

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting  
January 15, 2019**

**Present**

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton  
Deputy Mayor Mark MacIver  
Councilor, Trevor Boudreau  
Councilor, Hughie MacDougall  
Councilor, Blaine MacQuarrie  
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle  
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen  
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis  
Project Manager, Infrastructure, Jason MacMillan  
Town Solicitor, Patrick Lamey

**1. Call to Order**

A Special Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Boardroom, PHCC, Tuesday, January 15, 2019 and called to order by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor T. Boudreau “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the agenda as distributed”. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Application**

In consultation with engineering consultants, staff is currently preparing ICIP funding applications for the Green - Environmental Quality Stream with focus on the following two prioritized projects:

1. Water Distribution System Improvements (MacDonald St. Pressure Reducing Valve, Pitt Street Water Tank, Water Treatment Plant Upgrades, Water Distribution System Meter (Cardeil), and Tamarac Water Tower Demolition
2. Street Reconstruction (two phased process each for Prince Street and/or Queen Street)

J. MacMillan provided Council with information for the proposed projects, the scope of work, estimated costs, and the benefits associated with each project. A question and answer period followed. A motion of Council was required to approve a resolution to move forward the ICIP funding applications.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the following resolution:**

**Whereas the Department of Municipal Affairs has opened applications on December 3, 2018 for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program under the Green Environmental Quality Stream,**

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**

**THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury is supporting the submission of two applications to the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program with prioritization of the following projects: Priority #1 – Water Distribution System Upgrades; Priority #2 – Rehabilitation of Underground Infrastructure on Prince Street”. MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilor T. Boudreau requested staff to prepare a list of priority projects for Council.

Council was asked for their consideration of a motion regarding allocation of funding approval for the ICIP applications.

**MOVED by Councilor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the allocation of \$317,000 (tax included) of funds from the Utility towards the 2019/20 and 2020/21 Water Distribution System Upgrades as applied for in the January 18, 2019 submission to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. Sources of funds will be a debenture and/or reserve funds and will be specified during budget deliberations”. MOTION CARRIED.**

*E. MacEachen vacated the meeting at 7:10 p.m.*

#### **5. Doctor Shortage in Cape Breton/Nova Scotia**

Councilor B. MacQuarrie discussed the health care crisis in Cape Breton and in rural areas in NS with Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton, Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and Councilor H. MacDougall with a request that this issue is raised at the Special Public Meeting. Council, staff, and gallery member, R. Smiley, EMT, discussed the challenges facing health care professionals, options to bring awareness to this issue, and proactive measures to take with doctor/health care professional recruitment and retention. Grayson Fulmer, Senior Director of Medical Affairs, NSHA will address Council and Staff in the near future regarding doctor/health care professional recruitment and retention.

Discussion included sending a resolution to NSFM, strategies to recruit students, doctors and their families, striking a committee, and drafting correspondence stating the Town’s concerns and requesting solidarity on this issue from neighboring municipalities.

Council was in support of the Mayor requesting an urgent meeting.

**MOVED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton, on behalf of Port Hawkesbury Town Council, to contact the Mayors, Wardens and Chiefs from Eastern Nova Scotia to request a meeting and to work collaboratively and in solidarity to develop strategies to address the current health care services crisis in the region and to have this issue addressed by the Provincial government with an increased sense of urgency”. MOTION CARRIED.**

Council was in support of a letter(s) to be sent to the Province. Town Council will review and approve the letter prior to its distribution to neighboring municipalities and the Province.

**MOVED by Councilor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves a letter outlining the Town’s concerns with the health care system to be sent to Premier McNeil, Minister Delorey, and respective MLA’s The Town will encourage letters from the Mayors, Wardens, and Chiefs, and neighboring municipal Councils stating their concerns about the health care system to also be sent to the Provincial government”.**

Council was in support of striking a committee regarding doctor/health care professional recruitment. Advertising for membership and discussion on the mandate and terms of reference will be determined after Grayson Fulmer has addressed Council.

**MOVED by Councilor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the formation of a committee to address the health care crisis and the recruitment and retention of doctors and health care professionals”. MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. Approved Additions**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**7. Adjournment**

**MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns the Special Public Meeting at 8:04p.m.”. MOTION CARRIED.**

February 6, 2019

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



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Recorded by:  
Dawna MacDonald