

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Minutes of Meeting
December 21, 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's of the Civic Centre on Monday, December 21, 2009 at the hour of 5:45 P.M.
2. Present were Mayor W.J. MacLean; Cl'rs J. King, M. MacIver and Cl'r K. Anderson; Town Solicitor, L. Evans; Jim Davis, C.A.O., J. Pyke, Recreation Director and Jim MacNeil, Director of Public Works.
3. Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall absent.
4. Mayor W.J. MacLean called the meeting to order.

GALLERY PRESENTATION

5. There were no gallery presentations.

COMMUNITY SERVICES ISSUES

6. One addition to the agenda under Public Works was jersey barriers.

POLICING SERVICES

7. C'lr J. King presented a report on RCMP policing centering on the number of officers required to properly police the Town. His recommendation based on statistics and increased training and investigational coverage requirements is that we hire one additional officer bringing the total staff from five members to six. It was asked if unilateral changes in each party requirements such as the changes made by Federal Government were permitted under the current contract. In our agreement is there provision for the amount of overtime and human resources as a result of these changes.
8. The Town Solicitor was asked to review the RCMP contract and to give an opinion on whether the contract allows.
9. MOVED BY CL'R J. KING, SEC'D BY W.J. MACLEAN TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL OFFICER PENDING LARRY EVANS, TOWN SOLICITOR PROVIDE A REVIEW OF THE CONTRACT FOR CHANGES THAT WOULD ALLOW NEW CONDITIONS TO BE IMPOSED THAT RESULT IN ADDITIONAL POLICING REQUIREMENTS. NO SECONDER. MOTION IS LOST.
10. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R M. MACIVER TO RECONSIDER THE MOTION. TWO NAYS. MOTION DEFEATED.

FIRE SERVICES

11. The fire windows project was discussed and there was concern expressed as to whether any quotations were sought from businesses from Towns.
12. MOVED BY CL'R J.KING, SEC'D BY CL'R CL'R M.MACIVER THAT WE APPROVE THE AWARDING OF WINDOWS INSTALLATION AT THE PORT HAWKESBURY FIRE HALL PROVIDED FUNDING IS FORTH COMING UNDER THE ENGINEERING PROVIDERS FUND AND THAT THE LOW TENDERER A-1 GUTTER BE AWARDED THE TENDER . MOTION CARRIED.

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PUBLIC WORKS

13. MOVED BY CL'R J.KING, SEC'D BY CL'R M. MACIVER THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

SALT TRUCK - BLIZZARD CONDITIONS

14. MOVED BY CL'R J.KING, SEC'D BY CL'R M. MACIVER TO ASSIST THE CONTRACTOR WITH EMERGENCY SNOW REMOVAL AFTER BLIZZARD CONDITIONS ANY TIME THE DIRECTOR SAW FIT TO USE THE PUBLIC WORKS SALT TRUCK WITH PLOWS. MOTION CARRIED.

EVAN RYAN LOT PURCHASE REQUEST

15. Town Council received a letter of request from Evan Ryan to purchase a lot of land on Artie Reynolds Road. It was generally felt the sale would encumber future development of a future subdivision in that area by restricting proper planning and optimum design of a subdivision. The reason for the request was that the Pineridge subdivision did not allow a garage to be separate from the house. The Town Solicitor noted that this covenant could be easily changed.

16. It was agreed to send a letter from the Director of Planning outlining the request and ask for advice on the affect on a future subdivision development in the area.

JERSEY BARRIER - MACLAUGHLIN DRIVE

17. Mayor MacLean said he regretted asking the Works Department to place jersey barrier adjacent to his property on MACLAUGHLIN Drive. He noted that he was

frustrated in his attempts to have his property improved and felt that this would be a way of keeping salt and gravel off his property.

PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM

18. MOVED BY CL'R CL'R M.MACIVER, SEC'D BY CL'R K.ANDERSON THAT THE HOCKEY PROGRAM , BANTAM AAA BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.
19. MOVED BY CL'R CL'R M.MACIVER, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON THAT TOWN COUNCIL ACCEPT THE AQUATICS AND DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION AND TOURISM REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.
20. Director Jim Pyke presented some details on the Bantams.
 - A group of volunteer trying to form a major bantam AAA league team
 - Port Hawkesbury and Antigonish area are one of twelve regions
 - Met with st. FX and Antigonish officials concerning submitting a franchise proposal
 - Deputy Mayor H.MacDougall was in favour of the Town submitting a refundable franchise fee of \$5,000. If not successful fee will be returned, if successful the Bantam AAA organization would be responsible for the franchise fee and costs carried forward
 - The regional concept will be expanded 12 regions (was 18 regions) to Midget AAA in future years
 - Nova midgets years ago, had a Port Hawkesbury Antigonish working relationship. Mike Stewart, Antigonish Minor Hockey, Brad Peddle, St. FX, Norm Batherson, Ass't St. FX coach
 - Use St. FX training system for coaches and players (ice & dry land training)
 - Budget \$125,000 year
 - Bond will be sent with proposal as a requirement
 - Mayor Carl Chisholm of Antigonish is to help out to get to the proposal stage
 - Ice time and practices at Civic Centre would beneficial to our revenue stream

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- Proposal deadline is January 29,2010.Decision day is February 15, 2010
- Antigonish Town Council will be approached and further information will be presented to Council as things develop
- Town Council agreed in principle to support the Bantam AAA concept.

FINANCE AND POLICY ADMINISTRATION BY-LAW REPORT

21. The Town Solicitor noted the MGA changed a lot of the By-Law requirements. The Solicitor recommended having a fewer number of By-Laws as we were trying to regulate too may minor items. Larry Evans to review policy and regulations important to

the day to day lives of our citizens. The Solicitor is working on a list of By-Laws to be repealed.

22. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R J. KING THAT THE AGREEMENT WITH THE YMCA BE SIGNED AS NEGOTIATED. MOTION CARRIED.

GIRL GUIDES

23. MOVED BY CL'R M. MACIVER, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON THAT THE GIRL GUIDES BE GIFTED A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 TOWARDS THEIR SPRING 2010 NATIONAL RALLY DAY. MOTION CARRIED.

C.B. CRIME STOPPERS

24. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R M. MACIVER THAT THE LETTER FROM C B CRIME STOPPERS BE TABLED. MOTION CARRIED.

EASTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY

25. It was agreed the members of Town Council would try to come up with the name of a person to sit on the Regional Library Board.

CIVIC CENTRE OPERATIONS

CIVIC CENTRE TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

26. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R M. MACIVER THAT TOWN COUNCIL ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CAO TO PROCEED WITH THE LETTER OF OFFER FROM ECBC AND THAT VMP GROUP BE AWARDED THE WEBSITE DESIGN WORK AT THE LOWEST QUOTED PRICE. MOTION CARRIED.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

27. There was much discussion concerning the Pro's and Con's of turning over Civic Centre operational profits to the Fire Department.

28. MOVED BY CL'R MACIVER, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON TO ALLOW THE USE OF THE CIVIC CENTRE BEARHEAD CONFERENCE ROOM AND BAR TO ASSIST THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO RAISE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE FIRE TRUCK LOAN. MOTION WITHDRAWN BY MOVER AND SECONDER.

29. Mayor MacLean left the chair. No one would accept the Chair. Mayor MacLean returned to the chair.

30. Mayor MacLean recommended that the Fire Department ask Town Council for a donation towards the Fire Department's share of its annual donation towards the Fire truck.

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31. Mayor MacLean felt that the Town Council should never give up the profits from the Conference Centre facility and instead a donation request should be considered. The CAO was requested to draft a use of facilities policy for the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre.

WALKING TRACK AND SENIOR CITIZENS

32. MOVED BY CL'R K.ANDERSON , SEC'D BY CL'R M. MACIVER THAT THE REQUEST BE REFERRED TO THE YMCA FOR MEMBERSHIP CARDS FROM THE YMCA. MOTION CARRIED.

33. Recommendation was to met with the YMCA and accommodate the needs of the Senior Citizens.

BLUENOSE LEAGUE

34. -Request before the Minister of Development
-Doesn't appear anything will be approved by the Provincial government
-MacDonnell has verbally agreed to extend it

35. The Solicitor noted the Town is out or the Town extends by permission of the Bluenose Group.

36. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R J.KING THAT WE REQUEST A SIXTY DAY EXTENSION TO THE BLUENOSE LEAGUE CONTRACT TO FEBRUARY 23,2010. MOTION CARRIED.

37. Recessed to "In Camera" at 7:30 P.M.

38. Reconvened to Committee of the Whole at 8:20 P.M.

SNOW REMOVAL

39. MOVED BY CL'R J.KING, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON TO ALLOW THE SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTOR THIRTY DAYS TO OBTAIN A REPLACEMENT PIECE OF EQUIPMENT IN PLACE OF THE 1969 824 CAT AND THAT PRIOR APPROVAL BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

MERIT BONUS POLICY

40. MOVED BY CL'R J.KING, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON THAT THE MERIT BONUS POLICY RECOMMENDATION FROM THE IN CAMERA SESSION BE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

CUPE CLAUSE ADJUSTMENT

41. MOVED BY CL'R J.KING, SEC'D BY CL'R M. MACIVER THAT THE APPENDIX "A" CERTIFICATION CLAUSE OF THE CUPE AGREEMENT BE CHANGED TO READ THREE (3) EMPLOYEES. MOTION CARRIED.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

42. MOVED BY CL'R M. MACIVER, SEC'D BY CL'R J.KING THAT WE ADVERTISE FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED.

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43. ON MOTION THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:24 PM.

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APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:
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