

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Shannon Studio**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**October 4, 2022**

**Present**

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton  
Deputy Mayor, Jason Aucoin  
Councillor, Hughie MacDougall  
Councillor, Mark MacIver  
Councillor, Blaine MacQuarrie  
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle

**Guests**

Destination Cape Breton, Chief Executive Officer, Terry Smith

**1. Call to Order**

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio and virtually on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton.

**2. Additions to Agenda**

- James' Legacy Society – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton
  - Restorative Justice Flag Raising – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton
  - Seasonal Services – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton
  - Yarmouth Ferry Letter of Support – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton
- All items will be discussed under Agenda Item 10. Correspondence.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall, and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves October 4, 2022, Public Meeting Agenda as amended". MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Gallery Presentations**

Destination Cape Breton – CEO, T. Smith

Destination Cape Breton's Chief Executive Officer, T. Smith provided Council with a presentation. The presentation included Marketing Levy Background and the need for increased revenue from this fund. CEO, T. Smith was informed that the Province of Nova Scotia was planning to draft legislation that would address this issue. CEO, T. Smith also presented data on several tourism industry indicators. The data presented showed a positive rebound from the COVID-19 restriction years. There was a Q&A session following the presentation.

**5. Acknowledgements**

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton made the following acknowledgments:  
October is Mi'kmaq History Month  
October 2-8<sup>th</sup> is National Newspaper Week.

**6. Approval of Council Minutes**

i. Public Hearing – September 20, 2022  
There were no errors or omissions.

**7. Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**8. Council Committee Reports**

There is no report from the Committee of the Whole as September was a combined meeting.

**9. Motions from In-Camera Session**

There were no motions coming from the In Camera Session.

**10. Correspondence**

James' Legacy Society

**MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “ THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves to waive the Bear Head Room Rental fee for James Legacy Society for the Halloween fundraising event on October 29, 2022” .**

CAO, T. Doyle recommended that Council includes that the Society must pay for excess expenses over and above the room rental and must provide proof of insurance.

The motion was amended.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by M. MacIver “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approved to waive the Bear Head Room Rental fee for the James Legacy Society. The Society will be responsible to provide proof of insurance and cover all expenses over and above the room rental. MOTION CARRIED.**

Restorative Justice Flag Raising

**MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury supports the Restorative Justice week by having a ceremony around raising the flag on November 21<sup>st</sup>” . MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton suggested that CAO, T. Doyle create a document outlining all of the flag-raising events for the upcoming year based on past events and present it to Council in January for approval.

CAO, T. Doyle provided Council with an update on the new flag pole that is set to be installed soon.

Seasonal Services

**Moved by Councillor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the request to provide funds necessary to cover any shortfall incurred with the 2022 Seasonal Services Port Hawkesbury project which is not funded by donations as well as provide the donation of postage on the sponsorship letters that will be mailed out” . MOTION CARRIED.**

### Yarmouth Ferry Service Letter of Support

Prior to the meeting, Mayor, B. Chisolm-Beaton circulated a request to Council that was received from the Mayor of the Town of Yarmouth, Pam Mood asking for a letter of support with regards to the Yarmouth Ferry Services. Mayor, B. Chisolm-Beaton drafted and circulated a support letter with Council prior to the meeting.

**MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin” THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury send a letter in support of the Yarmouth Ferry Services to Premier Tim Houston and send a copy to the Minister of Public Works, Kim Masland, and MLA, Allan MacMaster.” MOTION CARRIED.**

### **11. Proclamations/Resolutions**

There were no proclamations or resolutions.

### **12. Other Business**

#### **i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle**

CAO, T. Doyle, gave an update on Council Expenses over the month of September. He reminded the gallery that Council expenses are posted on the Town of Port Hawkesbury website.

#### **ii. Hurricane Fiona Response – CAO, T. Doyle**

CAO, T. Doyle provided Council with an update on the preparations and work that took place prior to and during Hurricane Fiona. He extended thanks to the Manager of Engineering and Public Works, Jason MacMillan, and the entire Public Works team. Mayor, B. Chisolm-Beaton on behalf of Council extended thanks to all Senior Staff as well as the Port Hawkesbury Volunteer Fire Department and the first responders.

Halloween Restrictions – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle reviewed the recommended Halloween restrictions.

**MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury will permit ‘trick or treating’ until 8 pm on Sunday, October 31st. Halloween masks will not be permitted to be worn on Town streets after 8 pm, and a 10 pm curfew will be in effect for ages 16 years and under” MOTION CARRIED.**

### **13. Approved Additions**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, H. MacDougall “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury accepts Councillor, B. MacQuarrie’s agenda addition of letter of support for Dr. Atul for discussion.” MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, H. MacDougall “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury send a letter to Minister of Health and Wellness, Michelle Thompson and Deputy Premier, Allan MacMaster asking that they support Dr. Atul Chhokar ‘s application to practice medicine in Nova Scotia.” MOTION CARRIED.**

### **14. Future Meetings**

The future meetings of the Town Council are scheduled as follows:

- i. Committee of the Whole    Tuesday, October 18th, 2022
- ii. Public Meeting    Tuesday, November 8th, 2022


**15. Public Question Period**

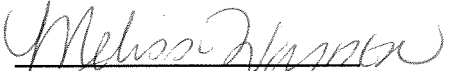
There were no questions from the gallery.

**16. Adjournment**

**MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns October 4, 2022, Public Meeting at 7:46 pm." MOTION CARRIED.**

December 23 2022  
Date

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

  
Recorded by:  
Melissa Warner  
Communications                      and  
Administration Officer