

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Minutes of Meeting
March 16, 2009

1. The regular monthly meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council sitting as a Committee of the whole was held in the Shannon Studio of the Civic Centre on Monday, March 16, 2009 at the hour of 6:15 P.M.
2. Present were Deputy Mayor M. MacIver; Cl'rs K. Anderson, H. MacDougall, J.King; Chief Administrative Officer, C.J. MacDonald; Director of Finance, J. Davis and Town Solicitor, L. Evans.
3. Mayor MacLean was vacationing and unavailable for the meeting.
4. Deputy Mayor M. MacIver called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor MacLean.

GALLERY PRESENTATION

5. Jeff Caddell and Tanis Seewald were in attendance from Property Valuation Services Corporation. Jeff gave an update to Council re the 2009 assessment roll profile re legislative mandate, operational activity ,capped assessment program and provincial/municipal overview.

COMMUNITY SERVICES ISSUES
ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

6. Additions to this part of the agenda included: update snow removal.
7. MOVED BY CL'R H. MACDOUGALL, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON THAT WE ACCEPT THE ADDITIONS TO THIS PART OF THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICING SERVICES

8. No member present from policing department and no report this month.

FIRE SERVICES

9. No member present from fire department and no report this month.

PUBLIC WORKS

10. MOVED BY CL'R J.KING, SEC'D BY CL'R H. MACDOUGALL THAT WE ACCEPT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. ON THE QUESTION CL'R H. MACDOUGALL INQUIRED IF THERE WAS ANY WORK CONTRACTED OUT. CL'R J. KING ADVISED THAT THERE WAS NONE LATELY. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER ADVISED THAT HE WILL INFORM WORK SUPERINTENDENT THAT ANY JOBS CONTRACTED OUT TO BE INCLUDED IN HIS REPORT. ON THE QUESTION CL'R K. ANDERSON ASKED IF WE RECOVER ANY COSTS RELATING TO CALL OUTS. HE WAS ADVISED THAT WORK SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATES IF A CHARGE SHOULD OCCUR OR NOT. MOTION CARRIED.

FLOW TEST COSTS FOR COMMUNITY HOME

11. Cl'r K.Anderson suggested that Finance Director contact Group Home people and ask them to provide them with aquotes re the flow test costs and to see if they can bare the burden themselves and if not bring back to Council. Council agreed.

ADDITION -SNOW REMOVAL

12. Cl'r K. Anderson inquired if staff and Council met with snow removal contractor. Cl'r J.King stated that he met with snow removal contractor, Work Superintendent was not available. Contractor advised that he did not received any complaints, but not to hesitate to contact him. He advised that he would like cars off the streets. He did push snow back after a couple of storms.
13. The committee requested that we meet with snow removal contractor each year.
14. It is Council's intention to proceed with summary offense tickets. This will require By-Law Enforcement Officer to be registered with Province.
15. The committee requested Chief Administrative Officer to contact Dept. of Transportation to find out if there is any limitation on the weight of vehicles on our streets to help us when we are looking for the size of equipment allowed for snow removal.

PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM ISSUES

16. There were no additions to this part of the agenda.
17. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R H. MACDOUGALL THAT WE APPROVE THIS PART OF THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND AQUATIC S REPORT

18. MOVED BY CL'R J. MACDOUGALL, SEC'D BY CL'R J.KING THAT WE APPROVE THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND AQUATICS REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE AND POLICY ISSUES

19. Additions to this part of the agenda included a resolution prioritizing our infrastructure projects and borrowing resolution for Waterfront Development Corporation.
20. MOVED BY CL'R H. MACDOUGALL, SEC'D BY CL'R J.KING THAT WE ACCEPT THE ADDITIONS TO THIS PART OF THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

NOVA SCOTIA'S 2009 ENERGY STRATEGY-REFORM TO NET METERING PROGRAM

21. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R H, MACDOUGALL THAT WE ACCEPT NOVA SCOTIA'S 2009 ENERGY STRATEGY-REFORM TO NET METERING PROGRAM AND THAT A LETTER BE DIRECTED TO THE UNSM ASKING THEM TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE ON BEHALF OF ALL N.S. MUNICIPALITIES TO ASK FOR CHANGE IN THE REGULATIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

STRAIT -HIGHLANDS RDA-COMMITMENT TO CORE FUNDING

22. MOVED BY CL'R H. MACDOUGALL, SEC'D BY CL'R K.ANDERSON THAT WE ACCEPT THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS OF A \$2,580.00 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2009 AND FOR A P ERIOD OF YEARS BEYOND THAT. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THAT WE SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN MUNICIPAL EVALUATION OF RDA'S. MOTION CARRIED.

ROC SOCIETY REQUEST FOR FULL TAX
EXEMPTION ON COMMUNITY HOME

23. The committee requested that we inquire if other group homes are exempt across the Province.

APPROVAL FOR OUT OF-PROVINCE TRAVEL- ANDRE BLAIR

24. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R H.MACDOUGALL THAT WE APPROVE OUT-OF PROVINCE TRAVEL RE ANDRE BLAIR. MOTION CARRIED.

DONATION REQUESTS

25. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R H.MACDOUGALL THAT WE GIVE A DONATION OF \$300.00 TO UNSM-WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BURSARY. MOTION CARRIED.

26. MOVED BY CL'R H. MACDOUGALL, SEC'D BY CL'R K.ANDERSON THAT WE TABLE THE DONATION REQUEST FROM CELTIC COLOURS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL UNTIL BUDGET TIME. MOTION CARRIED.

27. MOVED BY CL'R K.ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R H. MACDOUGALL THAT WE GIVE A DONATION OF \$100.00 TO STRAIT AREA GIRLS UNDER 16 VOLLEYBALL TEAM. THIS DONATION IS TO COME OUT OF PARKS, RECREATION BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED.

28. MOVED BY CL'R H.MACDOUGALL,SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON THAT WE SPONSOR 3 UNIFORMS AT A COST OF \$210.00 PLUS HST FOR THE PORT HAWKESBURY AA MOSQUITO BASEBALL TEAM. MOTION CARRIED.

29. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R H. MACDOUGALL THAT WE GIVE A DONATION OF \$100.00 TO THE SCOTIA HIGHLAND DANCERS. MOTION CARRIED.

ADDITIONS

30. MOVED BY CL'R H. MACDOUGALL, SEC'D BY CL'R J.KING TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A DEBENTURE TO FINANCE WATERFRONT CAPITAL PROPOSALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,000.00. MOTION CARRIED.

31. CL'R K. ANDERSON DECLARED CONFLICT AND STEPPED OUT OF MEETING.

32. MOVED BY CL'R J. KING, SEC'D BY CL'R H. MACDOUGALL THAT WE APPROVE A RESOLUTION ON INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES AS IDENTIFIED AT THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 12, 2009. MOTION CARRIED.

33. CL'R K. ANDERSON RETURNED TO MEETING.

CIVIC CENTRE OPERATIONS

34. Additions to this part of the agenda included signage and banners.

35. MOVED BY CL'R J. KING, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON THAT WE ACCEPT THE NOTED ADDITIONS TO THIS PART OF THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

ROTARY CLUB OF PORT HAWKESBURY -WINE FAIR
REQUEST TO SUSPEND LIQUOR LICENSE

36. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R J.KING THAT WE SUSPEND OUR LIQUOR LICENSE TO ALLOW ROTARY CLUB TO HAVE A LIQUOR LICENSE RE WINE FAIR. MOTION CARRIED.

ADDITIONS

37. Cl'r J.King advised that the "mayor's parking" sign goes back on April 7, 2009 and "expecting mothers" sign is installed at the next parking area.

38. The committee stated that banners are not allowed in the arena to this date. Cl'r K. Anderson wants to know if there is a policy and advised that we think about it for the next meeting.

39. ON MOTION THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

DATE

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:
A.MACDONALD