



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS

Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP) Committee

February 24, 2016 9:05 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

GUESTS: Graham Fisher, Senior Planner, Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs
Rene Frigault, Grants and Programs, Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Mr. Fisher, Mr. Frigault and Committee members introduced themselves.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

“MCCAPs – Moving Forward Into an Uncertain Future”

As Senior Planner for Municipal Affairs, Mr. Fisher received and reviewed all of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plans submitted by Nova Scotia municipalities in 2013. He delivered a power point presentation for the West Hants MCCAP committee which outlines predominant adaptation themes and key findings from all of the MCCAPs. This presentation, *MCCAP Basics Feb 2016*, is available on the municipal website under “Planning/Municipal Climate Change Action Plan”

Generally speaking, it is important to understand how climate change applies to land use planning. Mr. Fraser reviewed major types of impacts from climate

changes that Nova Scotia could expect, and various adaptation actions. Nova Scotia is very vulnerable.

Mr. Fisher commented that West Hants was fortunate to have an MCCAP committee that would continue to revisit their MCCAP action items and work out a course of action on how to achieve them and move forward.

Ms. Bourque commented that several MCCAP action items have been addressed, such as the raising of several dykes, the hiring of a full time GIS technician to increase mapping capability, and the awarding of the contract to prepare a Storm Water Management Plan for the Falmouth Growth Centre.

The Committee took a brief recess 10:00 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Mr. Frigault advised that he has been the administrator of the Gas Tax Funding Program for several years. He delivered a power point presentation on the Federal Gas Tax Funding Program for 2014-2024. This presentation, *Gas Tax Fund Feb 2016*, is available on the municipal website under "Planning/Municipal Climate Change Action Plan"

Mr. Frigault went over the major changes made to the Gas Tax Fund when it was renewed in 2014 for an additional ten year period. There are changes regarding who can apply for funds, as well as new categories of projects that are eligible for gas tax funds.

Generally speaking, the availability of funds for MCCAP related projects is greatly expanded. The Committee discussed what projects in West Hants would be eligible under the new Gas Tax Funding Program. Mr. Frigault suggested that Committee members contact him directly with respect to the eligibility of a project prior to submitting an application.

Due to the lateness of the meeting, it was agreed that the New Business agenda items be brought forward to the next MCCAP meeting.

Approval of Agenda & Additions

Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of March 26, 2015 and January 27, 2016

Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Committee of March 26, 2015 and January 27, 2016 be approved noting errors or omissions.

Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next MCCAP Committee meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Moved that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Chair