

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Minutes of Meeting
September 21, 2015**

Present

Mayor, Billy Joe MacLean
Deputy Mayor, Joe Janega
Councilor, Dr. Trevor Boudreau
Councilor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Councilor, Bert Lewis
Chief Administrative Officer, Maris Freimanis
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

Regrets

Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in the Shannon Studio, PHCC, Monday, September 21, 2015 and called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:05 p.m.

2. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

- a) Integrated Recreation, PHCC – In Camera – Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau
- b) Single Call Policy – Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton
- c) Wastewater Treatment Plant – Resident Inquiries – Councilor B. Lewis
- d) Proclamation – Prostate Cancer Awareness Month – September 2015 – Mayor MacLean

MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau “to approve the additions to the agenda”. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis “to approve the agenda as amended”. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Gallery Presentations

There were no gallery presentations.

4. Other Business

- a) Dog Park

CAO M. Freimanis asked Council for direction regarding the June 2, 2015 Dog Park presentation and discussion on the canvassing of some property owners who have concerns with the preferred park location of the Dog Park Committee and its proximity to the playground. Deputy Mayor J. Janega and Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, P. Davis will contact residents and other individuals as identified at the June 2 Public Meeting and provide a report to Council. Should the Dog Park Committee’s preferred location not be acceptable, alternative locations will need to be considered with recommendations to the Dog Park Committee.

b) Grants Pond Gazebo

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis “to accept the recommendation of CAO Freimanis to remove the Grants Pond Gazebo due to safety reasons and replace it with a feature and boardwalk on the shoreline that connects to the trail system”. MOTION CARRIED.

Students at the NSCC may be approached to assist with this endeavor once staff researches design and replacement options for this feature.

c) Travel and Meeting Updates

Mayor MacLean and CAO Freimanis will provide Council with monthly updates on their travel.

- i. CAO Freimanis attended an AMANS Board of Directors meeting September 11 which included discussion on the Land Registry Offices and Property Valuation Service Corporation’s interest in integrating the registry with their services. The meeting also included a review of the MGA which will require input from Council.
- ii. Mayor MacLean and CAO Freimanis will prepare a report to Council detailing upcoming travel and in person meetings pertaining to the Community Health Centre and the former Vocational School Property Transfer of Lands.

5. Approved Additions

a) Single Call Policy – Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton

CAO Freimanis stated the single call policy will be implemented with the integration of new employees in 2016.

b) Wastewater Treatment Plant – Resident Inquiries

Councilor B. Lewis received calls from residents regarding the odor emitted from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. CAO Freimanis will provide a report to Council on the costs involved to engage professional services required to investigate and prevent this issue from recurring.

MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega “to approve staff researching the costs required to correct the issue at the Wastewater Treatment Plant”. MOTION CARRIED.

c) Proclamation – Prostate Cancer Awareness Month – September 2015 – Mayor MacLean

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis “to proclaim September 2015 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Port Hawkesbury, NS”. MOTION CARRIED.

The Committee of the Whole recessed In Camera at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:46 p.m. to discuss:

- Land Purchase – Water Treatment Plant
- Landrie Lake Water Utility
- Integrated Recreation, PHCC

Land Purchase – Water Treatment Plant

MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis “to approve the purchase of the land upon which the water treatment plant sits for the net book value of \$38.58 plus HST and that the Mayor and CAO are authorized to sign the purchase/sale agreement.” MOTION CARRIED.

Landrie Lake Water Utility

Council was in support of CAO Freimanis to proceed with the Landrie Lake Water Utility issue in accordance with In Camera discussion. CAO Freimanis will provide updates to Council.

Integrated Recreation – PHCC

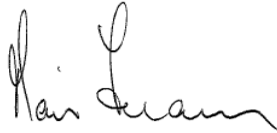
The issues as discussed In Camera will be on the agenda at the next Integrated Recreation meeting. Staff will provide an update to Council.

6. Adjournment

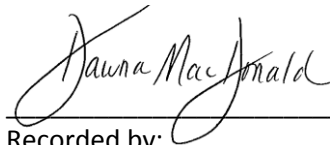
MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis “to adjourn the Committee of the Whole at 8:48 p.m.” MOTION CARRIED.

October 7, 2015

Date



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



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald