

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
June 26, 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
Town Solicitor, Patrick Lamey

1. Call to Order

A Special Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in Shannon Studio, PHCC, Wednesday, June 26, 2019 and called to order by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor T. Boudreau “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the agenda as distributed”. MOTION CARRIED.

3. a) Report from Committee of the Whole – June 25, 2019

This report was presented at the June 25, 2019 Special Public Meeting.

b) Motion(s) Arising from In Camera Session – June 25, 2019

One motion resulted and was approved at the June 25, 2019 Special Public Meeting.

4. 2019-2020 Budget Ratification

E. MacEachen’s presentation included the timeline of staff and Council preparatory meetings, provision of draft operating and capital budgets; review of the Town’s revenues and expenses; assessment trends; capital highlights; and project highlights (water treatment plant and distribution system upgrades; roads and active transportation; and heavy equipment additions). The budget provided a balance of levels of service for both essential core services and initiatives intended to improve the Town’s attractiveness as a place to live and one in which to invest. A question and answer period followed. Staff were thanked and commended on their work throughout the budget process.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor T. Boudreau “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the Capital and Operating Budgets as presented June 26, 2019, with a Residential Tax Rate set at \$1.58/\$100 assessment; a Commercial Tax Rate set at \$4.16/\$100 assessment; and, a Sewer Service Charge of \$0.22/\$100 assessment for the fiscal year of 2019-2020. Property taxes are payable as billed by June 1, 2019 and October 1, 2019 and interest will be charged at a rate of 18% per annum on overdue accounts”. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Adjournment

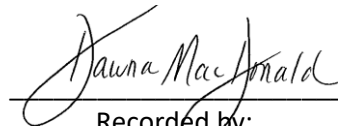
MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor B. MacQuarrie “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns the Special Public Meeting at 4:20p.m.” MOTION CARRIED.

September 10, 2019

Date



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



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald