

**TOWN OF HAMPTON
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2008**

A Closed Session of Council was held immediately preceding the regular Council meeting, commencing at 6:00 p.m. A regular meeting of Council was held in the Council Chambers at 27 Centennial Road on January 8, 2008 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Council: Mayor Jim Hovey Deputy Mayor Mike Murphy
Councillor Dwight Bond Councillor Ken Chorley

Staff: Megan O'Brien Harrison, Clerk/Development Officer
Richard Malone, Chief Administrative Officer
Richard King, Building Inspector/By-law Enforcement Officer

Delegations: Sgt. Steve Gourdeau, Hampton RCMP

Guests: Adam Reid

Media: Erin Dwyer, Telegraph-Journal
David Kelly, Kings County Record

1. CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with Section 10.2(4) of the *Municipalities Act*, Mayor Hovey called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned the same meeting at 7:00 p.m. During that time, a number of issues were discussed and the confidential information from such discussions was classified as follows:

<u>Subsection of 10.4 (2)</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u># of Items</u>
(a)	Confidential information protected by law	
(b)	Personal information	
(c)	Financial loss or gain (individual or municipal) or could jeopardize negotiations leading to an agreement or contract	4
(d)	Land transactions for a municipal purpose	
(e)	Violates confidentiality of information obtained from other governments (Federal and/or Provincial)	
(f)	Legal opinions or advice, and privileged communications	1
(g)	Litigation or potential litigation	
(h)	Access to/or security of particular buildings, other structures or systems	
(i)	Information gathered by police	
(j)	Labour/Employment matters	3

2. REGULAR SESSION – PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Hovey called the Open Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

3. **MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

Councillor Chorley led Council in a moment of reflection.

4. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

N/A

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND DELEGATIONS**

Sgt. Steve Gourdeau, Hampton RCMP

Sergeant Gourdeau reported that during the Christmas season, being the weekend prior to Christmas until New Year's Day, the RCMP responded to 87 complaints. The majority of the complaints were in the Town limits or immediately surrounding the municipality. The complaints ranged from domestic disputes, to drinking and driving, to fights, including bar brawls. Several members indicated that this was the busiest week they had recalled having.

He indicated that he is working with Town Staff on amending the Noise By-law. He was happy to report that David Lutz has agreed to have Lutz Longstaff work with the Town on developing the new by-law. Lutz Longstaff will be donating their time and will draft the By-law free of charge. Lutz Longstaff is responsible for prosecuting any municipality enforcement that the RCMP may do in Hampton.

Sergeant Gourdeau reported that there have been very few speeders on Kennebecasis River Road, though certainly some individuals had been caught speeding. He also noted that the new school speed zone is working well.

6. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

6.1 Regular Council Meeting of December 11th, 2007

Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Councillor Bond that the Minutes of the December 11th, 2007 Regular Council Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

6.2 Special Council Meeting of December 31st, 2007

Moved by Councillor Bond and seconded by Councillor Chorley that the Minutes of the December 31st, 2007 Special Council Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Correspondence #07-263 from Debby Sommerville re: Dog Attack on Kennebecasis River Road
Staff informed Council that the dog involved in the dog attack on November 22nd, 2007 on Kennebecasis River Road was voluntarily put down by the dog owners following a request for same from Council.

8. CORRESPONDENCE LIST

08-001 Bev Harrison, MLA re: Thank you Letter
Received and filed.

08-002 UMNB re: Bulletin
Received and filed.

Staff will confirm the dates of the 2008 Zone Meetings for UMNB.

08-003 FCM re: Land Management and Local Communities Workshop
Received and filed.

08-004 The Resource Centre for Youth re: Global Youth Services Day
Received and filed.

08-005 Ashley Marks re: Request for Crosswalk at the Pizza Delight
Referred to the Public Works Advisory Committee.

08-006 Hon. Thomas J. Burke re: Hampton Courthouse
Referred to staff for reference later.

08-007 Lisa Savidant re: Concerns about Hampton Sliding Hills
Referred to staff.

08-008 Dr. Hugh Baird re: Environmental Concerns
Received and filed.

08-009 Minister Hedard Albert re: Heritage Week February 11th – 18th
Received and filed.

08-010 George Stevens re: Kennebecasis River Road Concerns
Councillor Bond noted that the Public Works Advisory Committee reviewed his request already. Mr. Stevens indicates that he has solutions to his concerns, but to date he has been unwilling to disclose these solutions to the Town.

Staff is directed to send a response acknowledging receipt of the letter and indicating that the RCMP have informed the Town of Hampton that they have laid charges for speeding on Kennebecasis River Road but they feel that the situation is under control.

08-011 PNB, Department of Local Government re: Municipal Orientation 2008
Staff confirmed that five rooms have been booked for the 2008 Municipal Orientation session. Council recommended that the CAO consider attending as well.

9. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Bond that the Town of Hampton approve the General and Utilities Fund Paid Invoices from December 1 to December 31, 2007 for the amount of nine hundred and ten thousand three hundred and sixty-four dollars and fifty-two cents (\$910,364.52).

Motion Carried

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10.1 RCMP

Council did not provide comment on the RCMP report.

10.2 Fire-Rescue

Council did not provide comment on the Fire-Rescue Report.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Bond that the Town of Hampton accept the reports from the RCMP and Fire-Rescue as submitted.

Motion Carried

11. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

11.1 Building Inspector

Council noted that in 2007 the Town of Hampton topped the value of building permits issued in 2006.

11.2 Dog Report

Council did not provide comment on the Dog Constable Report.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Chorley that the Town of Hampton approve the Building Inspector and Dog Constable Reports as presented.

Motion Carried

12. PETITIONS

Not Applicable

13. READING OF BY-LAWS

Not applicable.

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1 Hampton Diner

Councillor Chorley stated that the Town of Hampton went to great lengths to acquire PID 30183776 to be used as a Town Common and not for commercial use. He stated that when CNR owned this parcel of land, it was very clear to the owner of the Hampton Diner building, that the property owner could ask that the building be removed at any time. The Town of Hampton is simply carrying on the same terms. It is noted that the Hampton Diner building owner has been uncommunicative with the Town of Hampton regarding signing a lease agreement until this point. He is now willing to enter into a lease agreement. Providing an extension to October 2008 would allow Ms. Lights to operate her ice cream business for an additional summer from its current location, as well as allow the tenants of the building to make arrangements for alternative locations of operation.

Councillor Bond stated that he agreed with what Councillor Chorley stated.

Moved by Councillor Bond and seconded by Councillor Chorley that the Town of Hampton rescind a previous motion in regard to the Hampton Diner, made at the regular Council meeting of December 11th, 2007, in light of the fact that the owner of the Hampton Diner building has requested the extension and is now willing to sign a lease, which reads as follows:

Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Councillor Bond that given the fact that the Hampton Diner Building, located at 619 Main Street, has the status of a "holdover" tenant, that the Town of Hampton provide written notice to the Hampton Diner building owner, Ross Lights, that the Hampton Diner Building must be removed from town property (PID 30183776) by the 30th day of April 2008. Until that time Mr. Lights will be required to make monthly lease payments at the existing rental rate.

MOTION CARRIED

Once rescinded a new motion was made.

Moved by Councillor Bond and seconded by Councillor Chorley that given the fact that the Hampton Diner Building currently has the status of a "holdover" tenant that the Town of Hampton provide written notice to the property owner, Ross Lights, that the Town of Hampton will extend the deadline to remove the Hampton Diner building from Town property (PID 30183776) from April 30, 2008 to October 30, 2008 provided that Mr. Lights enter into a non-renewable lease agreement with the Town of Hampton, the terms of which were previously presented.

MOTION CARRIED

14.2 Appointment of Municipal Planning Officer

Moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Chorley that the Town of Hampton, in accordance with the *Community Planning Act*, appoint Megan O'Brien Harrison as the Municipal Planning Officer, effective immediately.

MOTION CARRIED

14.3 Lighthouse Park Rental Rates

Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Murphy that the Town of Hampton approve the 2008 Lighthouse Park River Centre Facility rental rates as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

14.4 Town Employment Opportunities

Moved by Councillor Chorley and seconded by Councillor Bond that the Town of Hampton create and fill a Tourism/River Centre Manager position and two Public Works Department Operator positions as outlined in the 2008 budget.

MOTION CARRIED

14.5 Mayor's Announcement

Mayor Hovey stated that after a great deal of thought, he has decided that he will not re-offer for the Mayor's chair in May 2008. He indicated that he has enjoyed his time on Council – three terms (9 years) as Deputy Mayor, and sixteen years as Mayor – for a total of 25 years when this term is complete in May. He has seen a great many changes in Hampton, all for the better of the Town, and he is proud of the accomplishments that have taken place. Mayor Hovey stated that he has had a great change in his life with the death of his wife six months ago, and this has assisted in making his decision not to re-offer. He wanted people to know his decision as early as possible, so that potential candidates, including present councillors, could consider the challenge. He thanked all the Councillors that he has served with over the years and all the staff that he has worked with. He stated that it has been a great run.

15. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Snow Removal

Councillor Chorley noted that the snow removal crew should be commended for the excellent job they have done to date.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting of Council was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Bond that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

APPROVAL:

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR
