

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
*Held Virtually*

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**June 1st, 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

**Guests**

CEO, Terry Smith, Destination Cape Breton

**1. Call to Order**

A Public meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held virtually Tuesday, June 1, 2021 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton.

**2. Additions to Agenda**

- i. Accessibility Committee Appointment – Councilor, J. Aucoin

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

**“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the June 1st Public Meeting Agenda with one addition”.**  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Gallery Presentations**

Destination Cape Breton, CEO, Terry Smith

CEO, Terry Smith presented Destination Cape Breton’s 10 year strategic plan called Rise Again. The presentation talked about the highlights of the strategic plan including tourism, sustainability on Cape Breton Island, Covid – 19 impacts on the Island and the 2021 tourism season. There was a question and answer session following the presentation.

**5. Acknowledgements**

- i. May 30<sup>th</sup>- June 5<sup>th</sup> is National Accessibility week. The Mayor also acknowledged the Town of Port Hawkesbury’s Accessibility Committee and thanked them for all their work.
- ii. June is Pride month which is recognized nationally, provincially, and regionally. The Mayor had also sent a thank you to Taylor Linloff who helped organized some Pride events in the Town and will be raising the Pride flag to half-mast on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm.

- iii. June 15<sup>th</sup> – Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
- iv. Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton formally acknowledged the recent grave site finding of 215 Indigenous Children that was found in Kamloops, British Columbia on May 28<sup>th</sup> 2021. Council had conveyed a moment of silence in their honor. The Mayor thanked Town resident and staff member Byson Sylliboy and Chief Annie Bernard-Daisley efforts in recognizing this tragedy.
- v. Councilor, J. Aucoin sent condolences to Public Works staff member, Budd Williams and his family on the recent passing of his father.

#### **6. Approval of Council Minutes**

- i. Public Meeting - May 4th, 2021  
There were no errors or omissions.  
  
Special Public Meeting – May 18th, 2021  
There were no errors or omissions.

#### **7. Business Arising from Minutes**

Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie asked CAO, T. Doyle if there were any developments with regarding the Strait Area Pool. CAO, T. Doyle had stated that staff were finalizing the letter and the draft will be sent to Council for review.

#### **8. Council Committee Reports**

- i. Report from the Committee of the Whole - May 18th, 2021
  - a) Eastern District Planning Commission staff appointments

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the Eastern District Planning Commission staff appointments as presented at the May 18th Committee of the Whole Meeting.” MOTION CARRIED.**

- ii. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes – May 18th, 2021

**MOVED by Councilor, J. Aucoin, and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the May 18th, 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 June 1st, 2021.**

## 10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for the June 1<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting of Council.

## 11. Proclamations/Resolutions

- i. Resolution - PCAP Application – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle talked about how the Water Treatment plant is in need of control process upgrades. The Department of Municipal Affairs opened applications on May 21, 2021 for the Provincial Capital Assistance Program.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor, J. Aucoin “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the submission of one application to the Provincial Capital Assistance Program for the Water Treatment Plant control upgrades.” MOTION CARRIED.**

## 12. Other Business

- i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle

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

## 13. Approved Additions

- i. Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointment – Councilor, J. Aucoin

**MOVED by Councilor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury appoints Town Resident, John F. Kennedy to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.” MOTION CARRIED.**

## 14. Future Meetings

The future meetings of Town Council are scheduled as follows:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| i. Public Hearing           | Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 |
| ii. Special Public Meeting  | Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 |
| iii. Committee of the Whole | Tuesday, June 15th, 2021  |

Council had a short discussion on taking a recess of Public Meetings and Committee of the Whole Meetings for the months of July and August.

**MOVED by Councilor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor, J. Aucoin “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury recess for the months of July and August for Regular Public Council Meetings and Committee of the Whole Meetings and will call Special Public Meetings as required.” MOTION CARRIED.**

- iv. Public Meeting of Council

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

**15. Public Question Period**

There were no questions from the gallery.

**16. Adjournment**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor, J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns the June 1, 2021 Public Meeting at 7:48 p.m.". MOTION CARRIED.**

June 15, 2021  
Date

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

Melissa Warner  
Recorded by:  
Melissa Warner  
Communications and  
Administration Officer