

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
April 5, 2016**

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 of Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

Regrets

Councilor, Dr. Trevor Boudreau

Guests

Larry MacKeigan and Nathan MacLeod – Community Trails

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in Shannon Studio, PHCC, Tuesday, April 5, 2016 and called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:00 p.m.

2. Gallery Presentations

a) Community Trails Update

Larry MacKeigan provided an update on the work to date and upcoming work planned for the Community Trails. He expressed thanks to many individuals for their time and service, to companies for the provision of materials in the repair and ongoing maintenance of the trails and to the Town for their financial support. A special thank you was extended to Nathan MacLeod for his time and expertise as a landscape artist in continued planning. Trails have been cleared and rerouted and new bridges have been built and re-enforced. He noted that a 20 foot sea container would be ideal for storing equipment and increase efficiency and asked for assistance from the Town to help organize work crews. Mayor MacLean and Council thanked Mr. MacKeigan and the many volunteers involved in the Community Trails.

3. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

- a) Port Hawkesbury Wharf – Councilor J. Janega
- b) Seniors Summer Event – Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton

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

4. Minutes

- a) Public Meeting – March 1, 2016
There were no errors or omissions.
- b) Committee of the Whole – March 21, 2016

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega “to approve the March 21, 2016 minutes of the Committee of the Whole”. MOTION CARRIED.

- c) Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – March 30, 2016
There were no errors or omissions.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Public Meeting – March 1, 2016 – Item #10 – Approved Additions
UNSM/FCM Support

Councilor J. Janega inquired if a letter was sent to UNSM for resolution consideration on carbon taxing and the Trans Canada East Pipeline route to the Maritimes for job creation and economic opportunities. CAO, M. Freimanis stated the deadline for submission was January 25. These issues will be submitted to UNSM prior to the June 2016 deadline for the UNSM Fall Conference.

6. Proclamations

There were no proclamations.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

9. Other Business

a) First Reading – R-2 Zone – Amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor B. Lewis “to approve the First Reading to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to add *Existing Funeral Parlors and Undertaker Establishments to the permitted uses in the Residential Two Unit (R-2) Zone*”. MOTION CARRIED.

A Public Hearing, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Shannon Studio, will be advertised in The Reporter and on the Town website to provide notice to the public for written or oral presentations in favor of or in opposition to the proposed amendment.

b) March Travel Expense Report – Mayor and CAO

CAO, M. Freimanis reviewed the March 2016 Travel Report and Expenses for the Mayor and CAO. The report will be posted on the Town website.

c) Municipal Election – Preliminary Electors List

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor B. Lewis “to accept the recommendation of CAO, M. Freimanis to use the most recent Electors List from the Federal Election, October 19, 2015 as the Electors List for the Municipal and School Board Elections, October 15, 2016”. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Approved Additions

a) Port Hawkesbury Wharf

Councilor J. Janega stated lights should be on each night at the Port Hawkesbury Wharf. He also raised the issue of the environmental concerns associated with the abandoned vessel – *Dutch Runner*. Deputy Mayor B. Lewis will contact Strait of Canso Superport Corporation regarding the issue of lighting on the wharf and the status of the *Dutch Runner*.

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “ that Strait of Canso Superport Corporation will be contacted regarding the lighting issue on the wharf and efforts to address the removal of the abandoned vessel *Dutch Runner*”. MOTION CARRIED.

b) Seniors Summer Event

Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton asked Council's consideration for the use of the Bear Head Room to host a summer event to coincide with the Festival of the Strait for seniors similar to that held at Christmas time. The event will be catered by the Fleur de Lis with a variety of entertainment planned.

The Public Meeting recessed In Camera at 7:55 p.m. to discuss the YMCA and a Personnel Issue and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

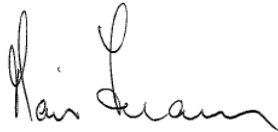
MOVED by Deputy Mayor B. Lewis and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega "to accept the recommendations of CAO, M. Freimanis regarding the hiring of a Finance Clerk and an Active Living Coordinator as discussed In Camera". MOTION CARRIED.

11. Adjournment

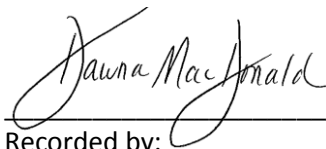
The Public Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

May 4, 2016

Date



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



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald