



**Economic Development & Tourism Committee  
Hampton Town Hall  
March 17, 2026 6:00PM  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Josh Adams, Councillor Todd Beach, Paula Copeland, Marcelle Bélanger, Heather Libbey, Chris Rendell

**Regrets:** Michel Boudreau, Jill Ganong

**Staff:** Chris White, Director Economic Development & Tourism

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Councillor Todd Beach at 6:00 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Josh Adams and seconded by Heather Libbey to approve the agenda of the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

None Declared.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Josh Adams and seconded by Marcelle Bélanger to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2026 meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**5. Business Arising from Minutes:**

- 5.1. Storefront Improvement Grant: Chris White shared that four applications were received and approved (3 for the full amount requested, the final received partial approval based on the conditions of the grant). Awards went to Hampton Brewing Company, The Porch, Duffy's Custom Cuts, and Happy Knight Wines.
- 5.2. Sustainable Development Incentives: Chris reached out to NBPower Energy Efficiency team. They will deliver a session for area business owners on September 10 at 6:30pm. The town will partner with HACC on this session.
- 5.3. Community Expo April 18: Now have 31 groups registered. There will also be a large Hampton display featuring various units.



- 5.4. Candidate Information Session: event will be hosted at Town Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Elections NB, Hampton Clerk's Office and FRSC representatives will host the event.

## 6. New Business:

- 6.1. Earth Day Clean Up: Hampton will host a clean up session. Volunteers from Economic Development Committee, Hampton Lions, Baptist Church Youth Group, and KWRC. Meet at Town Square. Time TBD. Committee discussed garbage issues near Subway / HHS path – Heather Libbey suggested we reach out to the school and identify groups who would help maintain this area. Chris to contact HHS.
- 6.2. Action Plan Updates:
- 6.2.1. Gentle Density Campaign: Discussion on best way to update community on the new allowances around Granny suites. Suggested we need a catchy name like “The Suite Granny” or “The Skinny on Gentle Density”. Recommended we share materials with real estate agencies. Also to include poster / display at area home building stores with links to info on website. Include mailout in next sewer bill. Need to highlight: (1) what's possible (2) where to start (3) steps to follow. Chris to follow up with Planning Department and Communications.
- 6.2.2. William Bell Drive Streetscape Implementation: advised committee that engineering is being developed this year with a view to implement in 2027. That is tentative pending budget and new council priorities. Area being addressed is 1 km from Hall Rd. to Logie Drive with work delivered in two phases, pending Council and Budget approval.
- 6.2.3. Regional Collaboration: Recent focus has been on Tourism with Envision Saint John. Shared training will take place May 4-8. Group agreed to have Hannah Kindred, Hampton Tourism Coordinator, present the 2026 strategy at our next meeting.

## 7. Reports:

- 7.1. Planning & Development Report: Chris White shared Planning report for the month of February.
- 7.2. PAC Report: Chris Rendell shared that January 27 meeting approved by-law housekeeping items; also reviewed variance regarding an undersized lot on Bovaird Lane. Councillor Todd Beach later confirmed the variance was approved.



- 7.3. Chamber Report: Josh Adams reported HACC has revised Budget structure to better reflect timing of membership dues payments; Small Business Tradeshow and Small Business annual awards night to be combined; hosting a Meet the Candidates event on April 27 at HHS; local photography and business campaign coming to highlight member businesses.
- 7.4. Approval of Reports: Moved by Heather Libbey and seconded by Paula Copeland to approve the reports.

**Motion carried**

**8. Outstanding Issues: None**

**9. Next Meeting**

- 9.1. The next Economic Development & Tourism Committee meeting will be scheduled for April 21, 2026 at 6:00pm.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by Josh Adams that the meeting be adjourned at 7:14 pm.

**Approved:**

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Councillor Todd Beach  
Chair

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Chris White  
Staff Representative