



## 9. Other Business

- a) Sewer Plant Debt Repayment – Use of Gas Tax

**MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega “To delay approval of the request of Director of Finance E. MacEachen to delay the use of gas tax revenue in Fiscal 2015 to repay the principle portion of the long term debt on the sewer plant until budget discussions occur”.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- b) Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC) – 2015-2016 Revised Appointments

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “To approve the 2015-2016 revised appointments of the EDPC as outlined in the February 27, 2015 correspondence of John Bain, Director, EDPC”.** **MOTION CARRIED.**

- c) Council Attendance – FCM 2015 Annual Conference and Trade Show

Due to scheduling conflicts, Deputy Mayor J. Janega and Councilors Dr. T. Boudreau and B. Chisholm-Beaton are unable to attend the FCM 2015 Annual Conference and Trade Show in Edmonton, June 5-8. Councilor B. Lewis will advise of his schedule.

**MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega “To approve the costs incurred in accordance with the travel policy for Mayor MacLean and/or a member of Council or staff to attend, pending availability, the FCM 2015 Annual Conference and Trade Show in Edmonton ”.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- d) Various Updates – Mayor and CAO

Update – CAO, Maris Freimanis

- i. Landrie Lake Source Water Protection Plan

An Advisory Committee was formed to prepare a plan for our watershed area to delineate the water protection area boundary, identify potential contaminants and assess risks, develop a source water protection plan, and develop a monitoring program to assess the effectiveness of the plan. A ToR was established and there will be annual public meetings and continued review and input from NS Environment. A draft report has been prepared, will be circulated to Council, and a public presentation is scheduled April 21. A presentation to Council will be made following the public presentation.

- ii. Fire Services Agreement

As an agreement was not reached regarding the March 31, 2015 Fire Services Agreement, the Louisdale Fire Department will be the First Responders in the event of a residential, commercial or industrial fire in Point Tupper or the Malcolm Road. There are liability issues and concerns regarding the Mutual Aid Agreement and the Fire Marshall’s Office. A report will be made to Council.

- iii. Ministers Rail Advisory Committee

Regular meetings take place. Studies will assess and evaluate rail and truck shipping of produce in Cape Breton, economic opportunities existing for a rail line to Cape Breton, and the level of investment needed to bring the Sydney subdivision rail lines up to standard. A MRAC interim report is available. Issues relating to abandonment, disposal of assets, liabilities, land ownership, and the ongoing safety concerns of railway tankers coming to Point Tupper were discussed.

- iv. Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN)  
Members will sign the ESREN Agreement April 8. The Liaison Oversight Committee will meet to discuss an environmental scan, assets, and recruitment. The management staff will take part in a leadership training exercise.
- v. UARB Hearing  
A UARB Hearing is scheduled May 7 to review the application for the size of Council for the Town.
- vi. 2015-2016 Budget  
Staff will prepare a rough draft for circulation and will meet with Council in two weeks.
- vii. Surplus Assets  
The advertisement for tender for the sale of surplus assets and equipment will take place next week.

Update – Mayor MacLean

- i. Mayor's Schedule  
Mayor MacLean provided and discussed his schedule with Council from January – April 2015.
- ii. Strait of Canso Harbour Bed  
All Councils of the Strait Area Mayors and Wardens will review the March 31 letter for input and collective support for the establishment of a harbour authority, a recommended board structure, and to have the Strait of Canso Harbour Bed divested to the Strait area municipalities. As Chair, he extended an invitation to Council to discuss any items and review of the minutes of the Strait Area Mayors and Wardens Committee.

**MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton "To approve in principle the March 31, 2015 Strait of Canso Harbour Bed letter". MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **10. Approved Additions**

- Ms. Amanda Bagley and Family

On behalf of Council, Staff and residents of the Town of Port Hawkesbury, Mayor MacLean conveyed his deepest sympathies and extended support to Ms. Bagley and her family with the tragic accident and passing of her son. Residents have initiated an online fundraising campaigning. Council was asked to convey this message.

**The Public Meeting recessed In Camera at 7:55 p.m. to discuss the Landrie Lake Water Utility and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.**

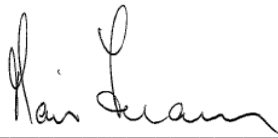
**MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega "To authorize CAO M. Freimanis and Director of Finance E. MacEachen in consultation with Town Solicitor L. Evans to negotiate the Landrie Lake Water Utility with the Province in accordance with In Camera discussion". MOTION CARRIED.**

**11. Adjournment**

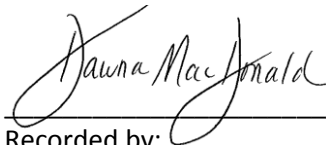
**MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton "To adjourn the Public Meeting of Council at 8:20 p.m." MOTION CARRIED.**

May 12, 2015

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Approved by:  
Maris Freimanis, P.Eng.  
Chief Administrative Officer



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Recorded by:  
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