

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

Present

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

Guests

Mike MacSween and Dawn Beaton, Celtic Colours International Festival

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, May 2, 2017 and called to order by Mayor Chisholm-Beaton at 7:00 p.m.

2. Presentations

2.1 Celtic Colours International Festival

Mike MacSween and Dawn Beaton's presentation was a report on the results of the 2016 Celtic Colours International Festival and included 2014-2016 data relating to the Town's ticket sales, revenue, community experience and impact on the business and community organizations. The theme of the 2017 festival is 'Roots'. There will be two performances in the Town which will include the festival's closing show. The festival's growth through social media, geographic reach and plans for the 2017 festival were also discussed.

3. Additions

There were no additions to the agenda.

MOVED by Councilor M. Maclver and SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall "to approve the agenda as presented". MOTION CARRIED.

4. Acknowledgements

4.1 Cape Breton West Islanders

Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton extended congratulations and pride to the team on their win of the Telus Cup Championship. The Mayor stated the team's success is a testament to team spirit, dedication of coaches parents, community and sport.

4.2 Sharon Ryan – Volunteer of the Year

Sharon Ryan was nominated Volunteer of the Year for the Town of Port Hawkesbury and was recognized at the 2017 Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony in Halifax. Ms. Ryan's volunteer efforts include the Leaside Transition House, J. Franklin Wright Gallery, Beautification Committee, Port Hawkesbury Curling Club, and work

with Early Childhood Intervention. Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton thanked Sharon Ryan noting that volunteers are the heart and pulse of every community.

4.3 YMCA Fitness Challenge – Team Town of Port Hawkesbury (Team Town) vs. Team The Hawk
Team Town defeated Team The Hawk in a YMCA fitness challenge. The Mayor extended congratulations to Team Town and special recognition of Catherine Warner who was voted most valuable player. Jennifer MacDonnell, YMCA, was thanked for her support and contributions to the fitness challenge.

5. Council Minutes

5.1 Public Hearing – April 4, 2017

There were no errors or omissions.

5.2 Public Meeting – April 4, 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 Tax Adjustment – Account #00922536

MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor T. Boudreau “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the request to write-off tax account #00922536 in the amount of \$108.00 plus accrued interest”. MOTION CARRIED.

7.2 Information Items

7.2.1 Port Hawkesbury Airport Committee Meeting – April 6, 2017

- Port Hawkesbury Paper will remove 40 acres of brush and trees at the airport at no cost to the Town. The Town will be responsible for minimal costs associated with equipment rental. CAO Doyle expressed his appreciation to Port Hawkesbury Paper for this significant cost savings initiative.
- A Letter of Intent was signed with Celtic Air Services to provide operating services at the Port Hawkesbury Airport. Negotiations continue with a tentative date of July for work to begin on this venture.

Councilor H. MacDougall suggested that Celtic Air Services present at the next Public Meeting or Committee of the Whole.

7.2.2 Tamarac Booster Station

The public tender opening took place April 25 with three tender submissions. The lowest submission was received from Dora Construction at \$193,000. Concerns have been raised by residents regarding water pressure. The consultant will work with the affected residents to ensure minimal disruption and all requirements are met during the line installation.

7.2.3 Spring Curbside Cleanup

CAO T. Doyle stated the Solid Waste Resource Management By-law is clear regarding options for enforcement by the Town to those in violation. Fines may be imposed. Upon receiving complaints, the Town moved forward issuing letters to those in violation. Other enforcement options are being reviewed.

7.3 Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole – April 18, 2017

MOVED by Councilor J. White, and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor T. Boudreau “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017 Committee of the Whole”. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Correspondence

Letter of Support – Municipality of the County of Richmond

A letter of support for the capital plan at the Port Hawkesbury Airport was received from Richmond County. The letter included recognition of the airport as an important piece of transportation infrastructure in our area serving the needs of our local businesses and tourism industries and its success is good for Cape Breton Island as a whole. Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton thanked Richmond County for their letter of support.

9. Proclamations/Resolutions

Proclamation: Gaelic Nova Scotia Month – May

On behalf of Port Hawkesbury Town Council, Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton proclaimed the month of May, 2017 as ‘Gaelic Nova Scotia Month’ in the Town of Port Hawkesbury.

10. Other Business

10.1 Destination Reeves Street

The Destination Reeves Street project aims to capitalize on improvements over time to increase the street’s destination appeal to residents, attract new businesses and tourists by improving street safety and functionality, encourage façade improvements to existing businesses and provide active transportation options for residents and visitors. The project is a strategy for improving the street’s potential through renewal and revitalization that will create better connections to the waterfront and other signature Town spaces, and better and safely integrate the NSCC campus into the downtown corridor. CAO Doyle’s presentation included discussion on the project’s funding proposal, development phases and timelines, and project partnerships. In conjunction with the Town, the NS TIR will hold a public consultation to discuss access management and lane reconfiguration. Kevin MacEachern, Chair, Destination Reeves Street Committee addressed questions from Council regarding potential funding for businesses interested in taking part in the façade program.

10.2 Pitt Street and Napean Street Reconstruction

CAO, T. Doyle stated the project is moving along well and is in the detail design phase. The Destination Reeves Street Project planners have been engaged on this reconstruction project. The tender process is planned for June with tender awarding in July. A public information session is planned for residents that will include discussion on the reconstruction process, service delivery and storm sewer issues.

10.3 Canso Regional Vocational School (CRVS) Property

The Province has transferred ownership of the CRVS property to the Town. The Town will advertise and work with potential developers for economic development on this property.

10.4 Expense Reports – March and April

CAO, T. Doyle reviewed the March and April 2017 Expense Reports. There were no expenses incurred by the Town for the month of March. The total expenses for the month of April were \$197.76. Expense reports are posted on the Town website.

11. Additions

There were no additions to the agenda.

12. Future Meetings

- 12.1 Committee of the Whole Tuesday, May 16, 2017
- 12.2 Public Meeting Tuesday, June 6, 2017

13. Public Question Period

The guidelines and procedure for the public question period were reviewed by CAO, T. Doyle. The following questions were received from the gallery.

Jeanette Rizzuto

Ms. Rizutto, Embree Island Road, stated the water in her home is discoloured and causing stains to her bathroom fixtures and asked what will be done to rectify this issue. CAO, T. Doyle will meet with Public Works and provide an update to Ms. Rizzuto.

Michele Tabensky

Ms. Tabensky inquired about the number of bags and the weight of solid waste and recyclables residents are permitted each week, and if the number of bags could be increased. She also inquired about the spring cleanup, how the date is chosen, and if assistance could be provided to residents who use the metal goods disposal container. E. MacEachen stated the number of bags for solid waste and recyclables (total of six in any combination) for residents is part of the contract with Eastern Sanitation Limited. An increase to the number of bags would impact the Town's fees at the landfill site and recycling site. P. Davis stated the ad for the spring cleanup was revised to include removal of the doors on refrigerators and stoves. The Town will consider options for assisting residents who use the metal goods disposal container.

14. ADJOURNMENT

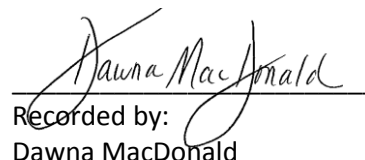
MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver, and SECONDED by Councilor J. White "to adjourn the May 2, 2017 Public Meeting at 8:30 p.m." MOTION CARRIED.

June 14, 2017

Date



Approved by:
Terry Doyle, P.Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald