

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
December 2, 2014**

Present

Mayor, Billy Joe MacLean
Deputy Mayor, Joe Janega
Councilor, Dr. Trevor Boudreau
Councilor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Councilor, Bert Lewis
Chief Administrative Officer, Maris Freimanis
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio, PHCC, Tuesday, December 2, 2014 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor MacLean commended outgoing Deputy Mayor Dr. Trevor Boudreau for his service and extended thanks to Council for a great year.

2. Gallery Presentations

There were no gallery presentations.

3. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

4. Minutes

a) Regular Town Council November 17, 2014

There were no errors or omissions.

b) Committee of the Whole November 17, 2014

MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "To approve the November 17, 2014 minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting". MOTION CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Proclamations

There were no proclamations.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

9. Other Business

a) Reeves Street Safety Study

Council discussed the recommendations identified in WSP Canada's study associated with Intersection Safety, Active Transportation, Access Management, and Signage and Marking to address the safety

concerns identified and cost effective improvements for approximately 2.5 kilometres of Reeves Street from the NSCC to the Trunk A intersection. Council agreed to review and provide their recommendations to staff. The study recommendations will reflect input from the community and Reeves Street business owners.

b) Port Hawkesbury Dog Park

CAO, M. Freimanis provided Council with recommendations on the Port Hawkesbury Dog Park Committee's request to establish a dog park at the MacQuarrie Drive Extension. The request included maintenance of the dog park and a fencing donation. Council discussion included liability and insurance issues, other potential park locations, signage, requirement of dog registrations (tags), and park maintenance issues. Mayor MacLean, Council, and Town Solicitor L. Evans emphasized the Town would not be liable for the operation of the dog park.

MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis "That Council approves the site of MacQuarrie Drive Extension to establish a dog park, maintenance of the dog park, a fencing donation, and the recommendations prepared by CAO, M. Freimanis pending, in consultation with staff, approval from community groups, an approved list of Dog Park Committee rules, and, clear and concise signage stating the Town does not operate the park and is exempt from any liability that may result from the operation of the dog park". MOTION CARRIED.

c) Building Canada Fund

MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton "To approve the application for funding to the Build Canada Fund regarding a two phase project that includes both underground infrastructure and related above ground street infrastructure on Pitt Street and Napean Street". MOTION CARRIED.

d) Gas Prices

MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "To write a protest letter to local gas companies demanding that the higher pricing of gas in Port Hawkesbury as compared with other areas in Zone 5 cease immediately". MOTION CARRIED.

e) Special Constable

MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton "To appoint Sean Donovan a Special Constable to Issue Summary Offence Tickets for violations of the NS Building Code Regulations in the Town of Port Hawkesbury. The Town will express interest to the EDPC to further expand Mr. Donovan's duties to issue Summary Offence Tickets in other Town By-law issues". MOTION CARRIED.

On the question, CAO M. Freimanis confirmed to Councilor B. Chisholm Beaton that there are no costs associated with Mr. Donovan issuing SOT's. If approved by the EDPC, there will be costs associated with the issuance of SOT's relating to other By-Law issues.

f) Properties – 7 Gillis Crescent and 37 Gillis Crescent

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega "To move forward with the process and suggested dates to have 7 Gillis Crescent and 37 Gillis Crescent demolished as per the steps outlined in the November 26 memo of CAO, M. Freimanis". MOTION CARRIED.

g) Awards Recognition Policy

MOVED by Councillor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councillor B. Lewis "To amend the Awards Recognition Policy to add recognition for 45 years' service and a payment of \$550 and to change the payment of the recognition of 20 years' service to \$200". MOTION CARRIED.

h) Creamery

MOVED by Councillor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega "To approve administration in co-operation with Deputy Mayor J. Janega, to investigate what work can be reasonably undertaken to utilize \$89,000 that was advanced to the Water Front Society by ECBC for the completion of work to the Creamery without compromising the future use of the Creamery and to have this work completed by March 31, 2015". MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor J. Janega thanked Marlene Usher and Tom Plumridge for their support in this matter.

i) Port Hawkesbury Seasonal Services Project

MOVED by Councillor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councillor Dr. T. Boudreau "To approve the request that the Town of Port Hawkesbury is prepared to cover any costs incurred with this project which are not funded by donations". MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor MacLean thanked Jo-anne MacDonald, Seasonal Services Coordinator for her dedication over the past 20 years to provide a Christmas Dinner grocery box for those in need and who request assistance at this time of year.

j) 2014 Christmas Holiday Schedule

MOVED by Councillor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councillor Dr. T. Boudreau "To approve the 2014 Christmas Holiday Schedule". MOTION CARRIED.

10. Approved Additions


There were no additions to the agenda.

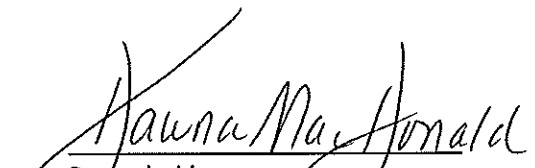
Mayor MacLean wished Council, Staff and members of the Gallery, Happy Holidays.

11. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Dr. T. Boudreau, and SECONDED by Councillor B. Chisholm-Beaton "To adjourn the Regular Town Council Meeting at 8:55p.m." MOTION CARRIED.

Jan 29, 2015
Date


Approved by:
Maris Freimanis, CAO


Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald