



**Environment Advisory Committee
Hampton Town Hall
August 18, 2026 7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Councillor Todd Beach (Chair)	Pam McKenzie (Vice Chair)	Marshal Fowler
Laura Myers	Phil Taber	John Blenis

Regrets:

Blair Boudreau	Jean Northrup
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Staff:

Arthur McCarthy P. Eng. – PLED Director
Marilyn Duplacey – PLED Supervisor

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Councillor Todd Beach at 7:03 pm. Councillor Beach explained the changes in the Procedural By-law with the Committee. Chair intended to provide consistency in the appointed chair and generating more involvement in the committee with the Council representative. Councillor Beach thanked Phil Taber for his hard work as Committee Chair over the last few years.

2. Approval of Agenda

Laura Myers requested that an update on Battery Recycling be added to the agenda under Old Business item 5.4.

Moved by Laura Myers and seconded by John Blenis to approve the agenda of the August 18, 2026, meeting as amended.

Motion Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None Declared

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Pam McKenzie and seconded by Marshall Fowler to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2026 meeting.

Motion Carried



5. Old Business

5.1 Darling's Lake Management Community Advisory Committee – Update

Staff advised that a meeting was held with Sarah Blenis, HRAA, on June 9, 2026. The meeting included discussion on work previously completed by HRAA, committee structure, members representation, and potential stakeholder involvement. Meeting outcomes include committee established under HRAA for the “Darling’s Lake Management Advisory Committee’ and some work would be started by HRAA with drafting a survey and terms of reference to have a committee in place ahead of any future funding opportunities. Concerns were raised by the committee regarding the committee structure being established outside Hampton committee structure. Staff noted this was the towns preference with no concerns raised by HRAA at the meeting. Staff will touch base with Sarah this fall to see if there is any update.

5.2 Green Municipal Fund Application – Implementation (Phase 2) - Update

Staff updated the committee that the design contract was awarded to Hilcon who will partner with Ducks Unlimited Canada to support the environmental components of the project. The project will focus on design and construction solutions in two site locations - Gordon Street and Dutch Point Park area will expand the pond to add storage intended to mitigate downstream impacts. The second area is the Trans Canada Walking Trail adjacent to Vernon Avenue to raise/relocate the trail to enhance the wetland drainage. Staff noted that the project construction will likely happen in 2027 and are awaiting on WAWA permits geotechnical review. Further, any preliminary designs may return to the committee if there are changes from the original study. Committee members inquired on preliminary design timelines and staff advised they are anticipated sometime this fall. Another member asked if there will be engineering checks during construction and staff advised that part-time inspection services have been include in the engineering contract. Further, staff noted that the additional staff for the infrastructure technician is intended to provide connectivity between Public Works and PLED projects.

5.3 EAC Action Plan

Councillor Beach opened the discussion on the committee interest in spending time reviewing the action plan in future meetings. Committee members supported the



review noting that it may take a few meetings to discuss each section and potentially continuing in the new year to accommodate any new members that may join.

5.4 Battery recycling

Laura Myers advised that Call2Recycle remains unchanged with Chris Rendell continuing to handle the recycling and there is no bin at the recycling centre. Laura requested the item be carried forward to the next meeting and plans to provide additional detail from Chris. Councillor Beach will follow up with staff on the status of the battery recycling ahead of the next meeting.

Marshall Fowler asked the Chair if there could be an update from our representative on PAC to which the Chair agreed and this would be added to the agenda going forward. Pam McKenzie advised that there was a variance for side yard placement of a pool, a variance in the Ossekeag Court subdivision plan, a street name change in a subdivision, and a recommendation to Council for a rezoning application for a salvage yard. Councillor Beach advised that Council rejected the rezone.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Referral by Council – Proposed Tentative Folkins Subdivision Plan - Gordon Street

Staff presented details of the subdivision application and tentative plan, "Folkins Subdivision". This plan proposes to subdivide lands to create a public street extension (Gordon Street), to create two (2) lots (26-1 and 26-2) intended for the construction of four (4) multi-unit buildings, each containing 12 units and dedicated LPP1 of 2,548 sq m intended for a naturalized stormwater management pond and a future trail connection. Council has forwarded the proposed development to the Environment Committee for review and recommendation regarding existing environmental features, water resource mitigation measurer and green infrastructure opportunities.

A Committee member expressed concerns that there is potential for differences between the tentative and the final subdivision plan and inquired if the final plan will return to the Environment Committee. Councillor Beach advised that there is no legislation for the item to return to the committee. However, if there were substantial changes potentially impacting the environment, a request could be made by the Councillor representative to Council recommending returning the item to the Environment Committee for review and recommendation.



Further, another member inquired on the water testing timelines to ensure sufficient supply of water for a development of this scale. Staff advised that a comprehensive water study would be a requirement as part of the Developer's Agreement based on Hampton 2008 Water Supply Assessment Policy. A second member suggested that the 2008 study on private wells should be updated considering the policy age (2008). Councillor Beach explored the committee interest in completing this and members believed that this should be completed by a qualified professional.

Members discussed potential plans for incorporating future tree planting to enhance the park and tree canopy of the municipality since the subdivision would be removing forested areas. Staff noted that a tree line preserved through buffering may achieve this while providing some separation between the development and Dutch Point Park.

There was considerable discussion about the 2009 approval with the rear portion transfer, loss of our natural spaces, and the impact this may have on Dutch Point Park and residents in the area. Further, a few committees expressed the committee role as "the protectors of natural spaces" and highlighted the need to preserve Dutch Point Park at the center of town. Further, noting that obtaining the rear PID would provide a guarantee of limiting any further development of the land.

Councillor Beach provided clarity to the committee regarding and making a motion and the outcome options of an affirmative motion that is carried vs denied.

Moved by Pam McKenzie and seconded by Marshall Fowler that the Environment Advisory Committee recommends that Hampton Council approve the "Folkins Subdivision Plan", with consideration to the following:

- 1. A Stormwater Management Plan to meet the requirements in the Town of Hampton Stormwater Management Guidelines.**
- 2. An acceptable water supply assessment to meet the requirements of the New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government**
- 3. Public Lands be reserved for naturalized stormwater management and tree planting.**
- 4. Forested areas along the property boundaries be preserves, and**
- 5. The flood hazard mapping is incorporated into the subdivision plan**

Debate on the Motion: A few members raised concerns with with loss of park land, previous 2009 approval to retain the rear portion of the property as a preservation mechanism, and potential impacts on the character of the park from the development. Other members



highlighted the rights of private landowners and their ability to remove trees from the lands despite the subdivision approval process.

In favour: Marshall Fowler, Pam McKenzie

Contrary Minded: Phil Taber, John Blenis, Laura Myers

Motion Denied

6.2 Referral by Council – Treasured Wetlands of New Brunswick Program - A Proposal for a potential collaboration between Dutch Point Trails and Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Staff provided the committee with a copy of the proposal. Members discussed and expressed interest in the opportunity for Council, community and the Dutch Point Park wetland.

Moved by Laura Myers and seconded by Pam McKenzie that the Environment Advisory Committee recommend to Council that we accept the proposal for a potential collaboration between Dutch Point Trails and Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Motion Carried.

6.3 Route 1 Fuel Spill

Staff advised that Ben Leblanc, our EMO Director, reached out to DELG for an update and are awaiting response. John Blenis stated that HRAA has done 4 samplings with undetectable results and have since discontinued sampling due to cost.

6.4 Floodplain Mapping for Hammond River

Marshall Fowler presented on spring river rise conditions with massive ice flow and jams down river and highlighted potential risk to development along the river in a number of locations. Further, Marshall expressed interest in developing a Flood overlay that may support PAC and provide a level of protect for people buying and building in the area. Marshall suggested that the committee consider gathering anecdotal evidence/data (photographs) showing historical high-water levels along the Hammond River.

Councillor Beach was in support of the exercise but was uncertain on the process and noted that retaining an engineering firm to collect the data may provide value.



Staff raised concerns with potential implications on residents in Ward 1 and 3 for additional regulation of development through a floodplain layer, and consideration for determining the public's interest through engagement may be warranted in this based on historical municipal plan amendments (reference conservation zone for wetland/watercourse change).

Question regarding Council approval to proceed with gathering information. Councilor Beach and Staff didn't foresee any concerns but agreed that members need to be cautious on how the information is being gathered as Council hasn't approved any flood. Members further discussed data gathering options, such as satellite imagery and potentially establishing a sub-committee to work on this. Marshall Fowler and John Blenis offered to collect data, followed by Phil Taber supporting review existing online data (satellite imagery).

7. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

7.1 John Blenis inquired on updates to the SWM guideline. Staff confirmed that the updates had been completed last year and accepted by Council with the updated version being available on Hampton's website. John made note to the potential need for a Storm Water Management By-Law, and the committee suggested further information be presented by John at a future meeting.

8. **NEXT MEETING** - Tentatively scheduled for September 29, 2026. The following were proposed for the next meeting Agenda.

- i) Marshall Fowler – Roadway lighting policy. Councillor Beach advised that Council sent this back to PWUC staff for a rework.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Pam McKenzie and seconded by Marshall Fowler that the meeting be adjourned 9:18 pm.

Motion Carried

Approved:

Councillor Todd Beach
Chair

Marilyn Duplacey
Staff Representative