

**TOWN OF HAMPTON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
March 8th, 2011**

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 March 8, 2011 commencing at 7:07 p.m. A second closed session of Council was held immediately preceding the regular Open session, commencing at 8:15 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Council: Mayor Ken Chorley Deputy Mayor Dwight Bond  
Councillor Peter Behr Councillor Robert Doucet  
Councillor Clara Lights

Staff: Megan O'Brien Harrison, Clerk/Development Officer  
Sherman St. Germain, Treasurer  
Gena Fowler, Director of Leisure Services

Media: Erin Dwyer, Telegraph Journal  
Laura MacInnis, Kings County Record

Delegations: Peter Logan, Teed Sanders Doyle & Co.  
Sgt. Andy O'Connell, RCMP

Guests: Blanche Jones  
Ellen Hanlon

**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 closed session at 7:05 p.m. Mayor Chorley called a second closed session to order at 8:15 p.m. and adjourned the second closed session at 9:00 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	1
(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	1

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

Mayor Chorley called the Open Session to order at 7:07 p.m.

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

Mayor Chorley led Council in a moment of reflection.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Councillor Behr and seconded by Councillor Lights that the agenda of the February 8, 2011 be approved as presented.**

**Motion Carried**

**5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts were declared.

**6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

6. Delegations and Public Hearings

a. Auditor – Peter Logan, Teed Saunders Doyle & Co.

Mr. Logan provided a summary of the 2010 audit report. He stated that they were able to issue a clean audit report for the Town of Hampton for 2010. Mr. Logan highlighted the audit report stating that the Town spent approximately \$1.8 on projects from the General Capital Fund, including the Roundabout, Paving, the Town Square restoration project and the purchase of a new loader.

Mr. Logan stated that the property tax revenues for the town increased by almost 11%. The Town had a surplus in its Operating Fund of \$53,968.

**Moved by Councillor Behr and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bond the Town of Hampton approve the audited Financial Statement as presented by Teed Saunders Doyle & Co. Chartered Accountants for the year ending December 31, 2010 for the General and Utility Fund.**

**Motion Carried**

The Mayor and Treasurer signed the audit report for 2010.

b. Sgt. Andy O’Connell – Hampton RCMP

Sgt. O’Connell reported that it was a fairly quiet month in February. Council noted that they were very pleased with the new RCMP report format and thanked Sgt. O’Connell and Janice Bates for the work they did on the revision.

Council was pleased that Sgt. O’Connell had mentioned the Roundabout in his Hampton Herald article.

Council and Sgt. O’Connell all noted that visibility is key to municipal policing.

c. Mayor Chorley, Megan O’Brien Harrison – Pathways, Town Square Legacy Campaign Launch

Mayor Chorley stated that on behalf of the Town Square Fundraising Committee he was pleased to launch Pathways – the Town Square Legacy Campaign. This legacy campaign will provide residents, businesses and friends of our community with an opportunity to participate in the completion of the restoration of Hampton’s Town Square.

The Committee is pleased to offer four different sponsorship opportunities.

- Adopt a lamppost. For \$2000 you can sponsor one of the 20 decorative lampposts in the Town Square. Your sponsorship will include a plaque secured to the lamppost.
- Sponsor a Bench. There are ten benches available for sponsorship at a cost of \$1000. These will also have a plaque secured to them.
- Embrace a Tree. For \$300 a tree will be planted in the Town Square and a plaque will be placed by the tree. There are 35 trees available for sponsorship.
- Build Our Square Brick-by-Brick. For \$100, your personalized brick will be placed in the pathway around the pavilion. Each brick may be engraved with up to two lines of copy with 12 characters/spaces per line.

The Pathways – Town Square Legacy Campaign is a great opportunity to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, honour an important person in your life, advertise a business or simply secure your place in the Town’s history. It is a lasting tribute and a unique gift.

He encouraged anyone who was interested in taking part in this campaign to contact the Town Clerk during regular business hours or visit the town website at [www.townofhampton.ca](http://www.townofhampton.ca).

The Town Clerk was pleased to report that in the first day of the campaign several trees, benches and bricks had already been sold.

Council was also pleased by the work that Richard King and his crew of volunteers had been doing on the pavilion.

## 7. Adoption of Minutes

### 7.1 Minutes of February 8, 2011

Mayor Chorley will ask Council to review the minutes for Errors or Omissions. He will then ask for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented (or with noted corrections, etc.)

**Moved by Councillor Lights and seconded by Councillor Behr that the minutes of the February 8, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be adopted.**

**Motion Carried**

## 8. Business Arising from Minutes

There was none.

## 9. Correspondence List

#	NAME	DESCRIPTON	Recommended Action
11-020	Rick McNulty, President – MADD Saint John & Area Chapter	Invitation to attend the 2011 Local Candlelight Vigil: “Hope & Remembrance” on Sunday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> at 2p.m. at Brenan’s Bay View Select Community Funeral Home .	Received and filed. Council may attend if they so chose.
11-021	Brock Carlton, CEO Federation of Canadian Municipalities	Notification of final payment regarding the Green Municipal Fund Study Grant Agreement.	Received and filed.
11-022	Hon. Bruce Northrup, Minister of Natural Resources	Letter is response to the Town’s letter received on January 5, 2011 regarding fracking and shale gas exploration in the Province of New Brunswick.	Referred to the Environment Committee for feedback.
11-023	Theresa Teakles, Chair Royal District Planning Commission	Invitation to the Royal District Planning Commission Annual General Meeting on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the All Seasons Inn in Sussex, NB	Received and filed.
11-024	Debbie Ashbridge, Chairperson, Hampton Lions Club Inc.	Request for donation of an auction item to the 13 <sup>th</sup> annual Casino Night on April 30, 2011.	<b>Moved by Councillor Doucet and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bond that the Town of Hampton donate two shirts and two hats to the auction in support of Hampton Lions Club Inc.’s 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Casino Night on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.</b>  <b>Motion Carried</b>
11-025	Hampton Food Basket	Thank you card for the Town’s donation.	Received and filed.
11-026	Clinton Shane Ekdahl Founder of “Day of the Honey Bee”, Saskatoon	Request to declare May 29, 2011 as the second annual “Day of the Honey Bee.”	Received and filed.
11-027	Anne McTiernan-Gamble	Request to declare April as Daffodil Month and April 27 as Daffodil Day in Hampton in support of the Canadian Cancer Society.	Received and filed. Staff is directed to note on website that individuals may be canvassing for the Cancer Society in April.
11-028	Fundy Region Solid Waste Commission	Compost Tonnage Report and Recycling Depot results for 2011	Councillor Behr noted that the Town of Hampton is doing very well on with recyclables. Received and filed.

10. Approval of Accounts

- 10.1 **Moved by Deputy Mayor Bond and seconded by Councillor Doucet that the Town of Hampton approve the General and Utilities Fund Paid Invoices from February 1 to February 28, 2011 for the amount of four hundred and seventy-nine thousand, eight hundred and seventeen dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$479,817.57).**

**Motion Carried**

11. Reports from Committees

11.1 Leisure Services Advisory

Councillor Doucet noted that they welcomed new member, Michelle Brenton to the committee. Michelle is the physical education teacher at the Dr. Leatherbarrow Primary School. She will be an asset to the committee.

Councillor Doucet noted that the Leisure Services Committee is considering two new unbudgeted events – Volunteer Expo in the Fall of 2011 and Winter Festival in 2012. Council directed the Leisure Services Director to provide them with a proposal on these events for their consideration.

Council discussed the recent electrical issues at the Arena.

11.2 Canada Day

Council was impressed by the attendance at the Canada Day committee meeting.

11.3 Environment

**Moved by Councillor Behr and seconded by Councillor Lights that the Town of Hampton submit questions regarding Fracking as presented by the Environment Committee, to the Minister of Environment, the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of Energy and the Premier of New Brunswick.**

**Motion Carried**

11.4 Economic Development

Councillor Lights noted that she was absent from the previous meeting but she noted that the committee is still working on the promotional dvd and brochure.

11.5 Fire-Rescue

Council noted that February was a busy month for Fire-Rescue.

11.6 RCMP

Council did not comment further on the RCMP report.

**Moved by Councillor Behr and seconded by Councillor Lights that the Town of Hampton accept the reports from the Leisure Services Advisory, Canada Day, Environment, Economic Development, Fire-Rescue, and RCMP Committees as submitted.**

**Motion Carried.**

12. Approval of Reports

12.1 Building Inspector Report

Council noted that the amount of building permits were up from this same period last year.

12.2 Dog Constable

Councillor Doucet wondered if the Town should consider having a dog park.

12.3 Lighthouse River Centre/VIC

Mayor Chorley noted that he attended the official unveiling of the *St. John River Heritage Corridor* on Tuesday February 22nd. Hampton, being a member of the Lower River Passage, is involved in this tourism partnership.

**Councillor Behr and seconded by Councillor Lights that the Town of Hampton approve the Building Inspector, Dog Constable Report, and Lighthouse River Centre/VIC reports as presented.**

**Motion Carried**

13. Reading of By-laws

Not Applicable

14. New Business:

14.1 Auditors

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Bond and seconded by Councillor Behr that the Town of Hampton appoint Teed Saunders Doyle & Co. to perform the 2011 Audit of the Town of Hampton, the Gas Tax Audit and other auditing services upon request, at a rate of \$16,100 plus HST. Provided that the Town of Hampton is satisfied with the service provided by Teed Saunders Doyle & Co., an additional four-year commitment for the 2012-2015 audits and auditing services will be honoured at the given rates plus inflation cost plus HST.**

**Motion Carried**

14.2 Borrowing Board

**Moved by Councillor Doucet and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bond that the Municipality of Hampton submit to the Municipal Borrowing Board an application for authorization to borrow for a capital expense for the following terms and amounts:**

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Term</u>
<u>Transportation:</u>		
Dump Truck	\$300,000.00	15 years
<u>Streets:</u>		
Interim Financing – Storm Sewer	\$220,000.00	3 years

**Motion Carried**

14.3 CBDC Lease

**Moved by Councillor Behr and seconded by Councillor Lights that the Town of Hampton enter into the commercial lease agreement as presented with the Charlotte County Development Corporation Inc. for Suites 1, 2 and 4 of the Centennial Building for the period of April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014.**

**Motion Carried**

14.4 Leisure Service – Utility Vehicle

**Moved by Councillor Doucet and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bond that the Town of Hampton purchase a John Deere XUV 855 D utility vehicle, as per quote #5214840 for a total of sixteen thousand eight hundred and fifteen dollars and eleven cents (\$16,815.11) including HST, as recommended by Leisure Services Director.**

**Motion Carried**

14.5 Lower River Passage

**Moved by Councillor Lights and seconded by Councillor Behr that the Town of Hampton entered into the Memorandum of Understanding, dated March 2011, with Stonehammer Geopark Inc as recommended by the Tourism Manager.**

**Motion Carried**

15. Outstanding Issues

274 Main Street

Mayor Chorley recused himself from the meeting. Deputy Mayor Bond assumed the chair.

**Moved by Councillor Doucet and seconded by Councillor Lights that Council table any further decision regarding the section 39 agreement for the property at 274 Main Street, PID 00193748.**

Councillor Behr noted that section 39 agreement is in place. They have not complied with paragraph 10. The agreement should be honoured.

All in Favour- Councillor Doucet, Councillor Lights, Deputy Mayor Bond  
All Opposed – Councillor Behr

**Motion Carried**

Mayor Chorley returned to meeting and assumed the chair.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting of Council was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. into a second closed session.

**Moved by Councillor Behr that the Town of Hampton adjourn the Regular council meeting of March 8, 2011 at 8:10 p.m.**

**Motion Carried**