

TOWN OF HAMPTON

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING: THURSDAY, May 27, 2021

In Attendance: Councillor Todd Beach John Simon

Joshua Adams Michel Boudreau

Staff: Chris White – Economic Dev & Tourism

Regrets: Chris Rendell, Mayor Ken Chorley, Richard Malone

1. **Call to Order:** Josh Adams called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Michel, seconded by John 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 Todd, seconded by John to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021. Motion carried.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - a. **ENVISION Saint John:** Richard’s report detailed his involvement with the Finance committee. Also noted Envision are advertising two positions: HR and Strategic Recruitment Manager and Workforce Attraction Manager. Summer staff have been hired for the City’s Visitor centres. A Board Governance workshop was held this month.
 - b. **Provincial Green Paper on Local Governance Reform:** Town of Hampton staff have been attending Provincial discussions on proposed reforms and discussing the Green Paper with the various Committees of Council. Meetings are ongoing with the Provincial government. Deadline for feedback was extended to June 24, 2021.
6. **New Business:**
 - i. Chris reported that Hampton B&B sold. It is unclear if the new owners will run as a B&B or change purpose of the building. A new distillery, Ole Foggy Distillery, is coming to the former Sears building. Restaurant owners continue to feel the impacts of Covid restrictions – discussion around how best we support these businesses.
7. **Reports:**
 - a. **Planning & Development Update:**
 - i. Richard submitted Planning details in advance of the session. Q2 of 2021 continues to see increased Permit requests. Year-to-date 37 permits issued 76% increase over same period last year.
 - b. **Chamber of Commerce Report:**
 - i. John reported Chamber AGM hosted virtually May 12. Job Burns stepped down as admin and ran, successfully, for VP and Marcelle Bélanger has become the new President. Audit was successfully completed as part of the prep for the AGM and a new budget passed.
 - ii. Golf Tournament is now booked for August.
 - iii. Approximately 10 new members have joined this year.

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

- i. Chris reported VIC staff training with Envision Saint John partners will take place June 7th to 15th. A half day session will take place in Hampton for attendees on June 9th.
- ii. June events – FishNB Day, Paddlers Picnic, and Sunrise Photography Art Workshop all both at Lighthouse River Centre.
- iii. July events – Heritage Homes costumed walking tour July 1st; Community of Quilts event with HACC and Quilt Barn Tour July 16 & 17.
- iv. August events - Heritage Homes costumed walking tour August 2nd.

8. **Correspondence:**

- a. Contacted by travel bloggers from Dieppe who came last Saturday and created a video segment on Hampton for their blog.
- b. Film crew from Hemings House reached out re: possible filming locations in Hampton for June project.

9. **Next Meeting:** Scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

10. **Adjournment:** Michel motioned the meeting to adjourn at 7:46 pm.

Approved:

Josh Adams, Chair

Chris White, Staff Representative