

Town of Hampton Economic Development Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

In attendance: Chris White (*staff*), Josh Adams (*Chair*), Chris Rendell, Councillor Todd Beach, Michel Boudreau, Richard Malone, Jill Ganong, Bruce Fowler, Marcelle Bélanger, Arthur McCarthy (Planning Dept.)

Regrets: Trina Forest, Heather Libbey

1. **Call to Order:** Josh Adams called the meeting to order at 6:31pm
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Chris Rendell, seconded by Marcelle Bélanger
3. **Declaration of Conflict of interest:** none
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Michel Boudreau, seconded by Chris Rendell to approve minutes of March 21, 2023.
5. Planning Department Review
 - a. Arthur McCarthy joined to discuss application for development involving mix of retail sites (4) and residential (100 lots), including smaller residential lots for greater density under new R2. Phased approach. Green space allocations included to meet LPP requirements. The following items were flagged as questions / comments to consider in the Planning review:
 - i. Questions about the greenspace plan, particularly the proposed use of space under power structures, to meet the LPP requirements. Can this be achieved (NB Power)? Suitability? Can this connect to the new multi-purpose facility?
 - ii. Parking for retail spaces is not defined. Will this be implemented in the rear of these buildings to ensure Hampton standards on streetscape?
 - iii. Will the sites use Community Well structure or Individual wells? Concerns about the impact of that number of individual wells and of the Cost to Convert to a communal or municipal system later.
 - iv. Are there any plans for Restrictive Covenants with this development? In the past this has created issues for the town afterwards in meeting owner expectations. Recommend if Restrictive Covenants that they be added to purchaser documents and signed off as part of the Developers Agreement.
 - b. Motion:** *Jill Ganong moved that the above discussion points from Economic Development Committee be included in the Planning review of the proposed development. Seconded by Michel Boudreau.*
6. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - a. Local Governance Reform: Richard Malone noted Garbage Collection tenders will go out in summer 2023. Recycling still in review. Policing discussions underway – currently two contracts (Ward 2 / Ward 1 and 3). Fires Services meeting; fire permit process under review. RSC CAOs meeting monthly; Regional Facilities a focus.
 - b. Envision Saint John: presentation to Council on dashboard, metrics and key deliverables to date. Chris White to share presentation with committee.
 - c. Storefront Improvement Grant – four applications approved; Floyd’s Appliances, Village Hair Design, Lutz Parish Gerrish, and Amy Wheatley & Associates. A final application, received on time but awaiting Planning Dept. review, will be issued to Council for consideration at June meeting.
 - d. Tourism: Food & Beverage tour sold out. Envision Saint John Visitor Experience Ambassador training completed – excellent sessions for summer tourism staff. EnvisionSJ launched Visitor metrics tool for visitor centres

7. New Business:

- a. Regional Transportation Committee: Chris White attending on behalf of Hampton; focus is on defining high level objectives by June meeting. Committee a mix of community activists (YMCA / Newcomers association), municipal staff, Department of Transportation and RSC staff.
- b. Multi-purpose Facility: Richard reported that funding was confirmed for the facility, \$20.7 million. Working towards opening 2025.

8. Reports:

- a. Planning & Development – Arthur reviewed details of Permit Report: YTD Ward 1 - 7 permits, Ward 2 - 15 permits, and Ward 3 - 5 permits. May has been busy, especially in the new areas.
- b. Chamber of Commerce Report –Marcelle Bélanger reported several activities at HACC: Chamber Insurance session held at Security Holdings well attended; Lunch & Learn at Red Brick on Business Programs (ONB / CBDC / WorkNB) sold out. Upcoming mixer at The Barn in Bloomfield June 5. HACC AGM happening May 17 – new president and vice president to be sworn in. Three new members in the last three weeks. Golf Tournament July 7.
- c. Michel Boudreau moved the reports be accepted as read; seconded by Chris Rendell.

9. Correspondence: None

10. Next Meeting Date: Conflicts due to Graduation in June; next session will be held Tuesday, July 18th, 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

11. Adjournment: Councillor Todd Beach so moved at 8:18 pm