

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
May 1, 2018**

Present

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Deputy Mayor, Hughie MacDougall
Councilor, Trevor Boudreau
Councilor, Mark MacIver
Councilor, Jeremy White
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

Regrets

Director, John Bain – Eastern District Planning Commission

Guests

NS Department of Municipal Affairs – Ahmad Shahwan, Municipal Advisor & Jennifer Duncan, Senior Engineer
RCMP, Port Hawkesbury Detachment – S/Sgt. Greg Redl

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in Shannon Studio, PHCC, Tuesday, May 1, 2018 and called to order by Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton at 7:00 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor J. White “to approve the agenda as circulated”. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Gallery Presentations

NS Asset Management Program

An overview of the NS Infrastructure Asset Management Working Group was provided. The pilot project’s goal is to support small and medium sized municipalities with data inventory collection assistance. The data will categorize the Town’s assets among areas of water, sewer, storm, streets, sidewalk, and street lights. This province wide data base of assets can be used to make decisions on creating funding programs. A question and answer period followed. The Town acknowledged their gratitude in being part of the pilot project and was thanked by Mr. Shahwan and Ms. Duncan for their cooperation.

RCMP Update

S/Sgt. Greg Redl presented his statistic report which included comparisons between the years of 2016/2017 and 2017/2018. The Town offenses have been trending upwards whereas the rest of the County is trending downwards. Mental health calls, in particular those relating to suicide and calls from family members expressing their concerns were discussed. S/Sgt. Redl noted these calls relate to health issues, not policing issues. A question and answer period followed. The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police is working on training for the legalization of marijuana.

5. Acknowledgements

Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton provided following acknowledgements:

Hayward Howlett

Mr. Howlett's contributions of more than 30 years as a dedicated volunteer for the Port Hawkesbury Volunteer Fire Department were acknowledged. A moment of silence followed.

Jean Langley

Best wishes were extended to Mrs. Langley on the celebration of her 90th birthday.

Tamarec Education Centre (TEC) – IWK Fund Raiser

Congratulations were extended to everyone who participated in the IWK fundraiser. More than \$5,000 was raised in this successful event.

New Businesses

Congratulations were extended to the following new business owners:

- Matthieu Fraser, Highland Bike Shop (3 Water Street – Grand Opening May 5th)
- Rod Hayes, Evanston Contracting and Repair (Industrial Park)
- Michelle Kaiser, Total Effect Massage (Relocated to Credential Building)
- Kendra MacDonald (New business on the Waterfront)

6. Approval of Council Minutes

i. Public Meeting – April 3, 2018

There were no errors or omissions.

Councilor H. MacDougall requested clarification on Item 7c) – Borrowing Resolutions, noting that \$500k had been approved. He received confirmation from E. MacEachen that the approval of the temporary borrowing resolution is a result of Council previously approving \$500k in debt for the Pitt/Napean project, and this is not additional debt to the budgeted \$500k debt level.

Councilor M. MacIver noted that Item 13 – Public Question Period (Adam King) should include CAO T. Doyle's research for DRS motions. He inquired if the CAO had an opportunity to conduct this research.

ii. Special Public Meeting – April 17, 2018

There were no errors or omissions.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

Public Meeting – April 3, 2018 – Agenda Item 13 – Public Question Period (Adam King)

Councilor M. MacIver inquired about Mr. King's question relating to Council being in favor of the Destination Reeves Street Project. CAO, T. Doyle stated D. MacDonald had researched the motions and that part of the information was a motion from Council to move forward with Phase 1 of the project. Staff was also provided direction from Council to move forward with the project through two capital budgets. Councilor MacIver stated he did not make the original motion.

Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton stated a letter of support was required from the NSTIR that Council was in support of the project; Council agreed to a letter of support. The Mayor added that without direction from Council and a letter of support, we would not have moved forward with a project of this calibre.

CAO, T. Doyle stated that NSTIR requested confirmation from the Town that we supported the project. NSTIR drawings were presented at the Special Public meeting in December 2017 showing the road dieting concept and other portions of the DRS project affecting the roadway. The concept was approved by Council enabling a letter of support for Phase 1 of the project to move forward.

8. Council Committee Reports

a) Report of Committee of the Whole – April 17, 2018

i. Walk the Walk for Autism

MOVED by Councilor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the request by the Strait Area Chapter, Autism Nova Scotia, for use of the Bear Head Room, arena space, and walking track for the 2018 Walk the Walk for Autism”.
MOTION CARRIED.

This will be budgeted from the donation account.

ii. Potlotek 19th Annual Fishing Derby

MOVED by Councilor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor M. MacIver “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves a donation of recreation passes for the Potlotek 19th Annual Fishing Derby”.
MOTION CARRIED.

iii. Raising the Villages Welcoming Community Expo – May 4, 2018

MOVED by Councilor J. White and SECONDED by Councilor T. Boudreau “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the request for use of the Bear Head Room for the Raising the Villages Welcoming Community Expo, May 4, 2018”. **MOTION CARRIED.**

b) Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole – April 17, 2018

MOVED by Councilor J. White and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall “to approve the April 17, 2018 minutes of the Committee of the Whole”.

9. Correspondence

Correspondence items 9.i to 9.iii were provided to Council for information purposes.

- i. UNSM Cannabis Legalization Concerns
- ii. Housing Nova Scotia – 2018-2019 Business Plan
- iii. Lung Association of Nova Scotia/Smoke-Free Nova Scotia
- iv. EDPC – Proposed Amendment to Inter-Municipal Services Agreement to add the Town of Antigonish
CAO, T. Doyle requested that this contractual item be deferred to an In Camera Session prior to the May Committee of the Whole.
- v. Canso Causeway Bridge Sign
Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton stated a letter was received from the Premier’s office indicating that the renaming request will be given their full attention and consideration.

10. Proclamations/Resolutions

Proclamation: May 2018 – Gaelic Nova Scotia Month

MOVED by Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor J. White “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury proclaims May 2018 as Gaelic Nova Scotia Month”. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Other Business

- i. Second Reading – Zoning Changes – 100 Reeves St. Property (PID #50303437)

MOVED by Councilor J. White and SECONDED by Councilor T. Boudreau “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves Second Reading to re-designate the entire property of 100 Reeves St. (PID #50303437) from the current mixed commercial and residential designations to industrial and by concurrently rezoning the property to Mixed Use (M1)”. MOTION CARRIED.

- ii. Expense Report – April – CAO, T. Doyle

The expenses for the Mayor, Council and CAO for the month of April were \$1,451.36. Expense reports are posted on the Town website.

12. Approved Additions

There were no additions to the agenda.

13. Future Meetings

- i. Emergency Measures Organization Monday, May 7, 2018
- ii. Committee of the Whole Tuesday, May 15, 2018
- iii. Public Meeting Tuesday, June 5, 2018
- iv. Committee of the Whole Tuesday, June 19, 2018

14. Public Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

15. Adjournment

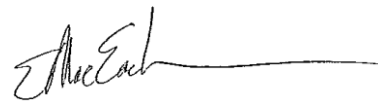
MOVED by Councilor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor J. White “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns the May 1, 2018 Public Meeting at 8:10 p.m.”. MOTION CARRIED.

June 7, 2018

Date



Approved by:
Terry Doyle, P.Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer



Recorded by:
Erin MacEachen
Director of Finance