



Hampton Environment Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday March 18, 2025 - Council Chambers

Members Present

John Blenis	Jean Northrup	Pam McKenzie	Phil Taber
Laura Myers	Councillor Karin Boye	Blair Boudreau	

Regrets

Marshall Fowler

Staff Present

Bailey Brogan, Assistant Planner/Development Officer
Richard Malone, CAO/Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the interim chair, Phil Taber, at 7:02 pm

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2025

Phil Taber was nominated by Laura Myers and seconded by John Blenis as Chair for 2025.

Moved by Laura and seconded Pam to reappoint Phil Taber as Chair for 2025.

Motion Carried.

Pam McKenzie was nominated by Jean Northrup and seconded by Councillor Boye as Vice Chair for 2025.

Moved by Jean Northrup and seconded by Councillor Boye to reappoint Pam McKenzie as Vice Chair for 2025.

Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Laura Myers and seconded by John Blenis to amend the agenda to add battery recycling to Old Business 6d.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Pam McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Boye to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried.

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest – None declared

5. Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2024

Moved by Pam McKenzie and seconded by Laura Myers to approve the minutes of November 19, 2024.

Motion Carried.



6. Old Business:

a) Robertson Road Dumpsite – Staff update – CAO Letter to DTI

Staff presented to the Committee that Hampton sent a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI) providing sampling results collected by the Hammond River Angling Association (HRAA) at Snow Brook, near the former Robertson Road Dumpsite. John Blenis provided an update that HRAA met with Monique Pellitier of DTI on the matter, and DTI agreed to visit the site with HRAA when future monitoring is completed. HRAA hopes to continue work in the area to monitor water quality. One member requested that Hampton continues to pressure Department of Environment and Local Government (DELG) to address potential contamination at the site with a motion that Hampton reiterate concerns to DELG and request action on remediation.

Staff shared with the committee that DELG would be responsible for water issues and Hampton would not have a role to play in addressing contamination at the site since the property is owned by the Provincial Government. Any development in the area would have water quality testing completed if/when proposed.

Following the discussion the Committee decided that a motion was not necessary at this time since DTI and HRAA are planning to continue to monitor water quality in the area. If there are results that merit further discussion the HRAA will bring the matter back to the Committee.

b) Hogweed and Wild Parsnip – Staff Update

Staff provided an update on a motion made by Council in response to a motion made by the Committee at the November 19, 2024 meeting. Council moved to forward the Wild Parsnip Factsheet to the Communications Coordinator to create a future public awareness post on Hampton's website and social media channels. The Committee requested information from the CAO on areas where Wild Parsnip/Hogweed is growing if there is any protocols for maintenance. The Committee agreed that areas in Ward 1 & 3 would be the responsibility of the Provincial Government, but awareness can be provided to residents in these areas.

c) Storm Water Management – Staff Update

Staff shared with the Committee updates that were approved by Council to the Hampton Stormwater Management (SWM) Guideline as requested by the Committee. Updates to the SWM Guidelines included:

1. Updated erroneous figure numbers
2. Added to section 1.2
 - Stormwater definition
 - Watercourse definition
 - Wetland definition
 - Info on regulatory requirements & reference to WAWA Guide
3. Added to Best Management Practices (Appendix A):



- Further instructions for silt fences
- Straw/Hay bale barriers

Moved by John Blenis and seconded by Jean Northrup that the Environment Committee forward a recommendation to Council that further revisions to the Hampton Stormwater Management Guideline document be considered.

- Staff noted to the committee that if the committee would like to make further changes to the stormwater management guideline, that they submit revisions to Staff ahead of the next meeting and a motion could be made to update the SWM Guidelines at this time. Following this information, the motion was withdrawn by John Blenis. The Committee will submit requested changes to the SWM guidelines at the next meeting.

Motion Withdrawn

Moved by John Blenis and Jean Northrup that the Environment Committee forward a reiteration of its 2023 request for a) staff environmental training, and b) designation of a specific town employee to be designated as an "environmental inspector" for the purpose of oversight of development activities performed either by town Works staff, or third party developers/contractors.

- This motion was made by the Committee in 2023 and it was referred to Staff. Staff provided background information on this and advised that the engineer for each development would provide inspection services. Staff noted that the motion is getting into operations.
- Laura Myers called the question to end the discussion and vote on the motion.
- **For: John Blenis, Jean Northrup**
- **Contrary minded: Blair Boudreau, Councillor Boye, Laura Myers, Pam McKenzie**

Motion Defeated

Moved by John Blenis and seconded by Jean Northrup that the Environment Committee forward a recommendation that Hampton have a stated policy, with regards to any development project contracts or activities, that the Stormwater Management Guidelines must be adhered to unless specifically exempted from application by Hampton.

- Staff advised the committee that staff provide developers with SWM Guidelines when receiving development proposals and that an approved stormwater management plan is a condition for new developments in Hampton.
- The motion was withdrawn by John Blenis.

Motion Withdrawn

d) Battery Recycling

Laura Myers provided some background information on the initiation of the battery recycling program by the Environment Committee. Batteries are collected at Pharmasave, Post Office, Recycling Depot, and Titusville General Store. Battery boxes have been removed from all locations following a fire at the post office. The cause of the fire is unclear at this time. The Committee decided to continue the discussion on future operations of the battery recycling program once the cause is known. Committee members will complete further research and bring back suggestions to the Committee at a future meeting.



7. New Business:

a) Assessing Flood Adaption Solutions (AFAS) Project – Staff Update

Staff presented the AFAS project to the Committee and advised that a contract has been awarded by Council to Hilcon Limited to complete the work. The project will consist of a feasibility study to identify adaptation methods to flood impacts at three sites in Hampton: Pickwauket Road at Ravine Brook, Gordon Street at an unnamed stream and Ossekeag Creek at the Trans Canada Trail. The project will have a community engagement component and Staff advised that the preliminary report would be provided to the Committee for feedback later this year.

b) Earth Day – Tuesday April 22, 2025

Staff provided information on the activities planned by the Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee (KWRC) and HRAA for Earth Day. Laura suggested a discussion for a Hampton wide cleanup for the next Committee meeting. The KWRC is looking for a site for the next Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup and could help organize an event.

c) Committee Meeting Alternative Days

Discussion to consider changing meeting date to the third Monday of the month, or keeping the current date. Phil Taber stated that he has some issues with Mondays but could make it work. The rest of the Committee was fine with either date. Staff will bring this information back to the Planning Engineering and Development Department and advise the Committee on their recommendation.

8. Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for April 15, 2025 – New Agenda items for next meeting

The Committee requested that the following items be added to next month's agenda:

- National Climate League
- Geo NB Contaminated Sites
- Hampton Community Cleanup
- Battery Recycling
- Light pollution – May agenda

9. Adjournment

Moved by John Blenis to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm.



Phil Taber – Chair



Bailey Brogan – Staff Representative