

TOWN OF HAMPTON

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING: TUESDAY, April 20, 2021

In Attendance: Councillor Todd Beach Mayor Ken Chorley Richard Malone

Chris Rendell Michel Boudreau John Simon

Staff: Chris White – Economic Dev & Tourism

Regrets: Joshua Adams

1. **Call to Order:** Michel Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Todd, seconded by Chris Rendell to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.
3. **Conflict of Interest:** Call for anyone to declare a conflict of interest on any agenda item. None declared.
4. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** It was moved by Mayor Chorley, seconded by Chris Rendell to approve the minutes of March 16, 2021. Motion carried.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - a. **ENVISION Saint John:**
 - i. Richard shared that the staff of ENVISION SJ will be relocating to shared office space for greater efficiency.
 - ii. ENVISION staff reviewing Strategic Plan for August approval
 - b. **Hampton Community Profile Research Data**
 - i. Demographic and Economic profile data received from researchers DMS Continuum
 - ii. Chris provided snapshot of the data – agreed to do a full session on the data at the next session.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Provincial Green Paper on Local Governance Reform:**
 - i. Committee members reviewed document in advance of session. Discussion around which suggested reform is the best model for Hampton. Concerns about short deadline (May 31st) for feedback to government and the lack of consultation with LSDs.
 - ii. Committee members to review further and provide feedback to Chris and Richard prior to next session.
7. **Reports:**
 - a. **Planning & Development Update:**
 - i. Permit requests on the rise again in 2021. Year-to-date permit processing is 63% higher than last year in the same period.
 - ii. New Zoning By-law received 3rd and final reading at April meeting. Sent to Province to be officially registered.
 - b. **Chamber of Commerce Report:**
 - i. John reported Chamber is booking Happy Hour Fridays for members to be hosted at area restaurants, bars and breweries as a show of support for this

hard hit industry.

- ii. Meet the Candidates Night to be hosted online April 28th.
- iii. Shop Local Regional Resiliency Coordinator working with HACC to deliver a May Shop Local promotion in Hampton.
- iv. AGM to be hosted virtually in May.

c. **Tourism Sub-committee update:**

- i. Todd reported on VIC staff training with Envision Saint John partners
- ii. Two June events – FishNB Day and Paddlers Picnic both at Lighthouse River Centre

- 8. **Correspondence:** No correspondence to report.
- 9. **Next Meeting:** Scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm.
- 10. **Adjournment:** Todd motioned the meeting to adjourn at 7:48pm.

Approved:

Josh Adams, Chair

Chris White, Staff Representative