



**Environment Advisory Committee  
Council Chambers  
Tuesday March 17, 2026 7:00 pm.  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Karin Boyé (Councillor)	Phil Taber (Chair)	Pam McKenzie (Vice Chair)
Blair Boudreau	Laura Meyers	Marshall Fowler
John Blenis	Jean Northrup	

**Staff:**

Arthur McCarthy, P. Eng. – PLED Director  
Cameron Evans – Development Officer

**Guests:**

Sarah Blenis – Hammond River Angling Association (HRAA)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by chair Phil Taber at 07:01 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Karin Boyé and seconded by Pam McKenzie to approve the agenda of the March 17, 2026, meeting as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

John Blenis declared a conflict with the HRAA presentation and will recuse himself from any discussion, votes or motions post presentation. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Form attached.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**Moved by Laura Myers and seconded by John Blenis to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2026, meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Business Arising from Minutes:**

5.1. HRAA presentation - Sarah Blenis



Sarah gave an overview of the Ritchie Lake Management Advisory Committee in the Town of Quispamsis. She is recommending that Hampton establish a “Darling’s Lake Management Advisory Committee”.

Following the presentation, members of the committee asked questions relating to the studies conducted by HRAA and strategies that could be recommended in the interim to address concerns of water quality in Darling’s Lake.

Examples provided by Sarah, included public awareness campaigns and nutrient reduction strategies. Nutrient discharge from agricultural properties was discussed but Staff outlined that the province is responsible for regulating these measures.

Sarah Blenis departs meeting at 07:35 pm.

#### **JOHN BLENIS RECUSES FROM CHAMBERS PRIOR TO DISCUSSION**

Committee members discussed the benefits of the proposed Management Advisory Committee for Darlings Lake and how to best pursue this action with Council.

Committee members and staff discussed that implementation and appointment of a potential new committee, subject to Council approval.

**Moved by Marshall Fowler and seconded by Laura Myers that the Environment Advisory Committee recommends to Council the further exploration of the Darling’s Lake Management Community Advisory Committee as beneficial and worthwhile effort following the presentation by Sarah Blenis HRAA.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### 5.2. Old Tree Protection – Laura Myers

Laura Myers discussed two large old growth trees located along the lot boundary of 260 Main Street and the proposed subdivision development that were removed to accommodate drainage ditching.



Members discussed if there are any protections for these types of trees in the By-Laws. Staff provided clarification that the committee had previously voted to remove trees from the Municipal Plan review in 2023.

Some members discussed the difficulties to balance the protection of trees/vegetation with private property owners' rights, civil disputes and property damage. Further discussions were surrounding potential By-Law in rural areas vs town center.

Other members noted that reviewing other municipalities/regions approach to policies may provide insight for adapting this to Hampton and that a "new development" based format for tree protection might be more feasible to incorporate. Staff highlighted that this initiative should be considered with the Environment Advisory Committee Action Plan (EACAP).

EACAP review will be added to next meetings agenda.

## 6. **New Business:**

6.1. Environment Committee Representative on PAC – Staff Update

Council motion February 10, 2026

**Moved by Councillor Boyé and seconded by Councillor Tompkins that Hampton Council appoint Pam McKenzie to the Planning Advisory Committee, as the representative from the Environment Advisory Committee, for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2028.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Member of the committee asked if there could be an update provided by the PAC representative. Staff advised that this is standard practice with other standing committees and will plan to incorporate updates from the PAC representative into the meeting agenda.

6.2. Earth Day – Staff Update (10 min) – Staff Update



Staff confirmed Earth Day Clean Up date of April 25, 2026, and outlined the other community groups who had expressed interest in joining the cleanup.

The proposed meetup location was Town Square with groups to disperse to areas afterwards.

The final item is for the committee to determine a suitable time for the cleanup to start to ensure communication through the community newsletter and social media could be provided. One member noted that Hampton High School will be hosting a live willow fence workshop at 10 am and requested the cleanup start at 2 pm and end at 4pm. The committee agreed. Staff mentioned public works has agreed to pickup collected materials following the event and will relay the committee's question of provision of cleanup supplies (i.e bags, gloves etc.) and ensure this is clarified in the newsletter and social media event notice.

### 6.3. Microsoft Teams Demonstration – Staff

Staff outlined the intent of incorporating Microsoft Teams for providing information to committee members. Agendas and full packages will be posted as is done for other Committees. Staff are available to assist members navigate the transition.

### 6.4. Battery Disposal Update – Laura Myers

Work is still on-going with transitioning the Call to Recycle battery program, and in the meantime, the current method of battery collection will continue (crates available at the recycling depot) until there is a bin available. Request the item to remain on agenda until resolved.

## 7. **Outstanding Issues:**

### 7.1. Assessing Flood Adaptation Solutions in Hampton – Staff Update (20 min) Council motion February 10, 2026

**Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Councillor Boyé that Hampton Council accept the Final Report on the Feasibility Study “Assessing Flood Adaptation Solutions in Hampton, NB” as submitted by HILCON Limited, dated December 19, 2025**

**MOTION CARRIED**



Staff provided an update of the Final Report presented to Council in February. Questions around the applications for funding were raised and staff clarified the application information and Green Municipal Fund for two project sites.

**8. Next Meeting – tentatively scheduled for April 21, 2026.**

A committee member highlighted concerns with sign advertisements on telephone poles and other locations around town, and requested that this be added to next meetings agenda for discussion.

**9. Adjournment**

**Moved by Jean Northrup and seconded by Karin Boyé that the meeting be adjourned at 8:17pm.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Approved:**

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Phil Taber  
Chair

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Cameron Evans  
Staff Representative