

TOWN OF HAMPTON COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2021

A closed session of Council was held immediately preceding the regular Council meeting, commencing at 6:00 pm. A regular meeting of Council was held January 11, 2022, virtually on Microsoft Teams 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/Assistant Town Clerk
Megan O'Brien Harrison, Town Clerk/Communications Officer
Marilyn Duplacey, Administrative Assistant Planning and Development

MEDIA: Catherine Morrison, Kings County Record

DELEGATIONS: Jeff Benjamin and Sean Doyle, Dillon Consulting
Paulette Hicks, Envision Saint John

1. CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with Section 68(1) of the *Local Governance Act*, Mayor Doucet called the closed session to order at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned the closed session at 6:55 p.m. It was noted that Mike Raeburn, Director of Public Works and Utilities and Sherman St. Germain, Town Treasurer attended the Closed Session. During that time, several issues were discussed and the confidential information from such discussions was classified as follows:

Subsection of 68 (1) Category	# of Items
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	5
d) The proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land	
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	1

OPEN REGULAR SESSION (7:00 pm)

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Doucet called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

3. SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Mayor Doucet requested that everyone take a moment of silent reflection.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Councillor Tompkins that the agenda of the January 11, 2022, Council meeting be approved as presented.

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 Jeffrey Benjamin and Sean Doyle, Dillon Consulting - Wetland Inventory and Functional Assessment Project

Jeff Benjamin and Sean Doyle provided council with an overview of the wetland inventory and functional assessment project that they are completing for the Town of Hampton. Mr. Benjamin noted that the project was completed in three phases: 1) Desktop review and GIS analysis, 2) Field inventory and functional assessment, and 3) Finalization of GIS Map. He noted that identified three priority areas which were: 1) Dutch Point, 2) Highway 1, east of exit 158, and 3) the Hampton High School Alder Swamp. In summary, he stated that the Town of Hampton is home to various waterbodies and wetland areas associated with the Kennebecasis River Centre. This has presented challenges, including seasonal flooding, which is expected to become more frequent and/or intense due to climate change. This project will promote resilient and sustainable land use planning and development for the future.

Council thanked them for their work and the presentation.

6.2 Paulette Hicks, Envision Saint John – Key Performance Indicators

Paulette Hicks presented an overview of the work of Envision Saint John at their first-year anniversary mark, focusing on their Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). She indicated that they have established 10-year outcomes being:

- 1) More People – Growing the population by 25,000 from the 2021 census,
- 2) More Tax Revenue – Increasing municipal property tax base by 30-35% from 2022, and
- 3) Stronger Place Brand – The community is highly regarded, and our people are proud ambassadors, as measured by a positive change related to price of place over 2022 baseline.

She noted that their strategic priorities included growth readiness, talent acquisition and pipeline and entrepreneurship and business growth. She provided some examples of how they would be moving forward with these. She said stated that all activities

and resources will always be aligned to Envision SJ 10-year outcomes. Strategic platforms and opportunities will be continually evaluated/measured to ensure support of the 10-year outcomes. She announced that they would be launching a dashboard on their Envision Saint John website later this week that people can access to see how the agency is meeting these targets.

Council thanked Ms. Hicks for her presentation.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of December 14, 2021

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

MOTION CARRIED

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was none.

9. CORRESPONDENCE LIST

#	From	Subject Matter	Recommendation
22-001	Daryl Alward, President, Royal Canadian Legion, New Brunswick Provincial Command	Request to advertise in the 19 th annual Military Service Recognition Book.	Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Salgado that the Town of Hampton purchase a ¼ page black and white advertisement in the 19th annual Military Service Recognition Book in the amount of \$345.00 including tax. MOTION CARRIED
22-002	Lynne Keith, Hampton High School Yearbook Advisor	Request to advertise in the 2022 Hampton High School Yearbook	Moved by Councillor Tompkins and seconded by Councillor Beach that the Town of Hampton purchase a full-page advertisement in the 2022 Hampton High School yearbook at a cost of \$250.00. MOTION CARRIED
22-003	Aldeo Saulnier, Mayor of Bouctouche	Copy of Letter to Minister Marco Mendicino regarding retroactive RCMP pay.	Moved by Councillor Beach and seconded by Councillor Chorley that correspondence 22-003 be received and filed. 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 December 1 to December 31, 2021, for the amount of four hundred forty-three thousand, three hundred and fifteen dollars and seventy-two cents (\$443,315.72).

MOTION CARRIED

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

11.1 Fire-Rescue

Councillor Beach provided an overview of the Fire-Rescue report for December, which included yearly totals. He noted that half of the calls for December were motor vehicle related. He also noted that a compost bin caught fire due to the disposal of ashes in the bin. Council asked that information be included in an upcoming newsletter regarding safe disposal of ashes. Councillor Beach stated that Ben Leblanc, Hampton's first full-time paid firefighter had begun work.

Moved by Councillor Tompkins and seconded by Councillor Chorley that the Town of Hampton accept the Fire-Rescue and Joint Health and Safety report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

12. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

12.1 Dog Constable

Council reviewed the dog constable report.

12.2 Financial Reports

Councillor Chorley noted that the Financial Report was in order.

12.3 Building Permit Report

Councillor Tompkins provided an overview of the building permit report for December including year-end totals.

12.4 Communications Report

The Communications Officer provided the Communications report for December noting that the new facility welcome signs had been installed. Council decided to commission these new facility welcome signs as part of the Town's ongoing commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. In order to make our facilities more welcoming and inviting, and in acknowledgement of the languages of the First Nations on whose territory Hampton is located, the Town has installed these welcome signs in our Town facilities. They were designed by New Brunswick Indigenous artist Emma Hassencahl-Perley. Emma is Wolastoqew from Neqotkuk (Tobique First Nation), NB. The signs appear in the Town Hall, Hampton Community Centre, Lighthouse River Centre and Visitor Information Centre. The design includes simple double-curves and Wabanaki beadwork with some eastern woodland influences and include the word welcome in both Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqey

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

There are none.

14. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

15. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

There was none.

16. AJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of Council was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Beach that the Town of Hampton adjourn the council meeting of January 11, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED