

PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Held Virtually

Minutes of Meeting
February 2, 2021

Present

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

1. Call to Order

A Public meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held virtually Tuesday, February 2, 2021 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton.

2. Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the Agenda

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Deputy Mayor B. MacQuarrie and **SECONDED** by Councilor, H. MacDougall
“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the February 2nd Public Meeting Agenda”.
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Gallery Presentations

Strait Richmond Housing Coalition

The Strait Richmond Housing Coalition members Celeste Gotell and Cher McDaniel gave a detailed presentation to Council about the Coalition and the work they have done. The presentation talked about the lack of affordable, safe, accessible and stable housing and the impacts on rural communities. The presentation also talked about how the Coalition wants to collaborate with all levels of government (federal, provincial, and municipal). Celeste spoke about how gathering data, such as a housing survey is a critical first step in the right direction. There was a question and answer period following the presentation.

Social Enterprise Group

Colindale Business Solutions, Executive Director, Damian MacInnis gave a presentation to Council on the newly founded not-for-profit Social Enterprise Group. The presentation included an overview of the project, the budget and timelines. Damian also confirmed that all units will be 100% accessible. Damian had asked Council for a letter of support to assist in his application to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. There was a question and answer period following the presentation.

5. Acknowledgements

The following acknowledgements were made by Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton:

- i. Jimmy Dorton
Longtime employee Jim Dorton suddenly passed away in January. Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton extended condolences to his wife Donna and their family. Council observed a moment of silence.
- ii. African History Month

6. Approval of Council Minutes

- i. Public Meeting January 5, 2021
- ii. Special Public Meeting January 25, 2021

7. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes

8. Council Committee Reports

- i. Report from the Committee of the Whole - January 19, 2021

NSCC Waste/Compost Boxes

CAO, T. Doyle gave an overview of the partnership program with NSCC Carpentry second year students and reported that the cost to build each compost/garbage boxes will be \$490.00.

The Town will purchase 4 boxes and the Waste Management Coordinator will develop an incentive program and distribute the boxes as prizes.

MOVED by Councilor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the partnership between the Town and the Nova Scotia Community College Strait Area Campus Carpentry Program for the building of 4 compost/garbage boxes". MOTION CARRIED.

Town Advisory Committee Appointments

Councilor, J. Aucoin asked to add Town of Port Hawkesbury resident, Nicole Pottie to the Housing Advisory Committee.

CAO, T. Doyle asked Council to consider a motion to approve Town Advisory Committee appointments as presented with one addition to the Housing Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the Town Advisory Committee appointments". MOTION CARRIED.

- ii. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes – January 19, 2021

MOVED by Councilor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor, J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the January 19, 2021 Committee of the Whole minutes." MOTION CARRIED.

9. Motions from In Camera Session

Property Sale

MOVED by Councilor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, Blaine MacQuarrie "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the CAO, T. Doyle to proceed with the sale of property as discussed In Camera." MOTION CARRIED.

10. Correspondence

- i. JA Douglas McCurdy Airport
Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton briefly discussed the response received from the office of Jaime Batiste, Member of Parliament for Sydney- Victoria.

11. Proclamations/Resolutions

There were no proclamations or resolutions

12. Other Business

- i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle
There were no expenses to report for the month of January 2021.
- i. Regulatory Modernization Pilot, CAO T. Doyle/ Director of EDPC , John Bain

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor, Jason Aucoin " That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the Regulatory Modernization Pilot, given that the Municipalities of the Counties of Inverness, Richmond, Victoria and Antigonish as well as the Towns of Antigonish and Port Hawkesbury are contributing partners in a district planning commission working together to support regional economic development through consistent regional planning and given that the Municipal Innovation Program is intended to support such initiatives it is moved that the Town of Port Hawkesbury supports the application of our District Planning Commission for funding under the program to hire, on a term basis, planning services to create municipal planning documents that meet the minimum planning requirements instituted by the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing and where appropriate harmonize these by-laws." MOTION CARRIED

- ii. Shared IT Service

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor, J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the shared IT service that Given that the Municipality of the County of Antigonish, Town of Antigonish, Municipality of the County of Inverness, Town of Port Hawkesbury, Municipality of the District of St. Mary's and the Municipality of the County of Victoria would like to consider the establishment of an inter-municipal information technology (IT) service, and the Municipal Innovation Program is intended to support such regional

