

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, April 4, 2017**

Present

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen
Director of Marketing, Events and Recreation, Paula Davis
Deputy Mayor, Trevor Boudreau
Councilor, Jeremy White
Councilor, Hugh MacDougall
Councilor, Mark MacIver
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

Guests

Tanya McChesney, Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue (SAGSR)
Jim Mustard and Alicia Lake, Pan Cape Breton Food Hub

Regrets

Director, J. Bain, Eastern District Planning Commission

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in Shannon Studio, Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, Tuesday, April 4, 2017 and was called to order by Mayor Chisholm-Beaton at 7:00 p.m.

2. Presentations

2.1 Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue (SAGSR) – Tanya McChesney

In December 2016, the storage building housing equipment was deeded to the SAGSR. Current membership is at 80 members. Costs are increasing and reserves are depleting. Seven municipalities are being asked for operational funding at \$3,000 per municipality. Council will discuss this funding request during budget deliberations.

2.2 Pan Cape Breton Food Hub – Jim Mustard and Alicia Lake

There are seven locations responding to the need for local food and producers wanting to provide local food. There are 30 producers of which three are looking to hire new staff. The Food Hub is seeking \$100,000 in funding from the Province to improve services. It is also looking at agricultural land trusts (a land bank). The municipalities are asked to increase their funding based on population. Presently there are 125 consumers with a goal for the upcoming year of 250 consumers. The Food Hub is requesting \$7,500 from other units and \$2,175 from the Town of Port Hawkesbury. Council will discuss this funding request during budget deliberations.

2.3 Raising the Villages – Jim Mustard

Mr. Mustard stated the importance of early investment in childhood, the creation of universally welcoming spaces in each community and the developmental milestones that occur in pre-school years. The Raising the Villages Workshop also addressed issues on childhood poverty, mental health, crime, low literacy, addictions, the Universally Accessible Support Services Programs, and strengthening culture and language. The ask from the Town was \$3000. Council will discuss this funding request during budget deliberations.

3. Additions

- 3.1 Destination Reeves Street Project – Councilor H. MacDougall
- 3.2 Minutes – March 3, 2015 – Amendment to Agenda Item #10 – *The Devils Brigade* – Clr. H. MacDougall
- 3.3 Waterfront – Councilor M. MacIver

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

4. Acknowledgements

4.1 First Responders – The First Responders and local Fire Departments were acknowledged and commended by Councilor M. MacIver for their service and response during the fatal accident on the Canso Causeway.

4.2 Cape Breton West Islanders – Councilor H. MacDougall acknowledged the team’s success in the Major Midget Atlantic Hockey Championship enabling them to play in the Telus Cup in Prince George, BC. He asked that a letter of congratulations be sent as well as a donation of \$500 from the Town.

MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall, and SECONDED by Councilor M. MacIver “to approve a letter of congratulations be sent to the Cape Breton West Islanders Major Midget Team on their success and participation at the Telus Cup in Prince George, BC and a donation of \$500 to the team”. MOTION CARRIED.

On the question, Deputy Mayor T. Boudreau was told there would be room for this donation in the 2017-2018 budget.

5. Council Minutes

5.1 Public Hearing – March 7, 2017

There were no errors or omissions.

5.2 Public Meeting – March 7, 2017

There were no errors or omissions.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Council Committee Reports

7.1 Report from Committee of the Whole

7.1.1. Town Advisory Committees – Terms of Reference

Councilor H. MacDougall stated that the formation of any new committee(s) will require a new terms of reference(s) for Council review and approval.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor J. White “that the Town of Hawkesbury approves the Terms of References for the five Town Advisory Committees as presented”. MOTION CARRIED.

7.1.2. 2017 FCM Conference – Council Attendance

Three Councilors are able to attend the 2017 FCM Conference. Deputy Mayor T. Boudreau noted the importance of attendance, an effective and working representation from those Councilors wanting to attend and their preparedness on Town issues to address with key political representatives at the conference.

**MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall “that the Town of Hawkesbury approves the attendance of three members of Council at the 2017 FCM Conference”.
MOTION CARRIED.**

7.2 Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole – March 21, 2017

MOVED by Councilor J. White, and SECONDED by Councilor M. MacIver “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the minutes of the March 21, 2017 Committee of the Whole”. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9. Proclamations/Resolutions

Proclamation: Human Values Day, April 24, 2017

On behalf of Port Hawkesbury Town Council, Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton proclaimed April 24, 2017 as “Human Values Day” in the Town of Port Hawkesbury.

10. Other Business

10.1 Second Reading – Rezoning Application – Catholic Diocese of Antigonish

MOVED by Councilor J. White, and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor T. Boudreau “that Town Council approves the Second Reading of the request for rezoning of lands of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Antigonish located at Property Identifiers (PID) 50110709 and 50028968 MacLaughlin Drive, Port Hawkesbury from Institutional (I) Zone to Residential Single Unit (R-1) Zone”. MOTION CARRIED.

10.2 Expense Reports

CAO, T. Doyle reviewed the February 2017 Expense Report. The total expenses incurred by the Town for February was \$569.52. Expense reports are posted on the Town website.

11. Additions

11.1 Destination Reeves Street Project

Discussion included the date of the public consultation process. The Destination Reeves Street Project proposal was submitted to the province. The Town is awaiting their response in order to move forward to the next stage. Should the Town proceed with road dieting; the Destination Reeves Street Project Committee and the NS TIR will meet with business leaders and the public for feedback on the design.

Councilor M. MacIver would like to attend the meetings. CAO T.Doyle will provide a complete update on the concept design to Council. The detail design process will be the next step after approval. Councilor H. MacDougall inquired if the project funding was approved. Finance Director E. MacEachen stated there were two years of funding from the gas tax approved and a possible third year from gas tax funding pending project development.

11.2 Minutes – March 3, 2015 – *The Devils Brigade*

Councilor H. MacDougall asked that the correction of the name of the unit and amendment be made to the March 3, 2015 minutes, Agenda Item #10 – The Devils Brigade:

Recognition of the 1st *Special Service Force* – Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau

Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau stated the 1st Special Service Force was honoured with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honour the United States Congress can bestow. It was noted that

Donald MacDougall, called first, and Hector MacInnis were part of the 1st Special Service Force, a joint American-Canadian Special Forces military unit that was revered for their service during World War II. In 1968, a movie by the name of The Devil's Brigade was made to honour the 1st Special Service Force unit.

11.3 Waterfront

Discussion included the formation of a committee of Council to discuss the waterfront and requirements for preparations of the Canada 150 celebrations. An ad hoc committee will be created for the Canada 150 Celebration and the Tall Ships.

MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor J. White to “create an ad hoc committee for the Canada 150 Celebrations and the Tall Ships”. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Future Meetings

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| 12.1 Committee of the Whole | Tuesday, April 18, 2017 |
| 12.2 Public Meeting | Tuesday, May 2, 2017 |
| 12.3 Committee of the Whole | Tuesday, May 16, 2017 |

13. Public Question Period

A member of the gallery inquired about the source of funding for the Destination Reeves Street Project and if it was coming from the residential and commercial tax rates. It was confirmed that funding was not coming from the commercial or residential tax rates.

14. In Camera Session – Economic Development

MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall “to recess in camera at 8:30 p.m. to discuss an economic development issue”. MOTION CARRIED.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 9:44 p.m.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor J. White “to authorize CAO, T. Doyle to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the NS TIR for the construction of a new turning lane at the Tamarac Drive Intersection”. MOTION CARRIED.

10. ADJOURNMENT

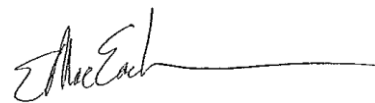
The April 4, 2017 Public Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

May 3, 2017

Date



Approved by:
Terry Doyle, P.Eng., CAO



Recorded by:
Erin MacEachen, Director of Finance