

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**

HELD VIRTUALLY

**Minutes of Meeting
July 27, 2020**

Present

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Deputy Mayor, Blaine MacQuarrie
Councilor, Hughie MacDougall
Councilor, Mark MacIver
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 virtually, Monday July 27, 2020 and called to order by Mayor Chisholm-Beaton at 6:00 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

Motions from In Camera – Mayor B. Chisholm Beaton
Housing Meeting Update – Councilor H. MacDougall
299 Reeves Street – Deputy Mayor B. MacQuarrie

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor B. MacQuarrie “to approve the agenda as distributed.” MOTION CARRIED.

4. Correspondence

i. Mark Farrow – Signage

Eastern District Planning Commission Executive John Bain explained the issue of electronic signage and off property signage which both contravene the Town of Port Hawkesbury Land Use Bylaw. J. Bain was not aware of an application from Mark Farrow, but if an application is turned down, the applicant can make an appeal to the Province or an application to amend the Bylaw.

ii. Daniel Ferguson – LGBTQ+ Initiatives

A request was received for support from Council for a monthly LGBTQ+ dance or gathering. Council is supportive of a donation for rental or helping them find a location for these initiatives. Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton will reach out to Daniel and bring back specifics on his request, taking into account COVID-19 restrictions.

5. Other Business

i. Election Decisions

MOVED by Deputy Mayor B. MacQuarrie SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall “to approve the use of the Elections Nova Scotia list of electors as the Town of Port Hawkesbury preliminary list of electors.” MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall “to approve three polling divisions; The Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, Sunset Manor and the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home.” MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor B. MacQuarrie **SECONDED** by Councilor M. MacIver "That August 26th be the date set by Council that the Revising Officer deliver the amended list of electors to the Returning Officer."
MOTION CARRIED.

6. Approved Additions

- i. In Camera Contractual Issue

MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver and **SECONDED** by Councilor H. MacDougall "to provide authority to the CAO to execute a lease agreement with the Strait of Canso Yacht Club under conditions discussed in camera." **MOTION CARRIED**

- ii. Housing Meeting Update

Councilor H. MacDougall provided an update on a meeting held with Council, CAO and the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority. Councilor requested that if no action occurs in the next few weeks, a letter to the Minister be written, and follow-up occur with management of the Housing Authority. The item was recommended to be added to the September Public Council Meeting.

- iii. 299 Reeves Street

The owner of 299 Reeves street is looking to develop housing units in that location. Eastern District Planning Commission Executive Director J. Bain will put together a staff report on the request and bring it to the Planning Advisory Committee and Council.

7. Reconvene In Camera

MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and **SECONDED** by Deputy Mayor B. MacQuarrie "to reconvene in camera session at 6:47p.m." **MOTION CARRIED**

Council returned to the Special Public Meeting from the In Camera Session at 7:25p.m.

MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and **SECONDED** by Councilor M. MacIver "to propose a short term agreement for fire services in Point Tupper based on prior year costs ending March 31, 2021." **MOTION CARRIED**

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Deputy Mayor B. MacQuarrie and **SECONDED** by Councilor H. MacDougall "to adjourn the Special Public Meeting at 7:28 p.m." **MOTION CARRIED.**

September 18, 2020
Date

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

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Recorded by:
Erin MacEachen