

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
March 1, 2016**

Present

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

Regrets

Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen

Guests

Jim Mustard and Alicia Lake – Pan Cape Breton Food Network
Mark Peck and Emily Pond – NS Municipal Affairs

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in Shannon Studio, PHCC, Tuesday, March 1, 2016 and called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:00 p.m.

2. Gallery Presentations

a) Pan Cape Breton Food Network

Alicia Lake and Jim Mustard's presentation included broadening the Food Hub Co-op initiative through festivals, farm and food shows, chef competitions and newsletters. Its long term goals are to increase the numbers of consumers, depots and producers which require more funding, staffing and innovative planning. Mr. Mustard noted that consumers want quality products that come to them, and that the food hub will strengthen local communities, tourism and link us to our rural cousins. The Town was asked to contribute \$5000 towards funding the food hub. Discussion included capacity for growth and contributions based on per capita funding formulas. Council will consider the funding request during budget deliberations.

b) Shared Services and Amalgamation

Mark Peck and Emily Pond discussed the processes and structural changes involved with dissolution and amalgamation as defined in the Municipal Government Act (MGA). Their presentation included the role of the Province and the application process to the NS UARB, the importance of pre NS UARB application public engagement sessions, and, boundary lines. The impact on future services, roads, infrastructure, tax rates and governance was also discussed regarding dissolution and amalgamation. Emily Pond will assist the Town with facilitating conversation with other municipalities regarding shared services.

3. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

- UNSM/FCM – Support and Resolution Request

MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton "to approve the agenda with additions". MOTION CARRIED.

4. Minutes

- a) Public Meeting – February 2, 2016
There were no errors or omissions.
- b) Committee of the Whole – February 17, 2016

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega “to approve the February 17, 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

- a) 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 meetings of Council”. MOTION CARRIED.

- b) 2016 Volunteer Week Proclamation

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “to approve the week of April 10 to April 16, 2016, Provincial Volunteer Week and George Stubbard as the nominee for Volunteer of the Year for the Town of Port Hawkesbury”. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

9. Other Business

- a) Appointments – Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC) – 2016-2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor B. Lewis, and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega “to approve the 2016-2017 staff appointments as recommended by John Bain, Director, EDPC, in February 18, 2016 correspondence”. MOTION CARRIED.

- b) Travel Expense Report – Mayor and CAO

CAO, M. Freimanis reviewed the February 2016 Travel Report and Expenses for the Mayor and CAO. A monthly report documenting the date, destination, purpose of Town travel and all expenses incurred by the Mayor, Council and CAO will be reviewed at each Public Meeting and posted on the Town website.

10. Approved Additions

- UNSM/FCM Support

Councilor J. Janega discussed approaching the UNSM/FCM for support in generating discussion on carbon taxing and the Trans Canada East Pipeline’s route to the Maritimes for job creation and economic opportunities. Council and staff will draft a document on these issues for resolution consideration at the 2016 UNSM/FCM conferences.

11. Appointment – Cape Breton Housing Authority

The In Camera session and *Cape Breton Housing Authority Appointment* agenda item were stricken from the Public Meeting agenda and ratified in the Public Meeting.

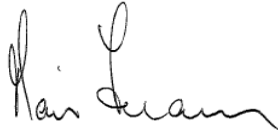
MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau “to reappoint Mr. Hugh MacEachen for a second 3 – Year Term (2016-2019) as the Town of Port Hawkesbury Board Member for the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority”. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Adjournment

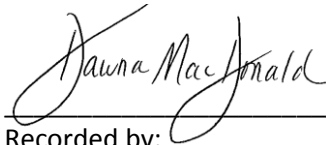
MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau “to adjourn the Public Meeting at 8:45 p.m.”. MOTION CARRIED.

April 6, 2016

Date



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



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald