

**TOWN OF HAMPTON
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
September 23rd, 2008**

A Closed Session of Council was held immediately preceding the special meeting of Council, commencing at 6:00 p.m. A special meeting of Council was held in the Council Chambers at 27 Centennial Road on September 23, 2008 commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance

Council:	Mayor Ken Chorley Councillor Peter Behr Councillor Clara Ann Lights	Deputy Mayor Dwight Bond Councillor Robert Doucet
Staff:	Richard Malone, CAO Megan O'Brien Harrison, Town Clerk/Development Officer Gena Fowler, Leisure Services Director Gillian Reid, Assistant to the Clerk	
Delegations:	Enterprise Fundy: Frank Tenhave, Gary Rent, and Jim Hovey Dillon Consulting: Holly McMackin	
Media:	Erin Dwyer, Telegraph Journal	
Guests:	Doug and Debbie Thomas, Saint Paul's Street Tony Dalton, Hilltop Drive Kim Tompkins, Kennebecasis River Road	
		Brenda Collings, Ossekeag Court Christine Davis, Norton

1. CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with Section 10.2(4) of the *Municipalities Act*, Mayor Chorley called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned the same meeting at 7:30 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	5
(c)	Financial loss or gain (individual or municipal) or could jeopardize negotiations leading to an agreement or contract	
(d)	Land transactions for a municipal purpose	1
(e)	Violates confidentiality of information obtained from other governments (Federal and/or Provincial)	
(f)	Legal opinions or advice, and privileged communications	
(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	2

2. **REGULAR SESSION – PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Chorley called the Open Session to order at 7:30 p.m.

3. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Lights declared a conflict of interest regarding all issues pertaining to employment matters in the Town of Hampton.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND DELEGATIONS**

4.1 **Enterprise Fundy**

Mayor Chorley introduced Frank Tenhave, Executive Director of Enterprise Fundy, and two of its directors: Gary Rent and Jim Hovey. It was noted that other directors from the Hampton Region included Mike Hickey and Carl Dobson. There are 15 directors in total.

They presented Council with an overview of Enterprise Fundy's role in economic development in the region and how the "enterprise" system works and benefits Hampton.

Enterprise Fundy is a non-profit corporation that champions and facilitates economic development in the Fundy Region by providing linkages between the communities they serve and all levels of government. They assist new business starts, help strengthen and diversify business from outside the region, coordinate strategic projects across the region, and act as an advocate for the business interests of our communities.

They felt that Enterprise Fundy is the right "enterprise" for Hampton to belong to as they felt our interests are well looked after and given our geographical location. The Enterprise Fundy region incorporates most of rural Kings and Albert Counties and western Westmorland County including the municipalities of Sussex, Sussex Corner, Norton, Salisbury, Petitcodiac, Alma, Riverside-Albert and Hillsborough.

Mr. Rent then went on to discuss Enterprise Fundy's vision and to provide an overview of their two key documents: their strategic plan and the annual work plan. He provided an overview of their current staffing, which includes:

- The Executive Director;
- An Economic Development Officer;
- A Labour Force Development Officer (contract position) who focuses on three primary areas including human resource programs, training programs and immigration initiatives;
- A Youth Entrepreneurship Development Officer (contract position) who focuses on projects and services delivered to young people who are looking towards entrepreneurship as a viable career option; and
- An Office Administrator, who completes day-to-day administration, accounting and organizes the board meetings.

They identified natural gas and the East-West transportation routes for transport truck traffic as “big picture” projects for the region.

Mr. Tenhave stated that they set-up a “remote” office in Hampton on a monthly basis to meet with area clients. He invited Council and residents to visit their website at <http://www.ent-fundy.ca>. Council noted that this website should be linked to the Town website. He noted that the website is also available in Dutch and German as they felt these were key groups to target for immigration to this region.

Council requested that Enterprise Fundy make quarterly or semi-annual presentations to Council in order to keep Council better informed of economic development in the region. Mr. Tenhave agreed, though he did note that much of the information regarding specific clients would not be available due to confidentiality.

Mayor Chorley thanked Enterprise Fundy for their presentation.

4.2 Dillon Consulting

Holly McMackin of Dillon Consulting reviewed the Recreational Needs Analysis that was commissioned by the previous Council. She provided an introduction of her findings, planning considerations, community consultation, her analysis, recommendations and implementations.

She stated that recreation is important especially because of growth within the region. For the planning consideration she looked at growth, demographics, the aging population, recreation trends, and the Leisure Services department. Surrounding areas were taken into consideration. She also made note of a recent trend in declining volunteerism.

She noted issues with several of the Town’s existing facilities. She stated that the rink is at its maximum capacity and the pool is at 85% capacity. In addition the ball fields, tennis courts, and soccer fields have a lack of shelter, the outdoor basketball courts need resurfacing, the bridges in the parks need to be replaced and the trail systems require an increased level of maintenance.

She provided Council with an overview of how community consultation and engagement was achieved, including a community workshop, a community survey, focus groups and a public open house to discuss any issues pertaining to recreation.

Her analysis and recommendations included the establishment of a new Leisure Services master plan. For the future, the Town should look into the possibility of a new ice surface/multi-use facility, move forward with the Town Square project and look into hiring new staff to maintain the trail systems, and hire a Cultural Services Director. She stated that there are options for funding including federally, provincially, a local financing group or even tax-based methods.

Mayor Chorley opened the floor for questions and comments.

Councillor Doucet inquired as to whether the Parks Department should be separated from the Leisure Services Department. Ms. McMackin did not feel it would be appropriate to separate these groups at this time.

Councillor Behr stated that he felt the trail systems were in good shape, however, he agreed that the bridges do need some upgrading.

Mayor Chorley pointed out that the Town has now launched its website and that hits to the site are increasing as information continues to be added to the site.

Representatives from the Hampton Minor Hockey Association, including Kim Tompkins, Brenda Collings, Christine Davis, Tony Dalton, Doug Thomas and Debbie Thomas, expressed their concerns regarding the lack of available ice time in the Town. They did not feel that an additional ice surface in Quispamsis would alleviate their ice issues as Hampton would not be able to secure prime ice times at the new facility and parents would not be happy with travelling for practices. They noted that this year they were forced to limit registrations of new players in certain age divisions. There is also no available ice time for a girls' team or for players between the age of 20 and 29. Players from outlying areas play at our rink as well. It was suggested that local area service districts would have to contribute to a new facility.

Council acknowledged their concerns and recognized that there is a lack of ice time, but noted that funding for a new facility is the issue at hand.

Mayor Chorley thanked Ms. McMackin for her time and recommendations.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Dog Constable

Moved by Councillor Behr and seconded by Councillor Lights that the Town of Hampton appoint Darin Clarke as Dog Constable for the period of September 24th, 2008 until December 31st, 2009 and enter into a contract with Darin Clarke in accordance to the terms of conditions as presented by the Town CAO.

Motion Carried.

5.2 Arena Attendant

At this time, Councillor Lights declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Doucet and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bond that the Town of Hampton appoint Roger Breau Jr. as Arena Attendant. This appointment is for a twelve-month probationary period and then with a satisfactory performance appraisal the employee will be reclassified to regular full-time employment. The benefits package, which include medical, dental and pension plan, is to begin immediately.

Motion Carried

Councillor Lights returned to the meeting.

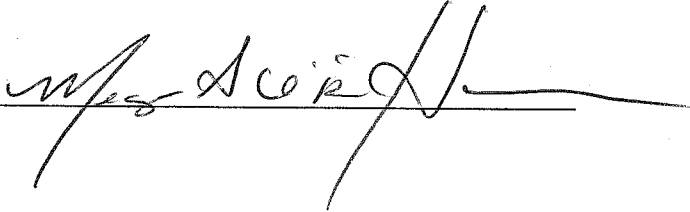
6. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting of Council was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Clerk: _____

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Mayor: _____