



**HAMPTON COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 12, 2026**

A closed session of Council was held preceding the regular Council meeting on May 12th, 2026, commencing at 5:32 p.m. and adjourned at 5:58 p.m. A regular meeting of Council was then held in the Council Chambers commencing at 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL: Mayor Robert Doucet
Deputy Mayor Jeremy Salgado
Councillor Todd Beach
Councillor Karin Boyé
Councillor Ken Chorley
Councillor Kim Tompkins
Councillor Sheree Trecartin

STAFF: Richard Malone, Chief Administrative Officer/Assistant Clerk
Lisa Richard, Clerk
Sherman St. Germain, Director of Finance and Human Resources/
Treasurer
Chris White, Director of Economic Development & Tourism
Mark Cormier, Director of Public Works & Utilities
Riley Cosman, Communications Manager
Jessie Dean, Executive Assistant to the CAO

DELEGATIONS: Sgt. McCann, Hampton RCMP
Holly Jensen, Lucky 13 Thrift

1. CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with Section 68(1) of the *Local Governance Act*, Mayor Doucet called the closed session to order at 5:32 p.m. and adjourned the closed session at 5:58 p.m. During that time, a number of issues were discussed and the confidential information from such discussions was classified as follows:

<u>Subsection</u> <u>of 68 (1)</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u># of</u> <u>Items</u>
a)	Information of which that confidentiality is protected by law	
b)	Personal information as defined by the <i>Right to Information and</i>	1

- Protection of Privacy Act*
- c) Information that could cause financial loss or gain to a person or the local government or could jeopardize negotiations leading to an agreement or contract 1
 - d) The proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land 1
 - e) Information that could violate the confidentiality of information obtained from the Government of Canada or from the government of a province or territory
 - f) Information concerning legal opinions or advice provided to the local government by its solicitor or privileged communications between solicitor and client in a matter of local government business
 - g) Litigation or potential litigation affecting the local government, or any corporation referred to in subsection 8(1), the local government's agencies, boards or commissions including a matter before an administrative tribunal 1
 - h) Access to or security of buildings and other structures occupied or used by the local government or access to or security of systems of the local government, including computer or communications systems
 - i) Information gathered by police, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in the course of investigating any illegal activity or suspected illegal activity, or the source of that information
 - j) Labour and employment matters, including the negotiation of collective agreements 3

OPEN SESSION

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Doucet called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Doucet recognized and paid respect to the First Nations on whose territories we live and work.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Boyé and seconded by Councillor Trecartin that the agenda of the May 12th, 2026, Council meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Doucet asked that anyone who has a conflict of interest declare it when they reach that item on the agenda.

6. DELEGATIONS / PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1. Hampton RCMP, Sgt. McCann – Monthly Report

Sgt. McCann reviewed the calls for Hampton for the month of April. Overall, there were a total of 262 calls for Hampton, compared to 322 for the same period last year. There were 116 warnings and 39 tickets issued for various offences. It was noted there 108 traffic violations and 6 roadside suspensions. Traffic enforcement has been conducted in the Smithtown area following Council's request to monitor the outlying areas more frequently. The Detachment was involved in two separate incidents regarding vehicles being stolen in this area and pursued to the Moncton area. In both cases, the offenders were apprehended and arrested in Moncton.

Officers have started bike patrols for the season. The Community Policing Officer completed 146 patrols, 8 school visits, and 2 school presentations. The Detachment will be holding an information session on crime reduction strategies with the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce on June 9, 2026.

Mayor and Council thanked Sgt. McCann for his presentation.

6.2. Holly Jensen, Lucky 13 Thrift, Main Street Speed Limit Enforcement (Elizabeth Ave to Lakeside Road)

Holly Jensen of Lucky 13 Thrift, located at 242 Main Street, addressed Council regarding speed limit enforcement on Main Street, between Elizabeth Avenue and Lakeside Road.

In light of new development that is happening on this end of Main Street, Ms. Jensen would like to see measures implemented to slow traffic in this area. Motorist speed is a safety concern for the growing number of pedestrians on this section of the street, including young children who attend Inspire Early Learning Centre.

Ms. Jensen asked Council to consider adding two flashing solar radar speed limit signs, one posted at or near 302 Main Street facing Elizabeth Avenue, and one at or near 234 Main Street facing Lakeside Road.

Based on available resources, Council made the following motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Salgado and seconded by Councillor Tompkins that Hampton Council approve the request for one temporary flashing speed limit sign and one additional speed limit sign to be placed on Main Street between Elizabeth

Avenue and Lakeside Road, the location of which will be determined by the Director of Public Works & Utilities and refer the matter to the RCMP for speed limit enforcement.

MOTION CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

7.1. Regular Council Meeting April 14, 2026

Moved by Councillor Beach and seconded by Councillor Boyé that the minutes of the April 14th, 2026, Regular Council Meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2. Special Closed Council Meeting April 21, 2026

Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Councillor Trecartin that the minutes of the April 21st, 2026, Special Council Meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

8.1. Pickwauket Road Paving Project

Richard Malone, Chief Administrative Officer, gave an update on the Pickwauket Road Paving Project. Each year Hampton makes an application to the Provincial Municipal Highway Partnership (PMHP) program for approval of funding for upgrades to provincially owned roads inside Hampton's Ward 2 boundary. In 2024 the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure approved funding for 2026 of up to \$1,540,000.00 for Pickwauket Road (Route 845) from Civic address # 4 towards the Ward 2 boundary to pad and seal 2.76 km of roadway and to replace the Ravine Brook culvert. Hampton's portion of the project is \$272,000.00 which is funded through the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF).

Due to the extensive cost of the project, mainly attributed to the culvert replacement at Ravine Brook, Hampton updated the 2027-2030 PMHP program application to include completing the upgrades over two years. In May of 2025, funding was denied for 2027. Hampton again submitted the same request for the 2028-2030 PMHP program application and received notification in March of 2026 that funding of up to \$2,215,000.00 to continue the road resurfacing for 1.4 km from the 2026 project limit to the Ward 2 boundary.

The first phase of the project will be completed in 2026 which includes all culvert work and approximately 1 km of paving. The remainder of the project will be completed in 2028.

9. READING OF BY-LAWS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE LIST

#	From	Subject Matter	Motion
26-028	Alex Quinn	Speeding concerns on Greenwood Court.	<p>Moved by Councillor Tompkins and seconded by Councillor Chorley that correspondence # 26-028 be referred to the Public Works & Utilities Advisory Committee for review and recommendation, and to the RCMP for traffic enforcement .</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION CARRIED</p>
26-029	Dr. Jay Mekwan, Clinical & Academic Department Head, Department of Emergency Medicine, Saint John	Emergency Medicine Saint John Annual Report for 2024- 2025 which provides a summary of clinical activity, academic work, quality initiatives, and system collaboration across our regional emergency and urgent care sites.	<p>Moved by Councillor Boyé and seconded by Councillor Trecartin that correspondence # 26-029 be referred to the Health Care Committee for review.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION CARRIED</p>
26-030	Robert Signoretti	Request to enact a by-law regarding the use of and placement of digital security cameras.	<p>Moved by Councillor Beach and seconded by Councillor Boyé that correspondence # 26-030 be received and filed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION CARRIED</p>

26-031	Ed Gregory, On behalf of Hampton Soccer Club	Request to assist with the installation of a sign at the newly resurfaced soccer field at Hampton High School which recognizes those who have contributed to the project.	<p>Moved by Deputy Mayor Salgado and seconded by Councillor Boyé that correspondence # 26-031 be referred to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION CARRIED</p>
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11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

11.1. Public Works & Utilities Advisory Committee

Councillor Chorley advised that the Committee met on April 16, 2026, and referred to the minutes as presented.

Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Councillor Boyé that Hampton Council proceed with participation in Health Canada’s National Wastewater Drug Surveillance initiative as per the recommendation of the Health Care Committee and the Public Works & Utilities Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

11.2. Health Care Committee

Mayor Doucet advised that the Committee met on April 20, 2026, and referred to the minutes as presented. He noted that three (3) new doctors have signed on to establish a practice in Hampton. They will be based in the clinic space being built on William Bell Drive, with more details to follow later this year.

11.3. Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee

Councillor Beach advised that the Committee met on April 21, 2026, and referred to the minutes as presented. It was noted that the McKenna Institute has placed a summer student in Hampton from May to August to assist with digital literacy supports in the community. The student will be employed by the Institute but will be based at the Community Library to work with local non-profit organizations, seniors groups and individuals to help improve digital skills.

11.4. Protective Services Committee – Fire-Rescue/EMO

Councillor Beach advised that the Committee met on April 22, 2026, and referred to the minutes as presented. It was noted the new fire truck for the Nauwigewauk Fire-Rescue Department is scheduled to be delivered in November of this year. In line with the recent changes to Hampton’s Procedural By-Law, the Committee is recommending the appointment of three (3) new members who were previously on the Hampton Emergency Management Organization Advisory Committee.

Moved by Councillor Beach and seconded by Councillor Tompkins that Hampton Council appoint Mike Hickey to the Protective Services Committee – Fire-Rescue/EMO, as a member at large, for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2028, as per the recommendation of Protective Services Committee – Fire-Rescue/EMO.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Beach and seconded by Councillor Chorley that Hampton Council appoint Pam McKenzie to the Protective Services Committee – Fire-Rescue/EMO, as a member at large, for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2027, as per the recommendation of Protective Services Committee – Fire-Rescue/EMO.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Beach and seconded by Councillor Trecartin that Hampton Council appoint Maura Collings to the Protective Services Committee – Fire-Rescue/EMO, as a member at large, for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2026, as per the recommendation of Protective Services Committee – Fire-Rescue/EMO.

MOTION CARRIED

11.5. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Deputy Mayor Salgado advised that the Committee met on April 27, 2026, and referred to the minutes as presented.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Salgado and seconded by Councillor Beach that Hampton Council table the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee regarding rental rates for the Summit Centre Community Room until a recommendation has been received from the Finance Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

Acceptance of All Committee Reports:

Moved by Councillor Beach and seconded by Deputy Mayor Salgado that Hampton Council accept the minutes of the following Committees, as presented:

- 1. Public Works & Utilities Advisory**
- 2. Health Care**
- 3. Economic Development & Tourism Advisory**
- 4. Protective Services – Fire-Rescue/EMO**
- 5. Parks & Recreation Advisory**
- 6. Human Resources**
- 7. Joint Health & Safety**

MOTION CARRIED

12. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

12.1. Dog Constable Report

Councillor Beach provided an overview of the Dog Control Reports for April, noting there were 14 patrols and 6 investigations completed. Councillor Tompkins asked if more details could be provided regarding the patrols, such as dates, times and locations. Lisa Richard, Clerk, advised that she would inquire with the NBSPCA to see if those details could be provided.

12.2. Building Permit Report

Councillor Tompkins provided an overview of the Building Permit Report for April. There were a total of 41 permits issued for a construction value of \$2,747,265.00 and a permit value of \$15,965.00

12.3. Fire-Reports (Hampton and Nauwigewauk)

Councillor Beach provided an overview of the Fire Reports from Hampton Fire-Rescue and Nauwigewauk Fire-Rescue Departments noting there were 33 calls for Hampton Fire-Rescue and 11 calls for Nauwigewauk Fire-Rescue in the month of April. It was also noted that the Nauwigewauk Fire-Rescue Department held their annual mulch sale on May 9, 2026, with proceeds going to support Muscular Dystrophy Canada.

12.4. Financial Reports

Councillor Chorley noted the Finance Committee did not meet in April.

Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Councillor Boyé that Hampton Council accept the April 2026 Financial Statements as per the recommendation of the Director of Finance & Human Resources.

MOTION CARRIED

12.5. Communications Report

Deputy Mayor Salgado referred to the Communications Report as presented, noting that the top performing post on both Facebook and Instagram was the video put together by the Tourism and Communications Departments in recognition of National Tourism Week and posted on April 21, 2026.

Approval of all Reports:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Salgado and seconded by Councillor Beach that Hampton Council approve the Dog Constable Reports, Building Permit Report, Fire-Rescue Report (Hampton & Nauwigewauk), Financial Reports and Communications Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Moved by Councillor Trecartin and seconded by Councillor Chorley that Hampton Council approve the April 2026 Approval of Accounts listing in the amount of \$793,840.97.

MOTION CARRIED

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1. Administrative Policy AD2014 – Travel, Accommodations and Expenses Policy for Hampton Council

As per By-Law No. HAM-2022-04: Remuneration By-Law, rates for reimbursement of expenses must be set Council. These rates were previously adopted under Policy HR1011 – Travel, Accommodations & Expenses Policy, however as this Policy falls under Human Resources it does not apply to Council. Staff are recommending that Council adopt this Administrative Policy which mirrors the HR Policy.

Moved by Councillor Tompkins and seconded by Councillor Boyé that Hampton Council adopt *Administrative Policy AD2014 – Travel, Accommodations and Expenses Policy for Hampton Council* as presented by the Director of Finance & Human Resources.

MOTION CARRIED

15. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

15.1. Upcoming Meetings

Mayor Doucet noted the following:

- Swearing In Ceremony for New Council on May 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

- Next Regular Council Meeting is June 9, 2026, at 7:00pm in Council Chambers

15.2. Recognition of Community Service

Mayor Doucet noted that a bench was going to be dedicated in memory of Larry Stewart at the Lighthouse River Centre on May 14, 2026. Mr. Stewart was involved in many community projects over the years.

Mayor Doucet also acknowledged that this would be Councillor Chorley's last regular Council meeting after 33 years of dedicated service to the community. The Mayor and fellow Council members thanked him for his contributions, mentorship and friendship. A slide show was put together by staff highlighting many of the achievements and projects Councillor Chorley was involved in over the years. He was presented with a photo book of memories that was signed by Council and staff. The Chorley family was in attendance for the presentation and joined Council for a reception following the meeting.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of Council was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.


Moved by Councillor Beach and seconded by Councillor Boyé that Hampton adjourn the council meeting of May 12th, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED BY:



Robert Doucet
Mayor



Lisa Richard
Clerk

