

PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Held Virtually

Minutes of Meeting
May 4th, 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

1. Call to Order

A Public meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held virtually Tuesday, May 4th, 2021 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton.

2. Additions to Agenda

- i. Census 2021- Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton
- ii. Business Park Signage - Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councilor J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councilor, H. MacDougall
“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the May 4th Public Meeting Agenda with the additions”. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Gallery Presentations

Taylor Linloff – Pride Month

Taylor Linloff talked about how the month of June is recognized nationally as Pride Month and they talked about how this year would be the second year for the Town of Port Hawkesbury to host a celebration. Taylor described how successful the first Pride Parade was last year, with participants coming from all over the province and how they were recognized by the former Premier, Stephen McNeil. Taylor had asked for Council’s support to help plan Pride events for the month of June and beyond. They have suggested that local businesses host small events for the LGBTQ2 community. There was a question and answer session following the verbal presentation.

5. Acknowledgements

- i. Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton sent prayers and thoughts to the Town residents, to the Region and the entire Province for any persons that had tested positive for the Covid-19 virus.
- ii. Mayor, B. Chisholm- Beaton sent thoughts and prayers to Donna and the Dorton family as longtime Public Works Employee, Jim Dorton was laid to rest on May 3rd. Due to Covid-19 health restrictions, it was a private family service.
- iii. May 3rd was International Doctors Day.
- iv. May 4th was International Fire Fighters Day.
- v. Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton recognized two longtime staff members that were retiring. Public Works Heavy Equipment Operator, Steve Reynolds retired as of April 14th and Director of Recreation, Marketing, Tourism and Culture, Paula Davis will be retiring soon.
- vi. CAO, T. Doyle gave a short presentation to honor and show some of Paula's work throughout her career with the Town of Port Hawkesbury.
- vii. CAO, T. Doyle welcomed incoming Director of Marketing, Recreation, Tourism and Culture, Michelle Farrow as well as the new Manager of Recreation, Corene Gillis-Dorey.
- viii. Councilor, J. Aucoin sent condolences to the Gill family of longtime past employee, Phillip Gill who had passed away last month.
- ix. Councilor, J. Aucoin also acknowledged the Town of Port Hawkesbury staff that had worked very hard after the Covid-19 exposures that occurred last weekend at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre.

6. Approval of Council Minutes

- i. Emergency Public Meeting March 10th, 2021
- ii. Emergency Public Meeting March 18th, 2021
- iii. Public Meeting - April 6th, 2021
There were no errors or omissions
Public Meeting – April 15th, 2021

There were no errors or omissions on the March or April Council Meeting Minutes.

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 - March 16, 2021

a) Eastern District Planning Commission

MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver, and SECONDED by Councilor J. Aucoin, "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury rescinding the July 1, 2018 Eastern District Planning Commission InterMunicipal Service Agreement and replacing it with the presented agreement effective July 1, 2021" MOTION CARRIED.

ii. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes – April 20, 2021

MOVED by Councilor, M. MacIver, and SECONDED by Councilor, J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the April 20th, 2021 Committee of the Whole minutes." MOTION CARRIED.

9. Motions from In Camera Session

There were no motions coming from the In Camera session on May 4th, 2021.

10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for the May 4th Public Meeting of Council.

11. Proclamations/Resolutions

i. Census 2021- Mayor, B. Chisolm Beaton

MOVED by Councilor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie that The Council of the Town of Port Hawkesbury supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Other Business

i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle, gave an update on the April Council expenses.

i. Budget 2021/2022

Director of Finance, E. MacEachen reviewed the budget that was presented at the April 20th Committee of the Whole Meeting. She asked the Council if they would like to approve the 2021/2022 Budget as presented.

MOVED by Councilor J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the Capital and Operating Budgets as presented April 20, 2021 with a Residential Tax Rate set at \$1.58/\$100 assessment and a Commercial Tax Rate set at \$4.16/\$100 assessment, and a Sewer Service Charge of \$0.22/\$100 assessment for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Property taxes are payable as billed by June 1, 2021 and October 1, 2021 and interest will be charged at a rate of 18% per annum on overdue accounts." MOTION CARRIED.

