

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

**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 Committee of the Whole Meeting was held in the Bear Head Room, PHCC, Monday, November 16, 2015 and called to order by Mayor MacLean at 8:05 p.m.

2. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis "To approve the agenda".
MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Other Business

There was no business.

4. Committees / Working Groups

i. Updates

Eastern Counties Regional Library – Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton

Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton stated that funding is decreasing annually making book delivery difficult. The Board is looking for options to provide the best book delivery service possible at minimal cost to communities.

Strait Area Transit (SAT) – Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau

Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau commended the SAT Board for their dedication and stated his time as a member has been interesting. The SAT ridership and charters are increasing and members must once again approach their respective Councils regarding funding. The SAT is a challenge but a work in progress. He will provide Mayor MacLean and Council with financials at the next Committee of the Whole.

Beautification Committee – Councilor B. Lewis

Councilor B. Lewis stated that the committee is comprised of dedicated individuals. He formally recognized and thanked the committee for their hard work and dedication.

Airport Committee – Councilor B. Lewis

There have been no Airport Committee meetings. Mayor MacLean discussed his communications and recommendations regarding funding for the navigation and lighting application that has been sidelined.

Eastern District Planning Commission – Deputy Mayor J. Janega and Councilor B. Lewis

A recommendation has been made to the Municipal Government Act (MGA) regarding the serious issues surrounding the railway. The subdivision of lots near the railway was also discussed.

ii. Community Health Centre

Deputy Mayor J. Janega stated that as some doctors are nearing retirement, we are facing a dire situation. The plan and philosophy for a collaborative health centre must be reinforced. Nurse Practitioners are needed and the potential for doctors to take other doctors under their wings should be considered.

CAO, M. Freimanis stated that the community and industry must demonstrate their support through letters of support and fundraising initiatives. The Town is open to consider other opportunities for a health centre however there is equity in the Creamery. Mayor, Council and Staff discussed having facilitated community meetings to include comment sheets to address the collaborative health care model, the need for a community health centre, doctor recruitment and student engagement through an asset development approach, funding options, a business plan, the role of the provincial and federal governments in securing a health centre, and other issues. P. Davis will contact ACOA regarding the criteria needed for funding assistance.

5. Appointment of Deputy Mayor

MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “to appoint Councilor Bert Lewis as Deputy Mayor”. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Appointment of Committee Members

As member of the Inverness County Home Support Society, Councilor J. Janega stated that time constraints make it difficult to attend meetings. Council members that are able to sit on this Board are asked to contact CAO Freimanis. Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton stated that the Tourism Cape Breton Board will be added to this list of Committee appointments. She will contact Mary Tulle regarding Board information and membership.

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega “to accept the proposed Committee Structures as presented”. MOTION CARRIED.

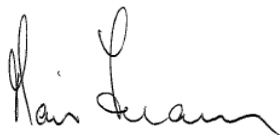
Mayor MacLean formally stated that he will not reoffer as a candidate for Mayor in the 2016 Municipal Election.

7. Adjournment

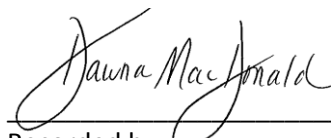
MOVED by Deputy Mayor B. Lewis and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “to adjourn the Committee of the Whole at 8:56 p.m.”. MOTION CARRIED.

December 2, 2015

Date



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



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald