



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS

Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP) Committee

**April 6, 2016 9:00 a.m.
Sanford Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Councillor Greg Miller, Chair
Councillor Randy Matheson
Councillor Tom Brown
Jeanne Bourque, Planner
Karen Dempsey, Director of Planning
Rick Sherrard, Director of Public Works
Kathy Kehoe, Director of Recreation
Martin Laycock, Director of Finance
Don Dignan, REMO Coordinator

STAFF: Velma Macumber, Admin. Assistant

REGRETS: Cathie Osborne, CAO, vacation

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda & Additions

Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of February 24, 2016

Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Committee of February 24, 2016 be approved noting errors or omissions.

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Update – Draft MCCAP Work Plan

Ms. Bourque reviewed a draft of the MCCAP Work Plan with the Committee. She pointed out that a couple of action items are completed; the Falmouth Storm Water Management Plan which CBCL will be presenting to the Committee of the Whole at their May 2016 meeting; and a full time GIS Technician has been hired to build GIS mapping capabilities.

Ms. Bourque asked the Committee for input on the draft Work Plan and whether they would suggest other projects, such as a stormwater management plan for Three Miles Plains, to be added.

Discussion was held with respect to what kind of action is being taken by planning and public works staff to fulfill a goal outlined on the Work Plan for informing developers about the challenges of building on karst terrain.

Mr. Laycock suggested looking at Hantsport to see if there are some climate change issues that need to be addressed there as well. Ms. Bourque advised that Hantsport did submit a Municipal Climate Change Action Plan as well, and suggested that this Committee oversee the Hantsport MCCAP in conjunction with the West Hants MCCAP. She noted that in the Hantsport MCCAP the highest priority impact was flooding from Halfway River. Ms. Dempsey agreed that it was practical to incorporate the Hantsport MCCAP into the West Hants MCCAP, and staff could speak with Municipal Affairs for advice on how best to do this. Councillor Matheson agreed that the Hantsport MCCAP be incorporated into the West Hants MCCAP as soon as possible.

Moved and Seconded that the Hantsport Municipal Climate Change Action Plan be incorporated into the West Hants Municipal Climate Change Action Plan.

Motion carried.

Discussion was held with respect to possible funding sources for items on the Work Plan.

Update Falmouth Storm Water Management Plan

Ms. Bourque showed a brief video of the Flood Plain Mapping for Falmouth that is part of the CBCL presentation going to the Committee of the Whole meeting in May 2016.

Mr. Laycock suggested that another line be added in the Work Plan under the Falmouth Stormwater Management Plan for details on actions for the recommendations coming out of the study.

Ms. Dempsey stated that public education is necessary; the public needs to be informed of any changes that may come out as a result of the study. Mr. Sherrard agreed and commented that it is better to get the community involved in the discussion so they can be part of the solution.

Ms. Bourque advised that for the next meeting she will revise the draft Work Plan to include time lines and dates.

New Business

Amendments to Terms of Reference

Ms. Bourque advised that amendments to the Terms of Reference are needed to remove references to specific Councillors who sit on the Committee. She stated that just referring to the number of Councillors required to sit on the Committee would be adequate. Ms. Bourque stated she would like to wait on these amendments and reformat it under a new template.

Ms. Dempsey suggested that the Terms of Reference also include references to Hantsport's MCCAP as well, and then staff will bring it back to the Committee for review.

Avondale Wharf and Museum – discussion on potential for MCCAP Project

Ms. Bourque presented some pictures of the Avondale Wharf and Museum area. She advised that she has had many discussions with Mrs. Kehoe, Ms. Dempsey, and other staff with respect to the Avondale Wharf and Museum. The discussions have been about what could be done to address the damage to the wharf and flooding impacts of the museum area, and who might be contacted for funding assistance, and who could be part of a multi-partner project. Ms. Bourque advised that this

matter was being brought to the Committee for consideration as a MCCAP pilot project.

The Committee discussed possible courses of action and how one pilot project, such as a detailed investigation of the Avondale Wharf area, might benefit multiple areas. It was agreed that the best approach would be to use the Avondale Wharf and Museum area as a demonstration project and apply the information acquired during the project to other areas at risk of being impacted by climate change. Ms. Bourque will prepare a draft demonstration project proposal, in which all Councillors will be asked for suggestions of other risk areas that may benefit from the knowledge gained from such a demonstration project. These can be added to the MCCAP Work Plan and prioritized by the Committee.

Next Meeting

The next MCCAP Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Moved that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Chair