

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
June 25, 2019**

Present

Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Deputy Mayor, Mark MacIver
Councilor, Hughie MacDougall
Councilor, Blaine MacQuarrie
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Town Solicitor, Patrick Lamey

Regrets

Councilor, Trevor Boudreau
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen

1. Call to Order

A Special Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in Shannon Studio, PHCC, Tuesday, June 25, 2019 and called to order by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton at 8:55 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the agenda as distributed”. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Second Reading – Sewer Service Charge By-Law

CAO, T. Doyle reviewed the draft Sewer Service Charge By-Law with the incorporated amendments following the First Reading. He stated there will be no increase to the residential and commercial tax rates. The sewer service charge is determined by calculating the assessed value of property multiplied by the rate deemed required for operation and maintenance of the sewage system. This charge will be listed separately from the tax rate and will reflect actual tax rates for comparison with other municipalities.

i. Council Question Period

There were no questions from Council.

ii. Gallery Presentations

a) Call for opposing presentations. There were no opposing presentations.

b) Call for presentations in favor. There were no presentations in favor.

iii. Written Submissions

There were no written submissions received by the Town of Port Hawkesbury.

MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves Second Reading of the Sewer Service Charge By-Law”. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Report from Committee of the Whole – June 25, 2019

i. Invitation to Strait Area Chamber of Commerce

MOVED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury extends an invitation to the Strait Area Chamber of Commerce to attend a Public/Special Public Meeting to discuss the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport and the Inverness Airport Proposal”. MOTION CARRIED.

ii. Letters of Thanks – Fire Departments attending Port Hawkesbury Paper Fire

MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury sends letters of thanks to the Fire Departments who attended to the Port Hawkesbury Paper Fire.” MOTION CARRIED.

iii. Philippine Heritage Month – Request to Fly Flag, June 28, 2019

MOVED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the request from the Strait Area Filipinos Society to raise the Philippine Flag on June 28 in recognition of Philippine Heritage Month (June)”. MOTION CARRIED.

iv. Adjustment of Taxes – Tax Account #03716252

MOVED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the request to write off Tax Account #03716252 in the amount of \$18,744.07 to accommodate the change in classification from Code 02 (Commercial Taxable) to Code 22 (Commercial Exempt) for Tax Year 2019-2020”. MOTION CARRIED.

v. 100 Women Who Care Rural Cape Breton in Port Hawkesbury – Request for In Kind Space

MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the request to donate use of the Bear Head Conference Room for the October 23, 2019, 100 Women Who Care Rural Cape Breton Event”. MOTION CARRIED.

vi. Proclamation – Innovation Week – September 9-17, 2019

MOVED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury proclaims Innovation Week as September 9-17, 2019 in the Town of Port Hawkesbury”. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Motions Arising from In Camera Session – June 25, 2019

Council Residence – Councilor T. Boudreau

MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the request of Councilor T. Boudreau to be ordinarily resident outside the Municipality but within the Province for a period of time not to exceed six months in accordance to Section 17.6 of the MGA”. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Adjournment


MOVED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns the Special Public Meeting at 9:20p.m.” MOTION CARRIED.

September 10, 2019

Date



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



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald