

# Town of Hampton Economic Development Committee Meeting

## Tuesday, February 18, 2025

**In attendance:** Chris White (*staff*), Josh Adams (*Chair*), Councillor Todd Beach, Heather Libbey, Paula Copeland, Chris Rendell, Marcelle Bélanger

**Regrets:** Jill Ganong, Michel Boudreau

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1. **Call to Order:** After a lively discussion on trips south, Josh Adams called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.
  2. **Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Marcelle Bélanger: seconded by Paula Copeland
  3. **Conflict of Interest:** None
  4. **Approval of previous minutes:** moved by Paula Copeland, seconded by Heather Libbey to accept the minutes of January 21, 2025.
  5. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
    - a. **Local Governance Reform:** Chris White shared the information session on collection services on February 6<sup>th</sup> was attended by approximately 40 individuals. Enquiries are now considered complete with clear schedules in place.
    - b. **Community Expo:** (Action Plan 3.1.4). Twenty service organizations and clubs were in attendance with 65-70 attendees. A survey to exhibitors was issued on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – initial feedback at the event was very positive. One item discussed was challenge of online presence for several agencies; Heather Libbey suggested a possible ‘buddy system’ for these orgs with students from school leadership programs. Chris White to contact area schools on this idea. Committee discussed a second event in fall, and also recommended sharing this project idea with neighbouring municipalities. Chris White to address both.
    - c. **Hampton Look & Feel:** Chris White provided initial research on ways to more clearly define the design intent / elements of “Hampton Look & Feel” detailed in the Municipal Plan. More research will be conducted: several committee members suggested sample locations to include in the review.
  6. **New Business:**
    - a. **Agriculture in Hampton:** Chris White shared correspondence from the National Farmers Union – NB, an advocacy group for small scale farm businesses. Committee discussed investigation of agriculture and its economic impact in the community; will invite NFU-NB to present at a future committee meeting.
  7. **Reports:**
    - a. **Planning & Development Update:** committee reviewed the stats. Discussion again on ways to incent the repurposing of older buildings; committee discussion on the large-scale renovation on Main Street.
    - b. **PAC Report:** Chris Rendell shared committee met and approved request on William Bell Drive.
    - c. **Chamber Report:** AGM scheduled for May 7 at Curling Club. Golf Tournament scheduled for July 4th. Curling Drop-In cancelled. Lunch & Learn Feb 25. Women’s Business Mixer Mar 13.
    - d. Heather Libbey moved the adoption of the Reports; seconded by Paula Copeland.
    - e. **Correspondence:** Shared as part of 6.a.
  8. **Next Meeting Date:** March 18, 2025.
  9. **Adjournment:** Marcelle Bélanger so moved at 7:40pm.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Joshua Adams*

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*Aug 25, 2025*