

# Town of Hampton Economic Development Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

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

*Regrets:* Trina Forest, Heather Libbey, Justin Sweeney, Michel Boudreau

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1. **Call to Order:** Josh Adams called the meeting to order at 6:33pm
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Todd Beach, seconded by Jill Ganong
3. **Declaration of Conflict of interest:** none
4. **Approval of Minutes:** moved by Marcelle Bélanger, seconded by Chris Rendell to approve minutes of April 16, 2024.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
  - a. Local Governance Reform: Chris White shared that Circular Materials has taken on collection in Wards 1 and 3. Ward 2 to remain the same with Town collection but blue bins may be moving to a controlled access point at Logie Drive.
  - b. Envision Saint John: Chris attended two strategy sessions - Tourism Strategy and Economic Development Strategy. Elements from these presentations shared with the committee.
  - c. FRSC Transportation Survey: New prime is Scott Borden. Final report will be presented by UNB research team at June FRSC meeting.
  - d. Campaign re: Small Scale Development: Great information from CMHC Small Housing BC webinar. Great content and tools for gentle density at [toolbox.smallhousing.ca](http://toolbox.smallhousing.ca). Chris to review this content with Planning in comparison to our zoning allowances.
6. **New Business:**
  - a. State of the Region: For the first time, Saint John Chamber hosting a State of the Region address by all area Mayors to the members of the Saint John Chamber. Session to happen May 22 at Trade & Convention Centre.
  - b. Destination Canada: this federal agency working on transportation 'corridor' strategies. Focus on grouping / highlighting multiple assets for greater impact. Atlantic region corridor focusing on geoparks. Chris White and Kelly Green investigating promotional opportunities via Stonehammer Geopark partnership.
  - c. Newcomers' Night: Economic Development and Leisure Services investigating possible event in September / October to introduce newcomers to service groups, organizations and sport opportunities in the area. Committee agreed this had great value but suggested a different name and make it open to all residents – a reminder post-Covid of opportunities to engage.
7. **Reports:**
  - a. Planning & Development Update: Chris White reviewed copies of the April building report.
  - b. PAC Report: Chris R reported that committee worked on a few items to clean-up by-laws; sub-division proposals under review.
  - c. Chamber Report: Todd reported May 8 AGM went well – several new board members (Christina Campbell, Justin Sweeney, Josh Adams, Mark Marshall, Sue Rourke, Barry McDonald and Ed Dickison). No summer student this year – application declined – so HACC hiring a student independently. Golf Tournament July 5<sup>th</sup>. June 17 Business Mixer at the Dr. V.A. Snow Centre (Nursing Homes Without Walls presentation).
  - d. Moved by Chris Rendell to accept the reports; seconded by Jill Ganong.
8. **Correspondence:**
  - a. Matt Brown / ShutterSpeed Photography Challenge TV Show to do filming May 22 at Dutch Point Park.

9. **Next Meeting Date:** TBD.

10. **Adjournment:** Councillor Todd Beach so moved at 7:42 pm

SIGNATURE: Joshua D. Adams DATE: October 29, 2024