



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting on September 1, 2026, in the Council Chambers commencing at 4:00 pm and adjourned at 4:59 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL: Mayor Robert Doucet
Deputy Mayor Jeremy Salgado
Councillor Todd Beach – Chair
Councillor Brian Fowler
Councillor Rob Barrett
Councillor Kim Tompkins
Councillor David Goucher – Vice-Chair (arrived at 4:08 pm)

STAFF: Richard Malone, Chief Administrative Officer/Assistant Clerk
Lisa Richard, Clerk
Chris White, Director of Economic Development & Tourism
Jessica Churchill, Director of Recreation (arrived at 4:06 pm)
Arthur McCarthy, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development
Mark Cormier, Director of Public Works & Utilities
Kevin Breau, Director of Parks & Facilities
Jessie Dean, Executive Assistant to the CAO

REGRETS: Sherman St.Germain, Director of Finance & Human Resources/
Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Beach called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Tompkins and seconded by Deputy Mayor Salgado that the agenda of the September 1, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Arthur McCarthy, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development – Water Supply Feasibility Study Progress Update

Arthur McCarthy, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development, gave a progress update on the water supply feasibility study that was initially brought forward in late 2025. The search for a universal water supply for Hampton has been ongoing for over 30 years. In 1994 a study was completed by Jacques Whitford Environment Ltd. which established flow requirements for consumption and storage volume. Various other studies have followed which looked at factors contributing to a public water system, groundwater exploration, hydrogeological assessment, desktop review of potential locations, and a distribution system plan. These studies have provided the understanding of need, flow demand and storage. They have also indicated that there is water available in Hampton to supply a distribution system.

In November 2025, Council approved an application to the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) to conduct a Water Supply Feasibility Study for Hampton. In March 2026, Fundy Engineering completed a report entitled “Hampton Water Supply Feasibility” to support the grant application to CHIF. Staff submitted the CHIF Application for water planning in the amount of \$1,525,000.00 to the Regional Development Corporation (RDC). The application includes 3 phases:

1. Project Initiation & Regulatory Screening
2. Hydrogeological Investigation and Conceptual Design
3. Environment Impact Assessment

In June 2026, RDC requested revisions to the CHIF application to include estimated potential housing that would be enabled by the water supply and contingencies for engagement and cost escalation, which have been provided as follows:

1. Estimated Potential Housing Enabled:
 - a. Land availability = $\pm$ 1,000 Dwelling Units (DU)
 - b. Development Leads = $\pm$ 510 DU
2. Contingencies for Engagement and Cost Escalation - \$125,000

Staff are now awaiting determination on the application from RDC.

Council raised some concerns regarding the distance of potential locations from town centre (5 to 7km). It is not uncommon for municipalities to pipe in water from these distances, however this would likely be the limit for a municipality of our size. It was also noted that each phase of the application as outlined above, could take up to 18

months to complete, so the project would take at least three to 4 years to complete, once funding is received. The timeline also helps to spread the cost over multiple budget years for Hampton.

6. DEPARTMENT UPDATES/DIRECTIVES

6.1. Jessica Churchill, Director of Recreation – Recreation update for 2026

Jessica Churchill, Director of Recreation, presented an overview of the Recreation Department's year to date for 2026. Visitation to our facilities is up with approximately 13,000 paid visits projected by year end versus 9,652 in 2025. Events have been expanded this year to include the Community Expo, Kids of Steel, Hampton Ladies Triathlon, camps and clinics, and the upcoming Flashback Festival. It was noted that Hampton will continue to offer the Kids of Steel event, however the Ladies Triathlon will be taken over by Alex Coffin.

Program results were mixed with the seniors' walking program and pool movies seeing a high turnout, while Stretch & Strength, EmpowHER and the summer markets are not expected to continue due to low attendance. TIFF screenings may see an increase in numbers after relocating to the Visitor Information Centre this fall. The ParticipACTION initiative in June was very successful. Residents and local community groups were encouraged to track their physical activity which landed Hampton in the top 40 in Canada. Hampton was then invited to submit a final application for review. Although we were not successful in our bid, positive feedback was received regarding our submission, in particular, the promotional video that was created by our Communications Department. It was noted that Grant funding has risen significantly with \$38,835 received to date in 2026, compared with \$26,356 in 2025. These funds are vital to program and event planning.

Operations are being optimized with public hours aligned with demand while retaining rental flexibility. Low off-season evening usage at the Summit Centre will inform 2027 staffing decisions. Pickleball and roller skating remain popular programs at the Field House, while interest from hockey(training), archery, lacrosse, basketball and volleyball groups is increasing pressure for court space and Field House improvements. The proposed Fall and Winter program calendars for the Summit Centre and Field House were reviewed. The Department is looking at offering free public programming at both locations. This will be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1. Next Meeting

Councillor Beach noted that the next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for October 6th, 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 4:59 pm.

Moved by Mayor Doucet and seconded by Deputy Mayor Salgado to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 1, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED BY:



Councillor Todd Beach
Chair



Lisa Richard
Clerk

