

# Town of Hampton Economic Development Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

*In attendance:* Chris White (*staff*), Josh Adams (*Chair*), , Councillor Todd Beach, Michel Boudreau, Richard Malone, Jill Ganong, Bruce Fowler, Heather Libbey

*Regrets:* Trina Forest, Chris Rendell, Marcelle Bélanger

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1. **Call to Order:** Josh Adams called the meeting to order at 6:35pm
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Michel Boudreau, seconded by Todd Beach
3. **Declaration of Conflict of interest:** none
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Jill Ganong, seconded by Michel Boudreau to approve minutes of May 16, 2023.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
  - a. Local Governance Reform: Richard Malone still working on Garbage Collection to meet Jan 2024 deadline. Budgets for Regional Facilities continuing; RSC finalized Strategic Plan – looking for feedback before August meeting; Chris White attended tour of new port facilities as part of SJ Port Authority Community Liaison Committee – large volumes expected on rail through SJ & GBW, less impact to Hampton; Chris White reported Regional Transportation Committee preparing for final review of strategic plan.
  - b. Envision Saint John: Heather Libbey shared that her team has a Real Estate Development training document that will be rolled out to the municipalities to demonstrate changes in the market, as well as a new Strategic Real Estate Development Strategy to attract external developers; Envision key to landing the Sport Tourism opportunity at Hampton Golf Course; Envision looking to create inventory of municipal residential/commercial locations.
  - c. Storefront Improvement Grant – A final application from Ole Foggy was approved by Planning Dept. and by Council at June meeting. Two stores have completed their renovations and received grants (Any Wheatley and Village Hair Design).
  - d. Tourism: US numbers are up over last year; typical tourism patterns have been off all summer and hearing similar reports from other areas – difficult to predict volumes for staffing; students attended a Pop-Up with Envision at the Saint John City Market – taking the pop-up to Hampton Golf Course next week for the nationals; Hampton Market requiring huge resources from Tourism team – 4 staffers minimum each week.
6. **New Business:**
  - a. Noise By-law: Chris White shared that the noise by-law received an update. New hours are 11pm to 7am daily.
  - b. Richard Malone shared that draft versions of the new Municipal Plan and Zoning By-laws from Dillon would be available for review in August.
7. **Reports:**
  - a. Planning & Development – Richard Malone shared June stats from Planning Department. Ward 2 numbers down in comparison to last three years.
  - b. Chamber of Commerce Report – Todd Beach reported Golf Tournament on July 7 a great success in fundraising and the associated online campaigns highlighting area businesses. Membership is now over 100 businesses; summer student has been recruiting further businesses as well.
  - c. Heather Libbey moved the reports be accepted as read; seconded by Bruce Fowler.
8. **Correspondence:** None
9. **Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, August 15th, 6:30pm in Council Chambers.
10. **Adjournment:** Councillor Todd Beach so moved at 7:37 pm