

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
June 28, 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
Planner, Paul Dec, Eastern District Planning Commission
Town Solicitor, Patrick Lamey

1. Call to Order

A Special Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in Shannon Studio, PHCC, Thursday, June 28, 2018 and called to order by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton at 1:10p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

- i. Cape Breton Island Housing Authority – Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall
- ii. By-Laws and Policies – Councilor M. MacIver

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councilor J. White and SECONDED by Councilor T. Boudreau “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the agenda with two additions”. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Second Reading – Zoning Changes – Reeves Street – Re Commercial Main Street (C5) Zone

MOVED by Councilor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor J. White “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves Second Reading to adopt the proposed Commercial Main Street (C5) Zoning changes to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to facilitate the conversion of land use around the central Reeves Street area in accordance with the Destination Reeves Street concept and the Planning staff report”. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN) – Governance

The Chief Administrative Officers representing the ESREN six member municipalities met and brought forward recommendations to the ESREN Liaison Oversight Committee (LOC) and the ESREN Board of Directors (BoD) regarding funding and governance issues and improving ways to work collaboratively and strengthen communication for stakeholders and the six member Municipalities. CAO, T. Doyle discussed these recommendations and received questions from Council. ESREN CEO, J. Beaton will be contacted to provide Council with clarification between the Regional Enterprise Networks and the former Regional Development Agencies. Council was in support of the CAOs’ recommendations as brought forward and adopted at meetings of the LOC (June 8, 2018) and a joint meeting of the LOC and Board (June 22, 2018).

MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor T. Boudreau “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury accepts the recommendations from the ESREN LOC to negotiate the long term funding arrangement and existing shortfall with the Province. This motion of Council is contingent on a favorable response from the Province and the decision of each Council to enter into a 3-year term as a member municipality in the ESREN”. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Funding Requests

a) Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society

MOVED by Councilor J. White and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves a donation of \$500 to assist with costs associated with the purchase of equipment and furniture for the Palliative Care Unit, Strait Richmond Hospital”. MOTION CARRIED.

b) Port Hastings Historical Society

MOVED by Councilor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves a donation of \$500 to assist with costs associated with the accessibility enhancements to the Port Hastings Historical Society Museum”. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Urban Mayors Group – Ban on Plastic Bags

A potential ban on plastic bags is being considered by some rural and urban municipalities. Councilor A. McDougall, CBRM will facilitate a discussion on this issue at the Baddeck Court House, July 2. Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton stated information is required in consideration of implementing a ban on plastic bags including an education piece, a roll-out period, and consultations with impacted municipalities. This issue will be brought forward to future Council meeting agendas.

8. Jake Brakes

Members of the community expressed concerns about commercial vehicle noise relating to use of compression release engine brakes (‘jake brakes’) within the Town. Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton confirmed from D. Blundon, Department of Transportation that this issue is under the jurisdiction of the RCMP. Council discussion included erecting signage as deterrence and was in support of Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall’s proposal to discuss this issue at the July 12 Police Advisory Committee meeting. Research into the Town By-Laws and those of other municipal units will be conducted regarding regulations that may govern vehicle noise levels at the community level.

MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves discussion of commercial vehicle noise at the July 12 Police Advisory Committee”. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Approved Additions

- i. Cape Breton Island Housing Authority
Staff will research fencing options for Town properties.
- ii. By-Laws and Policies
Staff will provide copies of the By-Laws and Policies to Council over summer recess to review for discussion at the September Public Meeting.

10. Adjournment

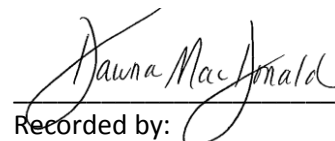
MOVED by Councilor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor J. White “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns the Special Public Meeting at 1:55 p.m.”. MOTION CARRIED.

September 12, 2018

Date



Approved by:
Terry Doyle, P.Eng., CAO



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald