**Environment Advisory Committee**
**Hampton Council Chambers**
**October 20, 2026, 7:00 pm**
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Councillor Todd Beach (Chair) Pam Mckenzie Blair Bodreau Phil Taber
Jean Northrup

**Regrets:**

Marshal Fowler Laura Myers John Blenis

**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 7:00pm.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   **Moved by Phil Taber and seconded by Pam McKenzie to approve the agenda of the October 20, 2026, meeting as presented.**

   **MOTION CARRIED**

3. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST -** None Declared

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   Members requested additional time to review the September 15 minutes and motioned to table the minutes to be approved at the next meeting.

   **Moved by Jean Northrup and seconded by Pam McKenzie to table the minutes of the September 15, 2026, meeting.**

   **MOTION CARRIED**

5. **PAC Update – No Updates**

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

### 6.1 Hydraulic Fracking – Staff Update

**Moved by Councillor Beach and seconded by Councillor Goucher that Hampton Council send a request to the Minister of Natural Resources to host a public engagement session in Hampton as part of the provincial government's public review of natural gas development, and direct staff to share the provincial public survey information on Hampton's social medial channels, as per the recommendation of the Environment Advisory Committee.** **MOTION CARRIED**

The Chair provided an update of the Council motion from October 13, 2026, session. Further updates will be provided once a response from the Minister of Natural Resources Office is received.

### 6.2 EAC Action Plan

#### 6.2.1 Goal 1 Updates

1. **EV Usage Data – Staff Update**

Staff provided an update of the year-to-date information for EV charging stations located at the Visitor Information Center and Summit Center, including costs associated with maintenance and repairs.

A committee member inquired if the rate of charge could be adjusted from flat to hourly for the VIC charging stations. Further discussion continued surrounding investigating an alternative provider for the stations. Members expressed concerns regarding the costs of maintenance and repairs

Staff will review the existing charging rates for both locations and inquire whether adjustment is possible.

2. **Recycling/compost program at Town facilities – Staff Update**

Staff provided an update of the existing waste and recycling procedures across Municipal buildings outlining that garbage and recycling (blue bins) are in place at all locations, no composting is undertaken at any locations.

Discussion continued regarding the feasibility of a composting program at these locations with a member suggesting that the Summit Center would likely be most suitable location for a pilot program.

Staff will follow up with Facilities to determine if this has been investigated previously and if there is interest in a pilot composting program.

A member stated that there is currently no recycling bin at the library. Staff will inquire with Facilities to confirm if one can be added.

**3. Information on Solar pilot program at the Lagoon – Staff Update**

Staff presented the results of the Solar pilot program completed at the water treatment lagoon in 2023. Members discussed the cost and return on investment presented for a larger scale program and the feasibility of a program following changes to the funding options mentioned in the report.

**6.2.2 Goal 2 Review**

**Obj 1a. Manage Stormwater to mitigate flooding/erosion**

Staff provided an update regarding training courses offered through DELG Wetland and Watercourse Alterations (WAWA) that are awaiting approval from Human Resources. The courses will focus on design principles and implementation strategies for projects within wetland/watercourse buffer zones. Committee discussed that the installation course may be better suited for staff. Staff will investigate this option and provide an update when confirmation has been received to attend the course offered in Spring 2027.

**Obj 1b. Use Green Infrastructure to increase water infiltration and slow surface flow.**

Staff provided an update of a Green Infrastructure Survey completed earlier in 2026 and will forward the draft report to the committee for review and comment.

**Obj 1c. Identify unmapped wetlands that could be optimized during high rainfall or flood events.**

Staff outlined that this objective is currently in progress through the two projects utilizing the GMF. The first being the improvements planned for the Trans Canada Trail near Vernon Avenue and the second being an expansion to the pond in Dutch Point Park. Staff will continue to provide updates for both projects as they develop further.

**Obj 2a. Reduce the impacts of light pollution**

Two members of the Committee highlighted ongoing concerns regarding light pollution from properties along William Bell Drive. A member noted a recent By-Law Complaint experience that explored the enforcement processes for Zoning By-Law light pollution requirements and highlighted that the outcome was not as expected.

Staff outlined that recent commercial developments on William Bell Drive were subject to Zoning lighting fixture types and compliance, and By-law are not retroactively applied to existing businesses.

Further discussion surrounding the goal continued as members reviewed action items and explored potential options of enforcement for light pollution. The Dangerous and Unsightly By-Law was discussed as a similarity to potential options. The Chair outlined that the determination of unsightly is held to the By-Law officer and staff reaffirmed with reference to provincial regulation for Dangerous and Unsightly.

Members reached a consensus with updating the objective to include existing light pollution as a target for reduction and to add the exploration of enforcement options for existing noncomplying properties. A committee member offered to research other municipalities for reference and approaches.

Staff will follow up with Facilities regarding the lighting hours at the Summit Center and provide an update to the committee.

**Obj 2b-e.**

Committee members and staff reviewed the remaining objectives and agreed to keep them as currently presented.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 Environment Advisory Committee Year End Report

Staff presented the Year End (October 2025-Septembewr 2026) Report to the Committee. During the presentation and review of membership terms, a member noted that the student position was still vacant and if further outreach to fill the position should be done. The committee discussed recruitment of a student member and will follow up to see options

available. A member inquired if attendance count includes the number of meetings available to be attend vs meetings affected by membership issues. Staff to review further and will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

**8. OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

**8.1 Treasured Wetlands of New Brunswick Program – Staff Update**

Staff provided an update that further communication and a site visit are planned between Ducks Unlimited Canada and Hampton's Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department. Staff will continue to update as the program develops further.

**8.2 Green Municipal Fund Application – Implementation (Phase 2) – Staff Update**

Staff provided a brief update of the current status of the two GMF projects underway and are awaiting information from the consulting groups regarding the implementation of both projects. Updates for each project location will be provided to the Committee as progress develops further.

**9. NEXT MEETING** - Tentatively scheduled for November 17, 2026.

The following were proposed for the next meeting Agenda.

9.1 New Agenda items for next meeting

9.1.1 EAC Action Plan – Goal 3 Review

9.1.2 – Streetlight Guideline – Marshall

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Pam McKenzie and seconded by Blair Boudreau that the meeting be adjourned at 8:39 pm.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Approved:**

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| Councillor Todd Beach | Cameron Evans |
| Chair | Staff Representative |