

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
October 6, 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
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio, PHCC, Tuesday, October 6, 2015 and called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:00 p.m.

2. Gallery Presentations

- a) Removal Order – 643 & 645 Church Street – Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC)
- b) Property Owner, Woody Chediac – Response to Removal Order
- c) Council Resolution - 643 & 645 Church Street

Since the October 2 distribution of the agenda, Mr. Chediac complied with the removal order issued by the EDPC and removed the vehicles. As part of the MGA Review, CAO M. Freimanis has identified the issue of time and effort involved with repeat offences and the issuance of multiple removal orders to residents who do not comply with an original removal order. Discussion included the potential for penalties to be imposed by the EDPC to repeat offenders.

3. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

- Community of Inverness – Mayor MacLean

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis “to approve the addition to the agenda”. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau “to approve the agenda”. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Minutes

- Regular Public Meeting September 15, 2015
There were no errors or omissions.
- Committee of the Whole September 21, 2015

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega “to approve the September 21, 2015 minutes of the Committee of the Whole”. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Proclamations

There were no proclamations.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

9. Other Business

a) Approval of Financial Statements 2014-2015

E. MacEachen stated there was a small surplus this year, that cash reserves increased slightly and that the Town is moving in the right direction. Mayor MacLean commended and credited a team approach and strong management skills by Council and Staff for their work on the 2014-2015 financials.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “to approve the 2014-2015 Financial Statements as presented to Council at the Audit Committee Meeting, October 6, 2015”. MOTION CARRIED.

b) Letter of Support – Belle MacIntyre, Port Hawkesbury Veterans Memorial Park

CAO M. Freimanis stated the Town supports the Park but recommended any major additions or renovations should be subject to Council Review. Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau added that the Park façade should work in harmony with the Town.

MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “to approve the request by Belle MacIntyre, on behalf of the Port Hawkesbury Veterans Memorial Park , to add a new panel with names of veterans, reinforce flag poles and maintain flower beds”. MOTION CARRIED.

c) Date Change – November Public Meeting

Mayor MacLean, members of Council and CAO Freimanis will be attending the UNSM Fall Conference November 3-6 in Halifax. CAO M. Freimanis recommended that the November Public Meeting, which falls on November 3, be changed to November 16, 2015 followed by the Committee of the Whole.

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega “to change the date of the November Public Meeting to November 16”. MOTION CARRIED.

d) Eastern Strait REN (ESREN) – Board Member

Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton currently sits as a liaison for the ESREN and stated time constraints pose a challenge for committed Port Hawkesbury industry or business persons wanting to sit on the Board. One candidate has been put forward for consideration and she petitioned Council for the recruitment of a second candidate. Additional recruitment could take place pending the decision on these candidates. Discussion included recruitment of candidates with experience in municipal participation and funding formulas based on per capita contributions.

10. Approved Additions

- Community of Inverness

Mayor MacLean congratulated and commended Inverness for their community spirit and organization skills during the recent 'Chase the Ace' which drew international recognition and many people to the area.

The Public Meeting recessed In Camera at 7:35 p.m. to discuss the Sports Wall of Fame Nominations and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

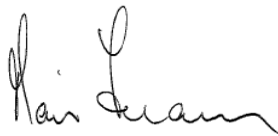
MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega "to approve and notify the nominees, and have a press release issued as per the In Camera discussion". MOTION CARRIED.

11. Adjournment

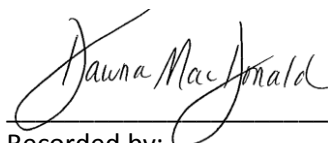
MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "to adjourn the Public Meeting at 8:05 p.m." MOTION CARRIED.

November 17, 2015

Date



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



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald