

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
Shannon Studio
Minutes of Meeting
March 29, 2022
7pm**

Present

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton
Deputy Mayor, Jason Aucoin
Councillor, Blaine MacQuarrie
Councillor, Mark MacIver
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Manager of Facilities and Operations, Gordie Snook
Manager of Engineering and Public Works, Jason MacMillan

Guests

Co-Chair Accessibility Advisory Committee, Matthew Higgins

Regrets

Councillor, Hughie MacDougall

1. Call to Order

A Special Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio, Tuesday, March 29th, 2022 called to order by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton at 7:03 pm.

2. Additions to Agenda

- i. Resolution for Active Transportation - CAO, T. Doyle
- ii. Videoconferencing Policy – CAO, T. Doyle

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie that the “Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the Special Public Meeting Agenda with two additions.” MOTION CARRIED.

4. Accessibility Plan Review

Mayor, B. Chisholm Beaton, Manager of Facilities and Operations, G. Snook and Co-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, M. Higgins provided Council with a presentation reviewing the Accessibility Plan. The presentation had included an introduction of the committee members, the definition of disability and barriers, an overview of the Accessibility Advisory Committee’s work to date, the approach that the committee had taken, the report themes, the Committee’s recommendations, concluding thoughts and the next steps in the short, medium and long term. There was a Q&A following the presentation.

The consensus of Council was to move the Accessibility Report forward to the Public Meeting of Council on April 5th.

Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin had declared a conflict and left the meeting at 8:02 pm

5. Taxi Policy

CAO, T. Doyle had reviewed the amendment that had been made to the Taxi Policy that would allow for the CAO to adjust the flat rate annually as well as when significant increases or decreases in fuel prices occur.

The consensus of Council was to move the Taxi Policy forward to the Public Meeting of Council on April 5th.

Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin had returned to the meeting at 8:05 pm

6. Approved Additions

- i. Active Transportation Resolution

MOVED by Councillor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the submission of the application through the Infrastructure Canada Active Transportation Fund for Active Transportation Network Enhancements for Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia at an estimated cost of 650,000 dollars." MOTION CARRIED.

- ii. Videoconferencing Policy – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle had reviewed the draft of the videoconferencing policy that had been circulated to Council prior to the meeting. He had noted that this was a simplified version of the policy reviewed on March 15, 2022, and based on Council's recommendations.

The consensus of Council was to move the videoconferencing policy forward to the Public Meeting of Council on April 5th.

7. Adjournment

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie "that the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns the Special Public Meeting at 8:15 p.m.". MOTION CARRIED.

April 6 2022
Date

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

Melissa Warner
Recorded by:
Melissa Warner,
Communications &
Administrative Officer