



## Environment Committee Minutes

Tuesday October 17, 2023

Lighthouse River Centre - 7:00 pm.

### Members Present

John Blenis

Phil Taber (Chair)

Blair Boudreau

Marshall Fowler

Pam McKenzie (Vice Chair)

Councilor Karin Boyé

### Regrets

Laura Myers

Jean Northrup

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Phil Taber, Chair at 7:11 pm.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Pam McKenzie and seconded by John Blenis to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried

#### 3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes: September 19, 2023

Moved by Councilor Boyé and seconded by Pam McKenzie to approve the minutes of September 19, 2023.

Motion Carried

#### 5. Old Business:

- a. Draft Hampton Municipal Plan – Committee feedback

The Committee discussed the Municipal Plan presented at the last meeting and made the following motions:

Moved by John Blenis and seconded by Pam McKenzie to recommend that Council include GeoNB layers in mapping for the municipal plan.

Motion Carried

Moved by Marshall Fowler and seconded by Pam McKenzie to recommend that Council pursue the development of a flood plain map associated with the Hammond River and other tributaries within the entity of Hampton to be included in the Municipal Plan.

Motion Carried

Moved by Marshall Fowler and seconded by John Blenis to recommend that Municipal Plan Section 4.5.4. include public education & outreach to promote awareness of potential erosion issues on floodplains near agricultural fields left bare overwinter.

Motion Carried

Moved by Marshall Fowler and Seconded by John Blenis to recommend that Council include private wells/aquifers in Section "EN-4: Council shall work with community partners and stakeholders to increase community knowledge, awareness and stewardship of water resources including source water



protection, watershed management, water quality management, water conservation, and water pollution prevention.”  
**Motion Carried**

**Moved by Marshall Fowler and seconded by John Blenis to remove “EN-8 Council shall provide guidelines in the Zoning By-law that protect existing trees and, for any trees that must be destroyed by development, implement mechanisms for their replacement” from the Municipal Plan**

**In Favour: John Blenis, Marshall Fowler, Pam McKenzie, Councilor Boyé**

**Contrary Minded: Phil Taber, Blair Boudreau**

**Motion Carried.**

b. Action Plan for Environment Committee – Staff

Staff reviewed updates to the Environment Committee Action Plan and worked through a resource allocation exercise with the committee to help identify staff and financial resources required for the remaining action items in the Action Plan.

**Moved by John Blenis and Seconded by Pam McKenzie to recommend that Council approve Action Plan for the Environment Committee.**  
**Motion Carried**

c. Stormwater Management Guidelines Review – John Blenis

i. Update from Staff

Staff advised that the review of information collected by the Committee is being completed by Staff. Staff hopes to complete the review before the end of the year.

6. New Business

a. Year end report 2022-2023 – Staff

The Committee expressed gratitude to the Staff and committee members for the work completed over the last year. The Committee requested that the report be updated to reflect the name change from the “Town of Hampton” to “Hampton”

**Moved by Councilor Boyé and seconded by Pam McKenzie to recommend that council approve the 2023 Environment Committee Report.**  
**Motion Carried**

b. Water Quality Monitoring – Hammond River Angling Association

John Blenis presented results of water quality monitoring completed by the Hammond River Angling Association (HRAA) on Snow Brook at a former municipal dumpsite. Three tests were conducted and were located upstream, downstream and at the former dumpsite. The sample collected by HRAA at the former dumpsite, labeled “Snow Brook At” returned levels of Manganese above drinking water quality guidelines. Another test has been completed at the site and HRAA are awaiting results. An email containing the results of water quality monitoring was forwarded to provincial representatives and no response has been received.

Marshall Fowler stated he has been in contact with the Department of Environment and Local Government regarding the municipal dumpsite and is expecting information to be sent soon.

**Moved by Pam McKenzie and seconded by Blair Boudreau that whereas new data collected by the Hammond River Angling Association has revealed alarming levels of Manganese in Snow Brook downstream from the former Hampton Dump Site, the Environment Committee recommends that Council reexamine the issue and further recommends that the Town as a corporate entity approach the**



**provincial Department of Environment to raise the issue and require information on safety and remediation.**

**Motion Carried.**

7. Next Meeting: tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2023

a. New agenda items for next meeting

None presented.

8. Adjournment

**Moved by Pam McKenzie to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 pm.**