourn the Council meeting of October 12, 2021.

Motion Carried