

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
November 16, 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 of Finance, Erin MacEachen
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis

Regrets

Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Bear Head Room, PHCC, Monday, November 16, 2015 and called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:00 p.m.

2. Gallery Presentations

There were no gallery presentations.

3. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

- a) Amalgamation & Shared Services Update – Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau
- b) Leaf & Yard Waste Site Extension – Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau
- c) CAO Performance Review – Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau
- d) Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN) Board Members – Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton
- e) Reeves Street Façade Program – Mayor MacLean

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

4. Minutes

- Audit Committee Meeting October 6, 2015
There were no errors or omissions.

- Public Meeting October 6, 2015
There were no errors or omissions.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Proclamations

There were no proclamations.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

9. Other Business

a) Funding Requests

- i. 2015 Christmas Daddies Telethon

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau “to approve a donation of \$250 for the 2015 Christmas Daddies Telethon”. MOTION CARRIED.

- ii. ii. Port Hawkesbury Literacy Council (PHLC) – 2015 FEIS

MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “to approve a donation of \$800 for the PHLC 2015 FEIS”. MOTION CARRIED. One nay was recorded from Mayor MacLean.

Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau requested a copy of the PHLC annual financial statements and updates prior to addressing future funding requests.

- iii. iii. Strait Area Evergreen Club

MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “to approve a donation of \$250 for the Strait Area Evergreen Club”. MOTION CARRIED.

b) Policy – Smoke-Free Open Spaces – P. Davis

P. Davis introduced a Smoke-Free Open Spaces Policy to Council which would promote awareness, healthy lifestyles, and further protect residents, especially young children, and visitors from exposure to second hand smoke. The policy would promote smoke free open recreational spaces with emphasis on sidewalks, playgrounds, sports fields, trail heads, open spaces, tourism properties, and waterfronts.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “to accept the Smoke-Free Open Spaces Policy as presented by P. Davis”. MOTION CARRIED.

c) Dog Park

As a condition of the December 2, 2014 Public Meeting Motion to seek approval from community groups, and as directed by Council at the September 21, 2015 Committee of the Whole, Deputy Mayor J. Janega and P. Davis canvassed individuals regarding the Dog Park Committee’s proposed location for a dog park next to the community park and playground on MacQuarrie Drive. Council deliberated on their findings and fielded questions from Dog Park Committee members in the gallery. Council is in support of a dog park but not in the proposed location near the community park and playground.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis “to deny the request of the Dog Park Committee to have a dog park located near the Community Park and Playground”. MOTION CARRIED. One nay was recorded from Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau.

d) Drainage Improvements – MacIntosh Drive

The Town has received quotations relating to improving drainage on MacIntosh Avenue in order to correct the piping, manhole, catch basin configuration, and slow the deterioration of the pavement. The lowest quotation received was \$45,200. Should projections be exceeded (i.e. more costly snow removal than projected), there will need to be a draw of up to \$45,000 at a later date from the capital reserve, which, based on projections, can be absorbed within the existing operating budgets.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau “that should projections be exceeded, an amount of up to \$45,000 can be transferred from the capital reserve to cover the above noted drainage improvements to avoid running a deficit”. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Approved Additions

- a) Amalgamation & Shared Services Update – Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau
Mayor MacLean proposed having an offsite Strait Area Mayors and Wardens meeting to further discuss issues relating to amalgamation/shared services such as the former CRVS property, Landrie Lake Watershed, and the Reeves Street Façade and Streetscape Program. CAO Freimanis asked for Council’s assistance to prepare a letter to send to municipalities seeking their assistance on these and other issues.
- b) Leaf & Yard Waste Site Extension – Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau
Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau asked that the Leaf and Yard Waste Site reopen in the first week of December to enable residents to take care of the last of the fall debris. The Leaf and Yard Waste Site on Crandall Road will reopen for one day only, Saturday, December 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be duly advertised on the website and in The Reporter.
- c) CAO Performance Review – Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau
CAO, M. Freimanis will meet with Council in an In Camera Session for a performance review to discuss the strategic priorities and accomplishments of the CAO.
- d) Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN) Board Members – Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton
Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton stated that Tanya Felix and J. P. Boudreau were accepted on the ESREN Board. Ms. Felix has a background in immigration and RDA experience and Mr. Boudreau has a business and technology background. Both members will be an asset to the Board.

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega “to approve the appointment of Tanya Felix and J. P. Boudreau to the Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network Board. MOTION CARRIED.

- e) Reeves Street Façade Program – Mayor MacLean
Mayor MacLean stated that a funding proposal is anticipated in December. Discussion is required to gain clarity on the Reeves Street configuration. He suggested that Town Hall meetings take place to allow input from citizens and business owners. Mayor MacLean and CAO Freimanis will meet with representatives from the NS ERDT NS ERT to determine the role of the Province.

11. Appointment – Strait of Canso Superport Corporation

After one year, Mr. Harold MacIsaac is eligible to be reappointed to the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation. CAO, M. Freimanis recommended the reappointment of Mr. MacIsaac.

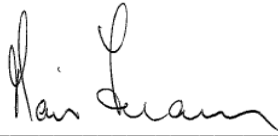
MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau “to reappoint Mr. Harold MacIsaac to the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation Board”. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Adjournment

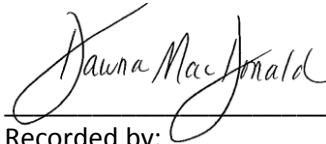
MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau “to adjourn the Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.” MOTION CARRIED.

December 2, 2015

Date



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



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald