

PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Held Virtually

Minutes of Meeting
March 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

Guests

David Dingwall, President and Vice Chancellor – Cape Breton University
Steve Horne, Institutional Advancement Officer, Alumni & Development – Cape Breton University

1. Call to Order

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

2. Additions to Agenda

- i. Parks and Recreation Terms of Reference - Councilor, J. Aucoin
- ii. North Granville Street Park on behalf of The Waterfront Advisory Committee – Councilor H. MacDougall
- iii. Atlantic Commercial Diving Centre – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councilor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor, J. Aucoin

“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the March 2nd Public Meeting Agenda with additions”.
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Gallery Presentations

Cape Breton University – President and Vice Chancellor, David Dingwall

President and Vice Chancellor, David Dingwall spoke to Council about the importance of growth in Nova Scotia and the important role Cape Breton University has on the economy of Cape Breton. He talked about the importance of growing the population in Cape Breton and how CBU’s International Student Program contributes to that. Mr. Dingwall read a quote from the Nova Scotia Department of Finance “The latest Statistics Canada numbers show the university students had a significant impact, most notably in CBRM. There was an increase of 2249 in net non-permanent residents in CBRM and, just to put that into context, the increase in Halifax was 1481, so it’s a very

large jump. That's how much this means to overall population in Cape Breton, that it's actually pushing the population up. "

CBU asked Council for a Letter of Support for Construction of their new Centre for Discovery and Innovation building.

There was a Question and Answer period following the presentation.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor, H. MacDougall "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury send a letter to the Cape Breton University for the Centre for Discovery and Innovation Project." MOTION CARRIED.

5. Acknowledgements

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

March 8th is International Women's Day. The theme for 2021 is "Choose to Challenge".

Councilor, J. Aucoin

Nathan Hayes - "Nathan is currently enrolled at St.FX pursuing a BBA adv. Major in Finance and a BA in Economics with a Minor in Business Administration. Nathan, along with two other students recently competed in the CFA Atlantic Investment Research Competition , winning in the Atlantic Region and now will be going on to Nationals, with the possibility of competing in the Global Final in April. The CFA IRC is a prestigious event for both undergraduate and graduate students in the financial field, with over 6,400 students and 1,000 schools competing worldwide. This was only the second time in the history of the event that St. FX had moved on to Nationals."

The Consensus of Council to send a congratulatory letter to Nathan Hayes for his accomplishments.

6. Approval of Council Minutes

- i. Public Meeting - February 2, 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 - February 16, 2021
There were no motions from the Committee of the Whole meeting.
- ii. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes – February 16, 2021

MOVED by Councilor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councilor, M. MacIver "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the February 16, 2021 Committee of the Whole minutes." MOTION CARRIED.

9. Motions from In Camera Session

There were no motions from the In Camera meeting March 2, 2021.

10. Correspondence

i. Cape Breton Creative Sector

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton briefly discussed the letter that was received from the Cape Breton Creative Sector.

The consensus of Council was to extend an invite to the Cape Breton Creative Sector asking them for a brief presentation at an upcoming meeting of Council.

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 February 2021.

13. Approved Additions

i. Parks and Recreation Terms of Reference - Councilor, J. Aucoin

CAO, T. Doyle gave an update on the Parks and Recreation Committee. An Advertisement will start in the Reporter as of Wednesday March 3rd and run for 2 weeks. Applications will be accepted until March 18th, 2021. The Terms of Reference will be brought forward to the March Committee of the Whole meeting and a recommendation will then be made.

ii. Atlantic Commercial Diving Letter – Mayor, B. Chisholm – Beaton

Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton read off a letter that was circulated to Council on March 1st from the Atlantic Commercial Diving Centre. The ACDC is asking for a letter of support to assist with their business case in building a state of the art deep water portable diving platform in Port Hawkesbury.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves to send a letter of endorsement to the Atlantic Commercial Diving Centre in support of the Deep Water Diving Platform Project.” MOTION CARRIED.

iii. North Granville Street Park on behalf of the Waterfront Advisory Committee – Councilor, H. MacDougall

The Waterfront Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday February 24, 2021. The Committee made a motion to name the North Granville Street Park “Sunset Park”.

There was a discussion about having community consultation with the naming of the park.

