

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
February 2, 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

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in Shannon Studio, PHCC, Tuesday, February 2, 2016 and called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:00 p.m.

2. Gallery Presentations

There were no gallery presentations.

3. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

- a) Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal – Councilor J. Janega
- b) Strait Regional School Board (SRSB)/SAERC Feeder System – Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “to approve the agenda with additions”. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Minutes

- Public Meeting – January 12, 2016
There were no errors or omissions.
- Committee of the Whole – January 18, 2016

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau “to approve the January 18, 2016 minutes of the Committee of the Whole”. 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) Travel Policy Amendments – Review

Council reviewed the amendments made to the draft Municipal Travel Policy and schedules at the January 18 Committee of the Whole. The revised policy was presented to Council for approval.

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “to approve the amended Municipal Travel Policy and schedules as presented”. MOTION CARRIED.

b) 2016 Municipal and School Board Election Preparations

CAO, M. Freimanis advised Council of important dates regarding the 2016 Municipal and School Board Election preparations that will require Council decisions and actions. Internal and external sourcing will be considered for the appointment of a Municipal Returning Officer on March 15. More information will be provided at the February meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Discussion included options to ensure a complete voter list and student eligibility requirements, a preliminary list of electors to be completed by August, budget for the election, the cost of electronic voting and required training sessions and debriefing.

c) February Committee of the Whole – Change of Date

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega “to approve February 17 as the date of the Committee of the Whole Meeting”. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Approved Additions

a) Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

Councilor J. Janega stated that announcements are forthcoming from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding projects in NS which include the Port Hawkesbury bypass, the Sydney Highway and twinning at Barney’s River. Public meetings will take place on these projects.

b) Strait Regional School Board (SRSB)/SAERC Feeder System

Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau stated he will attend a meeting of the SRSB/SAERC Feeder System scheduled February 16. The outcome of the meeting will impact SAERC students, students and the status of the Mulgrave Memorial Education Centre, utilization of SAERC and its function to the community and SAERC daycare. He suggested meeting with or inviting a SRSB representative(s) to the next meeting to address Council questions.

MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “to recess In Camera at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the YMCA”. The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

11. Adjournment

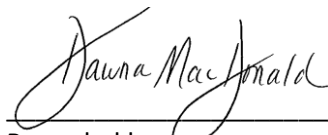
MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau “to adjourn the Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.”. MOTION CARRIED.

March 2, 2016

Date



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



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald