

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Minutes of Meeting
February 17, 2016**

Present

Mayor, Billy Joe MacLean
Councilor, Dr. Trevor Boudreau
Councilor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Councilor, Joe Janega
Chief Administrative Officer, Maris Freimanis
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen
Director of Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis
Town Solicitor, Patrick Lamey (Designate)

Regrets

Deputy Mayor, Bert Lewis
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

Guests

Jenny Comeau, Community Outreach Worker, Richmond County Literacy Network
Millie Hatt, Richmond County Literacy Network Coordinator

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in the Shannon Studio, PHCC, Wednesday, February 17, 2016 and called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:15 p.m.

2. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Gallery Presentations

Community Outreach and Support Worker Project – Jenny Comeau

The Community Outreach and Support Worker Project began in 2014 and currently assists 261 clients of all age groups on issues including education, literacy, health, justice, housing, disability, employment, finances, mental health, Veterans Affairs and home support. Ms. Comeau stated she takes referrals outside of Richmond County and now has office hours in Port Hawkesbury. Discussion included funding sources, recommendations from Council to cover the project's current shortfall and assistance with generating awareness in Port Hawkesbury and the Strait area. A letter of support will be provided to Ms. Comeau commending her efforts and to assist in securing project funding.

4. Other Business

i. Proclamation – Epilepsy Awareness Month – March 2016

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau “to approve March 2016, Epilepsy Awareness month. Council will participate by wearing purple ribbons at the March 1 Public Meeting”. MOTION CARRIED.

ii. Bear Paw Pipeline Corporation – Letter of Support

Bear Paw Pipeline Corporation Inc. is seeking UARB approval for a permit to construct a natural gas pipeline and related facilities which will deliver natural gas from receipt points near Goldboro to the proposed Bear Head LNG export facility near Point Tupper. A letter of support from Council was requested for the pipeline's construction.

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “to approve a letter of support for Bear Paw Pipeline Corporation Inc. regarding construction to operate a natural gas pipeline to supply natural gas to the Bear Head LNG terminal”. MOTION CARRIED.

iii. Library Services

The Town of Port Hawkesbury contributes \$24,147 annually for a public library service. The current arrangement and hours of operation do not meet the standards for the provision and delivery of library service as per existing agreements. Council agreed to the recommendation that the Town strongly express its concern regarding the current delivery of public library service and that a reasonable level of public service be reinstated as per the Standards for NS Regional Public Libraries and existing agreements. CAO M. Freimanis and Director P. Davis will prepare a formal letter outlining the Town’s position and meet with SRSB representatives to discuss the reinstatement and level of service delivery.

5. Approved Additions

There were no additions to the agenda.

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega “to recess In Camera at 7:55 p.m.” to discuss:

- a) Municipal Elections Returning Officer
- b) Personnel Item

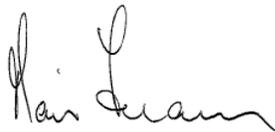
The Committee of the Whole reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

6. Adjournment

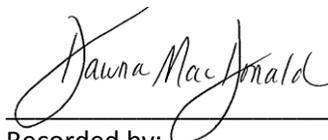
The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

March 2, 2016

Date



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



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald