



Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 19, 2024 – 7 pm.

Lighthouse River Centre

Members Present

Councillor Karin Boyé

Marshall Fowler

John Blenis

Phil Taber (Chair)

Pam McKenzie

Laura Myers (via Teams)

Regrets

Jean Northrup

Blair Boudreau

Hampton Staff

Bailey Brogan, Assistant Planner/Development Officer

Arthur McCarthy, PLED Director (arrived 7:15 pm.)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Phil Taber, Chair at 7:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Pam McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Boyé to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

4. Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2024

Moved by Councillor Boyé and seconded by John Blenis to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

5. New Business:

a) Recommendation to Council – Rogers Proposal

Staff reviewed the memo, site plan and design drawings to provide the committee with an overview of the proposal.

Arthur McCarthy joins the meeting in person at 7:15 pm

The Committee inquired on the reasoning for the change in height from 60 m to 37 m. Staff noted that the height was revised by the applicant following comments provided by Hampton in the municipal information package which identified the previous proposed tower exceeded the ASSP design preference criteria of a maximum height of 45m. The Committee noted that higher limits should be considered in any future policy updates to limit the number of towers throughout Hampton, overall reducing the environmental footprint.



The Committee inquired about options for alternate tower locations. Staff advised that other locations considered include the multipurpose facility site and the fire hall. The applicant outlined in the application that these locations would not provide sufficient coverage and would require an increased tower height. The proposed location was preferred by the applicant.

The Committee requested a copy of the ASSP, and any future file related to policies/by-law by to be provided in advance. Staff agreed that this information could be included and noted that there may be options to have this on the website. Further questions related to ASSP revision regarding its application to expand areas of Hampton and concerns related to lower heights for rural areas.

Moved by Pam McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Boyé that the Environment Committee recommend that Council approve the proposed Rogers wireless telecommunication site located on PID 30200687 at 368 William Bell Drive. Motion Carried

b) Procedural By-Law – Staff update

Staff reviewed the procedural by-law with the committee, based on the interpretation from the Clerk, regarding the section related to the chair and voting. Following discussion, the committee decision was to amend the minutes of the October 17, 2023, Environment Committee Meeting.

Moved by Marshall Fowler and seconded by John Blenis to amend the minutes of the October 17, 2023 Environment Committee Meeting by removing Phil Taber’s vote on item 5.a. Draft Municipal Plan – Committee Feedback which reads:

“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, Councillor Boyé
Contrary Minded: Phil Taber, Blair Boudreau”***

Motion Carried

6. Old Business:

Moved by Laura Myers and seconded by Councillor Boyé to amend the agenda to move Old business, item D to Old Business item A. Motion Carried

a) Public Information Sessions – Laura Myers

Laura provided an update stating that Beth Pollock has agreed to give a public information session on efficiency. Date TBD but she is available in April.

b) Stormwater Management Review Guidelines – Update from Council Meeting March 12, 2023

Staff reviewed the memo presented to Council at the March 12, 2024, meeting, subject: Hampton Stormwater Guidelines review. The memo was presented in response to a motion made at the September 19, 2023, Environment Committee meeting requesting that staff review comments provided by the Committee on their review of the Stormwater Management (SWM) Guidelines. The proposed



changes will implement recommendations from the Committee's comments. (i.e. update table numbers, definitions, and best management practices).

Laura Myers left the meeting at 7:45.

The Committee inquired about the use of the term "natural features" in reference to wetlands and watercourses as noted in recommendation # 2 in the Memo to Council. Staff noted that "Natural features" refers to terminology used in the Community Planning Act.

The Committee was dissatisfied with the memo as it did not include recommendations for training staff on working in wetlands and watercourses. Staff reminded the Committee that the purpose of the memo was to provide recommendations to Council on the review of the SWM Guidelines as requested by the Committee. Further, staff reviewed the Committee motion to Council regarding staff training made at the August 15, 2023, Environment Committee meeting, which was addressed by Council at the September 12, 2023, meeting by forwarding the matter to staff.

The Committee continued the review of the information presented in the memo prepared by staff with concerns regarding timelines, the evaluation presented, Council proceeding with the decision prior to the Committee's review, and issues with recommendation #4 on retaining a consultant to assist with the technical updates.

There were further questions by the Committee regarding the responsibility for environmental protection measures for municipally owned property and concern of legal liability of the committee ensuring environmental protection measures are implemented correctly within a municipality. Staff advised that this is the responsibility of our contract engineers as well as municipal staff or, in some cases, the contractor responsible for a project and, as it is an operational issue for staff, the committee would not assume liability for such work.

Following the discussion above, the Committee made the following motions:

Moved by John Blenis, and seconded by Marshall Fowler to request an update from Council on the recommendation on staff training that was referred to the Director of Public Works and Utilities at the meeting of Council on September 12, 2023. **Motion Carried**

Moved by Marshall Fowler and seconded by John Blenis to recommend that Council investigate a professional legal opinion of committee members or the committee as a whole failing to report potential environmental issues to the Department of Environment.

In Favor: John Blenis Marshall Fowler

Contrary Minded: Pam McKenzie, Councillor Boyé

In the case of a tie, the procedural by-law outlines that the chair votes.

Contrary Minded: Phil Taber (tie break)

Motion Defeated

The committee requested that the chair inquire with CAO on the above question.



c) Robertson Road Dumpsite – Update from Council Meeting March 12, 2024

Staff provided an update on the motion made at the March 12, 2024, Council meeting to send a letter to the Department of Environment and Local Government to review potential plans regarding the Robertson Road Dumpsite.

d) Hampton Battery Recycling – Update from Council Meeting March 12, 2024

Staff provided an update on the motion made at the March 12, 2024, Council meeting to accept the Leader in Sustainability Award for 2023 from Call2Recycle Canada, Inc. and to share this achievement in community newsletter if space was available.

e) Earth Day – Staff Update

Staff presented the tentative schedule from Tourism and Economic Development of activities planned for Earth Day on April 20, 2024. The Committee suggested they align the public information session with this event. Committee members were interested in exploring assisting with the garbage cleanup noted in the schedule to determine if it is feasible to occur with this event.

7. Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for April 16, 2024

a) New agenda items for next meeting

The Chair asked for any items that committee members would like to see on the agenda for April's meeting. The Committee requested adding the EV Action Plan review completed by Phil Taber and Hammond River Angling Association Cyanobacteria Report by John Blenis.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Pam McKenzie to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 pm.

Phil Taber-
Chair

Bailey Brogan -
Staff Representative