

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting  
December 1, 2015**

**Present**

Mayor, Billy Joe MacLean  
Deputy Mayor, Bert Lewis  
Councilor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton  
Councilor, Joe Janega  
Chief Administrative Officer, Maris Freimanis  
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen  
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis

**Regrets**

Councilor, Dr. Trevor Boudreau

**Guests**

Jennifer MacDonnell, YMCA  
Erika Shea, Director of Communications, New Dawn Enterprises

**1. Call to Order**

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in Shannon Studio, PHCC, Tuesday, December 1, 2015 and called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor MacLean called for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of a tragic accident earlier that day and asked for prayers to be extended to their families.

**2. Gallery Presentations**

a) YMCA – Jennifer MacDonnell

Ms. MacDonnell stated the YMCA is offering the Town of Port Hawkesbury employees and Council a 20 percent discount on all one year memberships which includes all classes and full access to the gym and racquetball courts. This discount will also apply to families, seniors and students. Additional information may be obtained by calling the YMCA.

b) New Dawn CEDIF Program – Erika Shea

New Dawn Enterprises is a private, volunteer directed business dedicated to community building with investors investing their RRSP and non-RRSP savings in the places they live and work to promote sustainable communities. Ms. Shea provided an overview of its annual budget, staffing complement, investment strategies and campaigning initiatives. Council discussion included the investment process between the Board of Directors and investors and the challenges and options for seniors, seniors housing and individuals on fixed incomes.

**3. Additions to / Approval of Agenda**

a) Seniors Christmas Event – December 20, 2015 – Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor B. Lewis and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega “to approve the agenda with one addition”. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### 4. Minutes

- Public Meeting November 16, 2015  
There were no errors or omissions.

- Committee of the Whole November 16, 2015

**MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “to approve the November 16, 2015 minutes of the Committee of the Whole”. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### 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) Port Hawkesbury Seasonal Services Project

**MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor B. Lewis “to approve the request from Jo-anne MacDonald, Seasonal Services Coordinator that the Town of Port Hawkesbury is prepared to cover any costs incurred with this project which are not funded by donations”. MOTION CARRIED.**

##### b) Christmas Holidays

- i. Schedules – Council Meetings, Administration Offices, Front Counter, PHCC & Arena, Strait Area Pool, YMCA, Solid Waste Collection, Tree Chipping (Collection and Drop-off)

Council discussion included the down time associated with the closure of the Administration Offices and Front Counter during the holidays, messaging and a contact number for residents in the event of an emergency.

**MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor B. Lewis “to approve the Christmas Holiday Schedules as presented”. MOTION CARRIED. One nay was recorded from Councilor J. Janega.**

- ii. Mayor’s Christmas Reception (December 10) and Staff Christmas Reception (December 13)

**MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega “to approve the dates of the Mayor’s and Staff Christmas Receptions”. MOTION CARRIED.**

**10. Approved Additions**

- Seniors' Christmas Event

Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton asked for Council's assistance, support and the use of the Bear Head Room to host a Christmas Event for seniors at the PHCC. The event will be catered by the Fleur de Lis, have transportation provided by the SAT and have local entertainers which will provide an afternoon of entertainment and a meal to seniors at no cost.

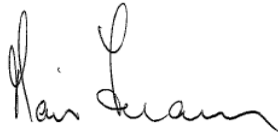
**MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor B. Lewis "to approve the request to provide the Bear Head Room at no cost for the Seniors Christmas Event, December 20, 2015".  
MOTION CARRIED.**

**11. Adjournment**

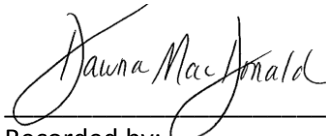
**MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega "to adjourn the Public Meeting at 8:05 p.m." MOTION CARRIED.**

January 13, 2016

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Date



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



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Recorded by:  
Dawna MacDonald

