

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

**Minutes of Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2013**

Present

Deputy Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Councilor, Dr. Trevor Boudreau
Councilor, Joe Janega
Councilor, Bert Lewis
Chief Administrative Officer, Maris Freimanis
Director of Finance, David Gray
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis
Director of Parks and Facilities, Jim Pyke
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

Guests

General Manager, Jessica Farrell, Strait Area Transit
Karen Malcolm

Regrets

Mayor, Billy Joe MacLean
CEO/Chief Librarian, Laura Emery, Eastern Counties Regional Library

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in the Shannon Studio, PHCC, Monday, March 18, 2013. It was called to order by Deputy Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton at 7:00 p.m.

2. Additions to/Approval of Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau, and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis "To approve the agenda as circulated". MOTION CARRIED.

3. Gallery Presentations – Strait Area Transit (SAT)

Deputy Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton welcomed Jessica Farrell and Karen Malcolm to the meeting. Ms. Farrell's presentation was an update to Council on the SAT's services and financial situation. Each municipal unit was asked to double their annual funding amount to cover the depletion of wage subsidizations and increase to fuel prices. Council representation was requested to work with the Province to come up with a sustainable model for rural transportation. Discussion included municipal contributions, passenger demographics and travel frequency, model comparisons in rural areas and funding sources. Ms. Farrell will provide Council with a breakdown of ridership percentages. Deputy Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton thanked Ms. Farrell and Ms. Malcolm for attending the meeting.

4. Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority (GASHA)

Deputy Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton provided an update to Council on the March 12th meeting regarding the medical health care deficit in the Strait area. Short term and long term steps for doctor recruitment were discussed which included promoting the Town as a welcoming community and establishing a long term, full service, medical health centre in Port Hawkesbury. A go forward strategy will include information sharing with GASHA and updates from Councilor J. Janega. The Municipality of Richmond will be contacted about the status of their doctor recruitment committee and if active, representation by Councilor J. Janega pending

Richmond County approval. The Strait Richmond Community Health Board was also discussed as being part of future dialogues with GASHA.

5. Port Hawkesbury Charitable Foundation

The Board of the Port Hawkesbury Charitable Foundation requires revision to the current Board of Directors to have the new members of Council and the CAO elected as Directors to replace the former Council and CAO. Council was also asked to consider revising and expanding the mandate to enable it to receive bequests and contributions from other sources to create a legacy fund that can be promoted to present and former residents wanting to contribute to projects in the Town. Discussion included an education piece for residents to take part, raise funds, and assist with the Board responsibilities.

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega, and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "To accept the recommendations of the CAO and Town Solicitor to appoint new directors and consider revising the mandate of the Port Hawkesbury Charitable Foundation". MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Council B. Lewis, and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau to recess In Camera at 7:35 p.m. to discuss the Strait Highlands RDA.

The Committee of the Whole meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis, and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "to approve the Strait Highlands RDA recommendations as discussed In Camera". MOTION CARRIED.

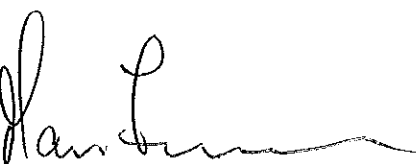
MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor B. Lewis, and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau, ""to approve the Strait Highlands RDA recommendations as discussed In Camera and the funding of \$11,539 earmarked from the 2013-2014 budget". MOTION CARRIED.

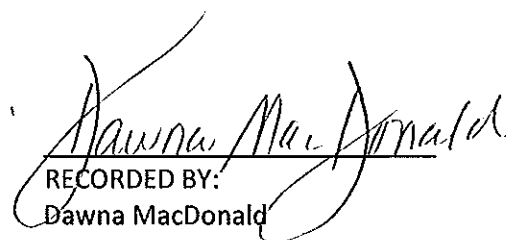
MOTION AS AMENDED carried.

6. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega, and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis "to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:15 p.m." MOTION CARRIED.

April 3, 2013
DATE


APPROVED BY:
Maris Freimanis, CAO


RECORDED BY:
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