



## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AUGUST 4, 2026

Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting on August 4, 2026, in the Council Chambers commencing at 4:06 pm and adjourned at 6:10 pm.

### ATTENDANCE:

#### COUNCIL:

Mayor Robert Doucet  
Deputy Mayor Jeremy Salgado  
Councillor Todd Beach – Chair (arrived at 4:13 pm)  
Councillor Brian Fowler  
Councillor Rob Barrett  
Councillor Kim Tompkins  
Councillor David Goucher – Vice-Chair

#### STAFF:

Richard Malone, Chief Administrative Officer/Assistant Clerk  
Lisa Richard, Clerk  
Chris White, Director of Economic Development & Tourism  
Jessica Churchill, Director of Recreation  
Arthur McCarthy, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development  
Mark Cormier, Director of Public Works & Utilities

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Doucet called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

This being the first meeting of the newly elected 2026 Council, the Clerk called for a motion to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair.

**Moved by Councillor Tompkins and seconded by Deputy Mayor Salgado that Councillor Beach be appointed as Chair and Councillor Goucher be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Committee of the Whole.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Goucher recognized and paid respect to the First Nations on whose territories we live and work.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Fowler and seconded by Deputy Mayor Salgado that the agenda of the August 4, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **4. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

### **5. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **5.1. Richard Malone, Chief Administrative Officer, Strategic Plan Update**

Richard Malone, CAO, presented the Q2 2026 Strategic Plan Update to Council. This is the first update since the May election. It was noted that this is a three (3) year plan that was approved by the previous Council in May of 2025 and aligns with Hampton's ten (10) year Municipal Plan. Richard Malone, along with Department Directors reviewed the status of each of the objectives under the four main priorities which are Finances, Infrastructure, Economic Development, and Community Services.

The Q2 Strategic Plan Update for 2026 will be posted on Hampton's website after it has been accepted by Council: [Reports – Town of Hampton](#)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Salgado and seconded by Councillor Fowler to recommend to Council to accept the Q2 2026 Strategic Plan Update as presented by the Chief Administrative Officer and Department Directors.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **6. DEPARTMENT UPDATES/DIRECTIVES**

#### **6.1. Chris White, Director of Economic Development & Tourism, Accommodations Proposal for Hampton**

Chris White presented a proposal to Council to address the lack of overnight accommodations in Hampton. After the closure of two local B&Bs in 2021, Hampton has been unable to offer accommodations to overnight guests. Since that time, interest in Hampton as a destination has been increasing and demand for these services has continued to grow. The Summit Centre brings sport tourism opportunities, growing local businesses are hosting events that require overnight accommodations, and an increasing population requires options for hosting "life" events like weddings. The volume of tourists in the area has also increased, with even greater volumes expected in the coming years as the province continues to invest funding and resources to promote New

Brunswick as a tourist destination. Without accommodations, Hampton is missing out on potential activities that could be offered here, as well as the economic spin off they would generate. Accommodations are vital to supporting Hampton's economic, tourism and community development. Hampton can continue to wait for the right development to come along, or staff can begin investigating options to fill this gap.

In the past, due to Hampton's size and location, it has been difficult to engage hoteliers to consider investing here. In order to attract a development that would be the right fit for this area, Chris White proposed offering developer incentives, such as the divestiture of public lands. If Council would like to evaluate these options, it would be timely to do so now, so that they may be considered during the 2027 budget process.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Salgado and seconded by Councillor Goucher to recommend to Council to direct staff to formally evaluate an accommodations solution for Hampton, with the intent of offering developer incentives that will be reviewed during the 2027 budget process.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6.2. Arthur McCarthy, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development, Funding Application for Lagoon Treatment Facility and Sewer Main Upgrades for Housing Growth**

Arthur McCarthy presented a recap of the Wastewater Infrastructure Capacity Assessment and Sanitary Extension Preliminary Design Report for Hampton, completed by Dillon Consulting and accepted by Council in April of 2026. The capacity assessment reviewed the current demand and analyzed projected future development needs to ensure Hampton can meet the short and long term requirements for a safe, reliable and sustainable wastewater collection and treatment system.

Staff have further reviewed the report findings to determine the wastewater projects that would align with Hampton's Strategic Plan and eligible funding through the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF). CHIF aims to accelerate the construction and upgrading of housing by supporting drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid-waste infrastructure, which directly supports the creation of new homes, and increasing densification. Applications for funding will be supported for up to 83% of eligible costs for communities with a population under 30,000. Staff are recommending Council approve an application to complete the following capital upgrades to the wastewater system which are needed to increase housing supply and support community growth:

| Proposed Project                                              | Added Dwelling Units (ADU) | Estimated Cost | Construction Timing |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Lagoon Treatment Facility - Aeration System Improvement       | ± 1,200                    | \$920,000      | 2027/2028           |
| Sanitary Sewer Main – Upgrade 1 - Lagoon to Main Street       | ± 400                      | \$1,140,000    | 2028-2030           |
| Sanitary Sewer Extension – Phase 1 - Villa Drive to Hall Road | ± 200                      | \$190,000      | 2028-2030           |
| Total Project Cost                                            |                            | \$2,250,000    |                     |
| Contingency (Engagement & Escalation)                         |                            | \$125,000      |                     |
| Funding Application Amount                                    |                            | \$2,350,000    |                     |

As per the table above, the funding application would be for a maximum amount of \$2,350,000.00.

**Moved by Councillor Tompkins and seconded by Councillor Barrett to recommend to Council to approve an application to the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) for a maximum amount of \$2,350,000.00 to complete capital upgrades to the lagoon treatment facility and sanitary sewer main (lagoon to Main Street and Villa Drive to Hall Road) to accommodate future housing growth.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **7.1. Alternate Meeting Locations**

Deputy Mayor Salgado initiated a discussion regarding alternate meeting locations for Committee of the Whole/Council meetings. Residents from outlying areas have expressed interest in having more engagement in their areas and it was suggested that perhaps Council could hold Committee of the Whole meetings in alternating locations between all Wards. Although this would bring Council into these areas, it was noted that moving the meetings would have logistical implications. Town Hall is a consistent location, with the necessary resources to hold productive meetings. The majority of Council agreed with this assessment but are interested in ways to engage outside of Town Hall. Richard Malone, CAO, noted that there are Council in the Community events, such as the one that took place at the Hampton Market in July, being planned in Wards 1 and 3 later this year. Council agreed that these events would allow for more direct engagement with residents and are open to exploring further opportunities of this nature.

### **7.2. Next Meeting**

Councillor Beach noted that the next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at 4:00 pm in the Council Chamber.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Salgado and seconded by Councillor Fowler to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting of August 4, 2026.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### APPROVED BY:



Councillor Todd Beach  
Chair



Lisa Richard  
Clerk

