Environment Advisory Committee
Hampton Planning, Engineering and Development Board Room
September 15, 2026, 7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Councillor Todd Beach (Chair)	Pam Mckenzie	Marshal Fowler
Blair Bodreau (7:10pm)	Laura Myers	John Blenis

Regrets:

Phil Taber	Jean Northrup

Staff:

Arthur McCarthy P. Eng. – PLED Director
Cameron Evans – Development Officer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor Todd Beach at 7:07pm.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   Moved by John Blenis and seconded by Pam McKenzie to approve the agenda of the September 15, 2026, meeting as presented. 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 August 16, 2026, meeting. Motion Carried

5. **PAC Update**
   Pam McKenzie provided an update of the August PAC meeting, outlining one PAC application, and the Folkins Subdivision which was discussed in the August Environment Committee meeting. Members were interested in the PAC decision and the Chair provided an update from the published council report referencing PAC's concerns that were similar to the other committees.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Treasured Wetlands of New Brunswick Program - A Proposal for a potential collaboration between Dutch Point Trails and Ducks Unlimited Canada – Update

Moved by Deputy Mayor Salgado and seconded by Councillor Tompkins that Hampton Council accept the proposal from Ducks Unlimited Canada for Dutch Point Park to be a potential partner site in the Treasured Wetlands of New Brunswick Program, as per the recommendations of the Environment Advisory and Parks & Recreation Advisory Committees. MOTION CARRIED

Staff provided an update that the file has been forwarded to Parks and Rec Department for coordination.

6.2 Battery Recycling Update

Staff provided an update that Hampton Recycling is now identified as the Call2Recycle location for battery collection. Laura provided an update regarding pickup changes from Call2Recycle, and highlighted training requirements for the packaging of batteries, and concerns with Hampton Recycling completing the training to have services occur at their location. Laura noted that she will bring forward this item in the future when there is an update for the committee.

6.3 Folkins Subdivision – Update

Staff provided an update regarding the Council decision for the Folkins Subdivision. All committees contacted, aside from Public Works, defeated/rejected the proposal.

Moved by Councillor Beach and seconded by Councillor Goucher that Hampton Council table the tentative subdivision plan "Folkins Subdivision Plan" which proposes to subdivide the lands, described as PID 30267538 and 0019075, for the development of a public street to be known Gordon Street (extension) and municipal infrastructure to service two (2) new Medium Density Residential "R2" lots (26-1 & 26-2) intended for four (4) multi-unit dwellings, until such time that the applicant

submits a revised design for the proposed development to preserve the character of Dutch Point Park that addresses the following:

a. Increasing the separation between the access and recreation assets;
b. Incorporating natural park features into the streetscape;
c. Relocating the street to eliminate impacts on the trail corridor;
d. Counterbalancing of any park land provided to facilitate the development;
e. Reducing the scale of the development to align with the surrounding area.

MOTION CARRIED
Nay: Councillor Tompkins

Members inquired if applications details can be disclosed to the public. Staff encouraged committee members to forward any public interest in the file to the Planning, Engineering and Development Department for any record information.

6.4 EAC Action Plan

Staff reviewed the EAC Action Plan and will continue to do so over the next scheduled meetings, starting with Goal 1: "*Address climate change in Hampton through mitigating greenhouse gas emissions"* and its objectives to determine if updates or changes to each are required.

Obj 1a. Reducing carbon footprint through continuous efficiency improvements
Members discussed whether the current status of "Complete" should be adjusted to "In progress" based on the intended goals and milestones of EV implementation. Staff provided an update of the additional EV charging stations at the Summit Center. A member inquired on the availability of usage data for all existing public EV charging stations in Hampton. Staff will update the item to "in-progress" and investigate the availability of usage data to and report back to the committee.

Obj. 1b. Plant trees to sequester carbon / 1c. Identify gaps in urban tree landscape
Members discussed if the Town has held a tree planning event and if there were key areas that would be best for tree planting in each Ward. A member suggested 0contacting local organisations (HRAA, KWRC, Scouts Canada) to provide any relevant information for a total of tree's planted through their annual programmes. The committee discussed the positive outcomes and availability of information, but with the intent being tree planting on Hampton public lands as confirmed by the Chair and Staff, the consensus was to exclude any changes from this item of the action plan.

A member requested that the Objective be updated to clarify planting on Hampton public lands. Staff supported this and will plan to update accordingly.

Further discussion for Objective 1b as a subpoint to Objective 1c resulted in the two to be merged into a single objective to facilitate better planning and direction to future tree planting programs. Staff will present an updated objective for the next meeting.

Obj. 1d. Improve access to public transportation
Staff provided an update regarding the needs assessment survey completed by Fundy Regional Service Commission about regional transportation and the lack of participation. Members who took the survey outlined survey difficulties including the nature of its questions and its urban focus.

Further discussion continued surrounding public transport availability in more regional areas based on operational costs with the committee agreeing to retain the current objective as is.

Obj. 1e. Secure funding to support renewable technologies in the community
The committee inquired about initiatives that may be aligned with this item. Staff provided an update regarding the solar pilot program at the lagoon. Committee members inquired whether the results of the study could be added to the agenda for next meeting. Staff acknowledged and will locate any information and share with committee at a future meeting.

Obj 2.a Track efficiency measures completed during municipal building retrofits
Committee discussed PCP and projects that may be aligned with the goal. Staff noted a few projects and reviewed portions of the PCP reports available on the website. Members discussed emissions tacking level of detail, measurables and supported that staff provide a list of completed projects on a yearly basis that align with the EAC goal.

Obj. 2.b Track annual emissions data in Hampton
Laura provided an update related to the annual data collection completed in conjunction with the National Climate League and would follow up with them to confirm if collection/monitoring had taken place for 2026.

Obj. 2.c. Reduce solid waste tonnage in municipal buildings
Members discussed the systems that might be in place for Municipal buildings for recycling and composting. Staff noted limited awareness on the composting and recycling program and would inquire with Facilities. Members discussed methods for gathering more information surrounding recycling/compost program. Staff will follow up with Facilities Director for further information.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Hydraulic Fracturing – Marshall Fowler

Marshall introduced an item for open discussion surrounding the province announcing feedback is being solicited in relation to Fracking and Gas Exploration in NB.

The committee discussed historical motions passed by the Town surrounding exploration and seismic testing inside town limits, historical experience of the risks associated with fracking, waste management and resource consumption (water) and potential risk for more rural areas being overlooked in public feedback.

Members discussed their concerns with the topic and identified that one of the key focuses on the review process is to determine public support for shale gas development

Members highlighted their support for the Town as an entity to provide feedback to the province and the potential to contacting the Minister of Natural Resources to arrange a consultation session within in Hampton.

The Chair noted that the discussions and concerns from the committee would be included in future discussions with Council if a Motion/s could not be finalized in this session.

Members were also interest in any historical information Hampton may have on the topic while recognizing the Town boundaries changed in 2023 following the Local Government Reform. The committee suggested developing a survey to gather feedback from Hampton residents' opinion on fracking and gas exploration in all wards of Hampton to support the town position on the matter. Following the discussion, the motions were made.

Moved by John Blennis and Seconded by Laura Myers that the Environment Advisory Committee recommend Council perform a survey within Hampton regarding the upcoming provincial review and process for fracking in the municipality.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Laura Myers and Seconded by Pam McKenzie that the Hampton Environment Advisory Committee recommend Council contact the Minister of Natural Resources to host public engagement session about Fracking in Hampton.

MOTION CARRIED

8. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

None declared

9. NEXT MEETING - Tentatively scheduled for October 13, 2026. The following were proposed for the next meeting Agenda.

9.1 Information on the Solar pilot program completed at the Lagoon

9.2 EAC Action Plan Discussion and Updates (Goal 2)

9.3 Hydraulic Fracking - Update regarding survey and engagement session

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Laura Myers and seconded by Pam McKenzie that the meeting be adjourned at 8:58 pm. **MOTION CARRIED**

Approved:

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Councillor Todd Beach	Cameron Evans
Chair	Staff Representative