



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Special Council
April 25, 2017 6:00 p.m.
Sanford Council Chambers

a. Call to Order

The Warden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

b. Call of Roll

Present:	A. Zebian	Warden
	P. Morton	Deputy Warden
	R. Jannasch	Councillor District 1
	K. Monroe	Councillor District 2
	D. Keith	Councillor District 3
	T. Leopold	Councillor District 4
	D. Francis	Councillor District 5
	R. Hussey	Councillor District 6
	J. Daniels	Councillor District 7
	R. Zwicker	Councillor District 10
	C. Osborne	CAO
	M. Laycock	Director of Finance
	K. Kehoe	Director of Parks and Recreation
	B. Carrigan	Director of Public Works
	R. Brown	Municipal Clerk
	J. Woodman	Administrative Assistant

There were 24 members of the public in attendance.

c. Announcements

Warden Zebian welcomed everyone to Council. He reviewed the fire evacuation procedures.

d. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions

MOVED and SECONDED that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried.

e. Inter-Municipal Agreement to Create a Municipal Body Corporate-Tabled at April 11, 2017 Council Meeting

MOVED and SECONDED that the motion to adopt the Inter-Municipal Agreement to Create a Municipal Body Corporate tabled at the April 11, 2017 Council meeting be put back on the table.

Motion Carried.

Deputy Warden Morton asked if any Councillor had any items of discussion or wanted to change the motion.

Councillor Leopold asked what impact the announcement that Kings Edgehill is withdrawing funding would have on the Municipality signing this agreement. CAO Osborne clarified there would be no impact on the motion which has options to accept as presented, amended for the intermunicipal agreement or not.

Councillor Leopold pointed out the recommendation for the management board includes Kings Edgehill, and asked if this would need to be amended. CAO Osborne suggested this would be a decision between the two municipal units.

Councillor Daniels suggested she was very disappointed when she found out that Kings Edgehill pulled from the project, and felt it was disgraceful and she was embarrassed. She offered the wording should remain to include Kings Edgehill as they are an intracule part to a community collaboration. She indicated this facility would have amazing spin-offs for both Windsor and West Hants. She recommended that Council needs to focus on creating this municipal corporation and then approach Kings Edgehill and ask them to become partners again. She suggested that Council should take the political aspect out of it and think about what's best for the community. Councillor Hussey agreed the wording should remain the same and if Kings Edgehill wishes, it could be removed later.

Councillor Francis asked what the legal implications would be, adding that the Province is requesting a feasibility study. CAO Osborne suggested the purpose of entering into a municipal agreement was to create a corporation and a partnership that would move forward on a project. She reminded Council, that either party can ask to have the conditions changed at any time, and suggested it would be more of a political not legal issue.

Councillor Keith advised he was asked to make an announcement on behalf of the Federal Government of Canada and MP Scott Brison. He indicated the Federal Government are requesting that a feasibility study be conducted on the project regarding the museum, and want public consultation. He suggested that the Federal Government wants a first-class museum in this facility to promote the Birthplace of Hockey. He felt this project would draw people into the Town of Windsor which would be beneficial to everyone.

Councillor Zwicker asked if it was the norm to have councillors speak on behalf of other levels of government. He suggested that it would be better to have correspondence come through the CAO rather than a verbal message. He added he didn't see what a feasibility study had to do with the discussion on the governance model. He felt the agreement must be signed and allow the project to move forward as it is a tremendous benefit for everyone involved.

CAO Osborne stated that she spoke with the Municipal Solicitor on what the status would be of the project if this Council did not agree to the in Inter-Municipal Agreement and his opinion, which she supported, there would be no project.

Councillor Francis stated that Council has agreed to the funding and ownership and clarified that Council is in support of the project. She felt that Council is hesitate on the wording and asked if there was a way to make the agreement more generic. Councillor Jannasch commented on points in the discussion document circulated by the CAO. He expressed concerns that Council was told that the Provincial funding was attached to one site which he stated seemed to be false. He suggested with this new information he didn't see how Council could agree to the sign this document at this point.

CAO Osborne clarified that neither she, nor the Town of Windsor, has been informed that the funding from the Provincial Government is not site specific. She added that the Province has advised until a signed Inter-Municipal Agreement is submitted they do not consider the application for the project to be filed, meaning there is no project and no further action she can take.

Councillor Leopold asked if there needs to be a clause that the agreement can be amended. CAO Osborne suggested the structure of the agreement is to take Council out of the day to day operations and instead deal through budget and strategy as presented by the management board. She confirmed the agreement already has clauses that allows it to be opened at any time as it is a 50/50 partnership.

MOVED and SECONDED that Council adopt the Inter Municipal Service Agreement (as attached) to create a municipal body corporate to be known as the Hockey Heritage Municipal Corporation and direct the Warden and Municipal Clerk to execute this document.

Motion Carried.

The vote was unanimous.

f. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of Council will take place on May 9, 2017.

g. Adjournment

MOVED and SECONDED that the meeting adjourn at 6:30 pm.

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Abraham Zebian, Warden

Rhonda Brown, Municipal Clerk