

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
January 30, 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

1. Call to Order

An Emergency Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Boardroom, PHCC, Wednesday, January 30, 2019 and called to order by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton at 5:20 p.m.

2. Road Design Changes – Destination Reeves Street Project

CAO, T. Doyle's Presentation addressed the following road diet changes implemented by NS TIR. A question and answer period followed.

- The bike lanes will be removed from the project to address concerns of bicyclists interacting with traffic. A hatched shoulder will be created; not designated for bikes or parking but would provide an area for vehicles to pull over if necessary. There will be no barriers.
- Crosswalk(s) – NS TIR wants the road diet evaluated before contemplating a crosswalk near Sobeys/Bain Street. The addition of this potential crosswalk would have to receive approval from the NS Provincial Traffic Authority at our cost. More enforcement (fines) is needed by the RCMP regarding jaywalking and speeding.
- Project Evaluation
 - The Town has an agreement that NS TIR with a Town Advisory group regarding the evaluation of this pilot project. The project's success or failure will be determined by a combination of standard measures used by the NS TIR including traffic studies and statistical analysis. Council will be a part of the evaluation process and have the ability to make recommendations.
 - The time period for measuring the project's success/failure was discussed. Pilot projects have to be looked at over a period of time. It was noted that an early indicator could be traffic counts: traffic congestion and vehicles rerouting through other Town streets. It was also noted that the PHVFD have the ability to block off Reeves Street and redirect traffic to other streets when necessary.

Action Item

Council requested confirmation from NS TIR on the evaluation period deemed appropriate for this project as well as the established criteria/matrix that will be used to measure its success or failure. This matrix will be examined by the Town Advisory group and Council.

3. Adjournment

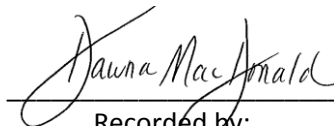
MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie "that the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns the Emergency Meeting at 7:05 p.m.". MOTION CARRIED.

February 6, 2019

Date



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



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald