

# Town of Hampton Economic Development Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

*In attendance:* Chris White (*staff*), Josh Adams (*Chair*), Councillor Todd Beach, Michel Boudreau, Jill Ganong, Marcelle Bélanger, Heather Libbey, Chris Rendell

*Regrets:* Trina Forest, Justin Sweeney

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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 Jill Ganong
  3. **Declaration of Conflict of interest:** none
  4. **Approval of Minutes:** moved by Marcelle Bélanger, seconded by Michel Boudreau to approve minutes of January 23, 2024.
  5. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
    - a. Local Governance Reform: Councillor Todd Beach shared changes to Garbage Collection are ongoing; some issues with mis-sent info from Fero to Ward 2 residents. No recycling update yet. Chris Rendell and Heather Libbey suggested more social media posts on garbage collection.
    - b. Envision Saint John: Residential Housing Market assessment draft is complete and will be reviewed with individual municipalities in February / March. Envision launched new Resident Service Portal for newcomers to the area to connect to organizations and services within the community: <https://www.envisionsaintjohn.com/service-navigation#> .
    - c. Storefront Improvement Grant: Two applications received and two inquiries for more information.
    - d. Regional Transportation: UNB research team has created draft survey; reviewed by committee and feedback sent to the research team. Content now goes to Ethics Board and a schedule for survey to be determined. Representatives compiling areas / groups / socials to target the survey for broad response.
  6. **New Business:**
    - a. Bloomin' Artists – John Peters Humphrey Foundation event on July 20. Town is a partner and will help promote and encourage engagement within the business community (e.g. Bloomin' Brunch specials)
    - b. Campaign re: Small scale Development – committee discussed possible advertising campaign on small-scale development (granny suites, infill, apartment suites); highlight changes to zoning, provide homeowners / landowners with what is possible under the new bylaw. Heather Libbey suggested investigating incentives or removal of fees and streamlining the application process. Chris White to investigate with Planning and Public Works and update committee at next meeting.
  7. **Reports:**
    - a. Planning & Development Update: Chris reviewed report for January 2024
    - b. PAC Report: Chris R reported that November meeting was cancelled; January and February meetings were focused on Zoning By-law review
    - c. Chamber Report: Todd reported March 13 Lunch & Learn with Envision SJ at Station 33 Café; project underway to update Membership By-laws, Code of Conduct, in keeping with Canadian Chambers of Commerce Standards; Mixer at Floyd's very successful; Curling Funspiel this Saturday – 28 registered.
    - d. Moved by Councillor Todd Beach to accept the reports; seconded by Heather Libbey
  8. **Correspondence:**
    - a. None
  9. **Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:30pm in Council Chambers.
  10. **Adjournment:** Chris Rendell so moved at 7:55 pm

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