

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
June 2, 2015**

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 Shannon Studio, PHCC, Tuesday, June 2, 2015 and called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:00 p.m.

2. Gallery Presentations

- Dog Park – Leah Doiron

Ms. Doiron provided an update on her November 17 presentation. Council is in support of a dog park. Deputy Mayor J. Janega is opposed to the Dog Park Committee's preferred location adjacent to the Community Park. Ms. Doiron was requested to contact residents residing near the park, representatives from the Nursing Home and the Regional Occupation Centre, and Mr. Shaun MacDonald, SAERC, seeking their feedback and approval. She was asked to follow up with CAO, M. Freimanis after feedback is received. Staff will provide a report to Council who will also consider the additional requests of the Dog Park Committee.

3. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

- Cape Breton & Central Nova Scotia Railway (CBNS Railway)

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega "To approve the agenda with the amendment". MOTION CARRIED.

4. Minutes

- Regular Town Council May 5, 2015
There were no errors or omissions.
- Committee of the Whole May 25, 2015

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "To approve the May 25, 2015 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) Ratification – 2015-2016 Budget

The 2015-2016 budget represents a balance between reducing costs and strengthening revenues from existing infrastructure and resulted from many internal staff discussions and workshops with Mayor and Council to address the challenges of reduced revenue and growing costs. Mayor MacLean provided a message of 2015-2016 budget highlights and commended Council and Staff for their collective efforts.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “That the capital and operating budgets as presented are approved, with a Residential Tax Rate set at \$1.80/\$100 assessment and that the Commercial Tax Rate set at \$4.38/\$100 assessment for the fiscal year of 2015-2016. Property taxes are payable as billed by June 1, 2015 and October 1, 2015 and interest will be charged at a rate of 18% per annum on overdue accounts”. MOTION CARRIED.

b) Next Committee of the Whole Meeting

MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor J. Janega “To move the date of the next Committee of the Whole Meeting from June 15 to June 22. This meeting will be an In Camera Session to discuss personnel issues”. MOTION CARRIED.

c) Summer Recess of Town Council

Council agreed to recess for the summer months with meetings called on an as needed basis. The next scheduled meetings of Council are Tuesday, September 15 (Public Meeting) and Monday, September 21 (Committee of the Whole).

10. Approved Additions

- CBNS Railway

Councilor B. Lewis discussed issues relating to Council’s 2014 request for CBNS Railway to maintain and make repairs to infrastructure. CBNS Railway is currently working on the trestle rail line.

11. Adjournment

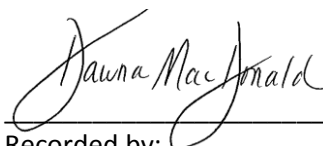
MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis “To adjourn the Public Meeting of Council at 7:40 p.m.” MOTION CARRIED.

September 16, 2015

Date



Approved by:
Maris Freimanis, P.Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald