



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Committee (MCCAP)
April 19, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
Sanford Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Councillor Jennifer Daniels, Chair
Councillor Rupert Jannasch
Madelyn LeMay, Director of Planning & Development
Jeanne Bourque, Planner
Brad Carrigan, Director of Public Works
Martin Laycock, Director of Finance
Kathy Kehoe, Director of Recreation
Don Dignan, REMO Coordinator
Velma Macumber, Admin. Assistant (left at 11:35 a.m.)

REGRETS: Councillor Paul Morton

GUESTS: Bill Preston, HAAC member
Greg Pace, HAAC member
Leon de Vreede, Sustainability Planner, Town of Bridgewater

Chair Daniels called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS

The following items were added under Miscellaneous:

- Resignation of MCCAP member
- Stormwater Management Plans for Hantsport and Three Mile Plains

Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2017

Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Committee of March 15, 2017 be approved noting errors or omissions.

Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Resignation of MCCAP Member

Chair Daniels stated that Councillor Morton had sent a letter of resignation advising that he regretfully must resign from the Committee as he has been unavailable for the meetings due to other commitments. She advised that the letter of resignation would be sent to the Committee of the Whole for receipt and then they could appoint another member to sit on MCCAP at that time.

Moved and Seconded that the letter of resignation from Councillor Morton be received.

Motion carried.

Stormwater Management Plans for Hantsport and Three Mile Plains

Mr. Carrigan advised that he received a telephone call from the province with respect to a grant request for stormwater management studies for Three Mile Plains and Hantsport. The Province requires a resolution from Council supporting the projects. Also, it was doubtful that both projects would be funded at this time. Projects are budgeted to cost approximately \$50,000-60,000 each. Mr. Carrigan advised that the CAO gave direction to the Committee to choose which of those areas are a top priority. He stated he felt that after speaking with the municipal engineer, Rick Sherrard, the community of Hantsport should be given priority due to the aging infrastructure and current work planned to upgrade infrastructure within the community, as recommended by the OPUS report.

Moved and Seconded that the MCCAP Committee recommends to The Committee of the Whole that both stormwater management studies for Three Mile Plains and Hantsport, and top priority be given to the Hantsport study.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION – “THE ROLE OF SUSTAINABILITY IN A MUNICIPALITY” – GUEST - LEON DEVREEDE, THE SUSTAINABILITY PLANNER, TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER.

Mr. de Vreede gave the Committee some background information with respect to his role of Sustainability Planner for the Town of Bridgewater. He was hired to create the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP), which was adopted by Bridgewater Town Council in 2010. At that time, Bridgewater decided to take the next step and hire a Sustainability Planner who would implement this new strategic plan, and help

develop policies and programs that would be proactive in mitigating the effects of climate change.

Many municipalities across Nova Scotia hired term staff and consultants to help prepare the ICSP as it was required by the province to participate in the Canada-Nova Scotia Gas Tax Agreement. There was further hiring activity when the province required all municipalities to develop a Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP) by the end of 2013. The completion of an MCCAP, which is an amendment to the ICSP, gives municipalities access to Gas Tax funding for municipal infrastructure projects that improve social, environmental, and cultural sustainability.

In Bridgewater, Council decided to place an emphasis on developing and implementing an Energy Management Plan for municipally owned and operated buildings. The Town achieved its 2013 goal to reduce their energy consumption by 15%, saved money, and reduced their greenhouse gas emissions. It is now working on an additional 10% reduction. A collection of charts with financial details about the Energy Management Plan is posted on SharePoint.

An interesting finding is that projections were made of not just of energy savings, but of long term costs if the actions had been postponed to a later date. Proactive municipalities are discovering that such measures are cost-saving over not just the long term but also in the short term when it comes to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Discussion was held with respect to possible sources of funding for positions such as sustainability planners and partnership opportunities for projects. General discussion was also held on action items in the West Hants MCCAP that are adaptations to help communities develop resiliency to water supply shortages, and inland flooding.

The Committee thanked Mr. de Vreede on coming to West Hants to speak about the "Energize Bridgewater" campaign, his role in it, and how this community wide initiative is helping their municipality become a sustainable and financially responsible entity.

NEXT MEETING

To be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Chair