

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

**Present**

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton  
Deputy Mayor, Mark MacIver  
Councilor, Trevor Boudreau  
Councilor, Hughie MacDougall  
Councilor, Blaine MacQuarrie  
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle  
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen  
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis  
Town Solicitor, Patrick Lamey

**Guests**

Kevin MacEachern  
Jeremy Martell, Communications Coordinator, Cape Breton Partnership – CBREN  
April Sampson, NSCC Strait Campus

**1. Call to order**

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in Shannon Studio, PHCC, Tuesday, April 2, 2019 and called to order by Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Additions to the agenda**

- i. Motion from In Camera Property Issue – CAO, T. Doyle
- ii. Waterfront Advisory Committee – Councilor B. MacQuarrie
- iii. Continuance of In Camera Session – Contractual Item – Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton

**3. Approval of the agenda**

**MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor T. Boudreau “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the agenda as amended.” MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Gallery Presentations**

Quality of Life Index

The Nova Scotia Quality of Life Initiative is a multi-year project involving a broad range of organizations from across the province that measures how Nova Scotia compares to other provinces across eight domains of wellbeing. The presentation by April Sampson and Kevin MacEachern included data compiled from a survey measuring success and the quality of life of 1000 Nova Scotians. Surveys will be distributed by mail to one in five households in NS to participate in an online survey. A quality of life report will be generated for 10 regions across the province. Mr. Martell stated the survey results can assist in promoting the Strait area. A report will be provided to Council once the data is collected.

**5. Acknowledgements**

The following acknowledgements were made by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton:

- i. Paul Kehoe

Mr. Kehoe was formally recognized as the Town’s representative at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards ceremony in Halifax. He has been a member of the Port Hawkesbury Volunteer Fire Department for 27 years; Lieutenant of Rescue for the past three years. Mr. Kehoe is a member of the Strait Area Trails Association, the EMO Advisory Committee, the Destination Reeves Street First Responders Committee, and

he has assisted with AED's training at the Evergreen Seniors Club. Mr. Kehoe has had a great impact on and introduced many local youths to youth hockey. Congratulations were extended by the Mayor.

- ii. World Autism Day  
April 2, 2019 marked the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual World Autism Awareness Day.
- iii. Bob and Brenda MacEachern  
The Mayor extended thanks and best wishes to Bob and Brenda MacEachern acknowledging their long time commitment to 101/5 The Hawk radio station and contributions to the community.
- iv. Acadia Broadcasting  
Congratulations were extended to Acadia Broadcasting Ltd. as the new owners of the 101/5 The Hawk radio station.

## 6. Approval of Council Minutes

Public Meeting – March 5, 2019

There were no errors or omissions.

## 7. Business Arising from the Minutes – Public Meeting – March 5, 2019

- i. Agenda Item #4 – Gallery Presentation – NS Health Authority, Grayson Fulmer  
Councilor Boudreau stated he will be attending the Rural and Remote Medicine Event in Halifax to collect information and identify gaps for the recruitment of physicians to the Strait Area.
- ii. Agenda Item #8b – Health Care Crisis in Nova Scotia – Invitation to MLA Alana Paon  
Staff are awaiting a date from MLA Paon's office regarding an invitation to meet with Council.
- iii. Agenda Item #11 – Joint Meeting with the Municipality of the County of Richmond  
The Joint Meeting/Workshop between the Town of Port Hawkesbury and the Municipality of the County of Richmond will be rescheduled.

## 8. Council Committee Reports

- i. Report of the Committee of the Whole – March 19, 2019

- a) Pitt Street/Napean Street Debenture

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie "that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the Resolution for Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate for the Pitt Street/Napean Street Debenture in the amount of \$660,000 with a 15 year repayment term as presented by Director E. MacEachern". MOTION CARRIED.**

- b) Funding/In Kind Requests

- Childrens' Wish Foundation of Nova Scotia

**MOVED by Councilor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall "that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the request to donate the Bear Head Room for the Childrens' Wish Foundation of Nova Scotia Fundraising Event on April 6, 2019". MOTION CARRIED.**

- Walk the Walk for Autism Event – June 22, 2019 (Strait Area Chapter)

**MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the request to donate the Bear Head Room and the Arena Space for the Walk the Walk for Autism Event (Strait Area Chapter) on June 22, 2019”. MOTION CARRIED.**

ii. Motions Arising from In Camera Session – Committee of the Whole – March 19, 2019

- Union Local 2434 – Contract Negotiations

**MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor T. Boudreau “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the 2017 CUPE Local 2434 Collective Agreement as presented”. MOTION CARRIED.**

CAO, T. Doyle, Director E. MacEachen and CUPE Local 2434 representatives were commended for their timely resolution to the contract negotiations.

- Irving License Agreement

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the Irving License Agreement for PID #50299577 and PID #50153303 as presented by CAO, T. Doyle”. MOTION CARRIED.**

iii. Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole – March 19, 2019

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the March 19, 2019 minutes of the Committee of the Whole”. MOTION CARRIED.**

**9. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**10. Proclamations/Resolutions**

There were no proclamations or resolutions.

**11. Other Business**

i. Landrie Lake Water Utility

The Municipality of the County of Richmond and the Town of Port Hawkesbury are joint owners of the Landrie Lake Water Utility. The UARB approved the utility transfer, a new schedule of rates and a schedule of rules and regulations. Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and Councilor H. MacDougall accepted the nomination by Councilor B. MacQuarrie to sit on the newly formed Landrie Lake Water Utility Committee.

**MOVED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor T. Boudreau “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the appointment of Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and Councilor H. MacDougall to sit on the Landrie Lake Water Utility Committee”. MOTION CARRIED.**

ii. Inverness County Home Support Society (ICHSS)

Councilor H. MacDougall provided a summary of his concerns relating to the potential closure of the Port Hawkesbury ICHSS sub office. Research for the ICHSS amalgamation agreement is being conducted. Discussion included cost efficiencies that may be gained for the ICHSS in the event of a closure. Councilor H. MacDougall will provide Council with updates accordingly.

iii. Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL) Funding

Councilor B. MacQuarrie expressed concerns relating to the Province's 49% increase to the Town's contribution noting that it was conducted unilaterally across the province and without consultation to municipalities. Councilor T. Boudreau stated the increase is a result of changes to the French and equity grants and the lack of funding increases since the ECRL 2010-11 fiscal year. He discussed the potential for a tiered funding approach. Staff will draft a letter for Council's review to be sent to Leo Glavine, Minister, Communities, Culture and Heritage expressing concerns about the funding increase.

**MOVED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor T. Boudreau "that the Town of Port Hawkesbury send a letter to Leo Glavine, Minister, Communities, Culture and Heritage, expressing concerns about the increase in funding imposed on the Town under a new provincial library funding formula". MOTION CARRIED.**

iv. Granville Street Traffic Study

CAO T. Doyle provided a summary of the Granville Street Study Open House held December 5, 2018. An engineering proposal for the traffic study has been received. The cost of the traffic study will be discussed during budget deliberations. Deputy Mayor M. MacIver stated the radar sign that was relocated from Reeves Street to Granville Street was not recording data. Staff will make the necessary changes to ensure the radar sign is working properly.

v. Reeves Street Tender

A conflict of interest was declared by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver who vacated Council Chambers at 7:50 p.m. CAO, T. Doyle stated three bids were received for the Reeves Street: Complete Street Upgrades Tender (#TOPH201901). The lowest bid was received from Dexter Construction (Bid: Year 2019 - \$1,190,099.00; Bid: Year 2020 - \$309,808.00 (subject to funding availability). The first meeting with Dexter Construction is scheduled in three weeks.

*Deputy Mayor M. MacIver returned to the Public Meeting at 7:58pm.*

vi. Residential Curbside Spring Clean-up

The 2019 Town of Port Hawkesbury Curbside Spring Clean-up is scheduled Monday, May 13 to Friday, May 17. Information on the spring clean-up will be advertised on the Town website, through social media and in The Reporter.

vii. Leaf and Yard Waste Site Opening

The Leaf and Yard Waste Site on Crandall Road will open Saturday, May 4 and close Saturday, November 16, 2019. Information on the leaf and yard waste site will be advertised on the Town website, through social media and in The Reporter.

viii. Expense Report – March 2019

CAO, T. Doyle reviewed the March Expense Report for the Mayor, Council and CAO. The total of expenses for the month of March was \$1,657.61. Expense reports are posted on the Town website.

## 12. Approved Additions

- i. Motion from In Camera Property Issue

**MOVED by Councillor B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the request of property owner, 119 Kennedy Street, for the transfer of lands according to the Chapter 80 Quit Claim Deeds Policy”. MOTION CARRIED.**

- ii. Waterfront Advisory Committee

Notification has been sent to the Waterfront Advisory Committee regarding potential dates for a meeting.

- iii. Continuance of In Camera Session – Contractual Item – Deferred (to follow the Public Question Period)

## 13. Future Meetings

The future meetings of Town Council are scheduled as follows:

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| • Budget Meeting   | April 3, 2019  |
| • Joint Workshop with the Municipality of the County of Richmond | Deferred       |
| • Committee of the Whole   | April 16, 2019 |
| • Public Meeting   | May 7, 2019    |
| • Committee of the Whole   | May 21, 2019   |

## 14. Public Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

## 15. Continuance of In Camera Session – Contractual Item

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor T. Boudreau “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury moves In Camera at 8:10 p.m. to discuss contractual issues”. A recess was called by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton.**

**The Public Meeting reconvened at 8:52 p.m. with one motion resulting from a contractual issue discussed in Camera.**

Union Local 2434 – Contract Negotiations

**MOVED by Councillor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councillor H. MacDougall “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury extends the economic adjustment in the 2017 CUPE Local 2434 Collective Agreement to permanent staff of the Town of Port Hawkesbury”. MOTION CARRIED.**

## 16. Adjournment

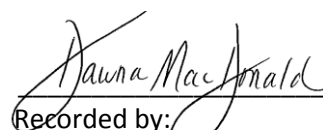
**MOVED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor B. MacQuarrie “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns the April 2, 2019 Public Meeting at 8:55p.m”. MOTION CARRIED.**

May 7, 2019

Date



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



Recorded by:  
Dawna MacDonald