**Economic Development & Tourism Committee**
**Hampton Town Hall**
**September 15, 2026, 6:00PM**
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Josh Adams, Councillor Brian Fowler, Jill Ganong, Chris Rendell, Heather Libbey

**Regrets:** Michel Boudreau, Paula Copeland, Marcelle Bélanger

**Staff:** Chris White, Director Economic Development & Tourism

1. **Call to Order**
   The meeting was called to order by Councillor Brian Fowler at 6:03 pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda**
   Moved by Heather Libbey and seconded by Josh Adams to approve the agenda of the September 15 meeting.

   **Motion Carried**

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**
   None Declared.

4. **Approval of Minutes**
   Moved by Jill Ganong and seconded by Josh Adams to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2026 meeting.

   **Motion Carried**

5. **Business Arising from Minutes:**
   - 5.1. Granny Suite / Secondary Suite campaign: Planning have completed document; Communications now formatting for public handout. Draft to be shared at October meeting.
   - 5.2. NB Power Energy Efficiency for Business: hosted session with NB Power on September 10. Despite a great deal of notification, only two business owners attended the session. Chris White to add link to SaveEnergy programs on the Economic Development portion of town website.
   - 5.3. ANBL Agency Announcement: Chris White advised that the RFP for ANBL agency store was granted. This will be a new build. Planning process just getting

underway. We have been assured there will be no gap between the opening of the new store and the closure of the existing store.

**6. New Business:**

6.1. Action Plan Updates:

6.1.1. Blue Trails: James Donaldson on site for two sessions (spring and fall) to evaluate blue trails infrastructure in Hampton and provide recommendations. Some recommendations will be included in the Budget request for 2027. Committee suggested the inclusion of a paddle program as part of Recreation offering. Chris to discuss with Recreation.

6.1.2. Expanded use of VIC: Several new programs will be offered as part of the off season – Mid-Week Makers will return for a 12-week run, Valentines/Family Day special day of programming. New this year will be a ukulele group on Fridays and staff are working towards a Conversational French activity with ARCf Saint John.

**7. Reports:**

7.1. Planning & Development Report: Deferred to October meeting.

7.2. PAC Report: Chris Rendell reviewed apartment building request for DPP area – request was not approved by PAC. Committee discussed importance of community involvement on these sessions and how to raise greater civic engagement. Will discuss further at future session. Possible Communications presentation.

7.3. Chamber Report: Councillor Fowler reported no quorum for HACC meeting last night. Still reviewing applicants for new Executive Director.

7.4. Approval of Reports: Moved by Josh Adams and seconded by Heather Libbey to approve the reports.

**Motion carried**

**8. Outstanding Issues:** Councillor Fowler raised the RCMP report of a number of break-ins in the area; asked if some of the Storefront Improvement funding should go towards security cameras or other features . Committee discussed – felt this is the wrong way to tackle the issue and would prefer to see the safety issue addressed through policing initiatives, not through economic development funds. Some concerns with over abundance of cameras as well. No motion to Council based on discussion.

**9. Next Meeting**

9.1. The next meeting will be scheduled for October 20, 2026 at 6:00pm.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by Josh Adams that the meeting be adjourned at 7:27 pm.

**Approved:**

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| Councillor Brian Fowler | Chris White |
| Chair | Staff Representative |