

PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Held Virtually
Minutes of Meeting
November 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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Additions to Agenda

- i. Considerations from the Public Hearing – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton
- ii. Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointment – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councilor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie
“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the November 2, 2021 Public Meeting Agenda with two amendments”. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Appointment of Deputy Mayor

MOVED by Councilor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, B. MacQuarrie “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the appointment of Councilor, J. Aucoin as Deputy Mayor”. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Gallery Presentations

CAO, T. Doyle stated that Fire Chief, D. MacDonald was not able to attend but would present to Council at the December 7th Public Meeting. An updated version of the constitution and bylaws was included in the Council agenda packages. CAO, T. Doyle had asked Council to consider a motion to accept the revised version.

MOVED by Councilor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor, B. MacQuarrie “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury accepts the October 13, 2021 amended Port Hawkesbury Volunteer Fire Department Constitution and Bylaws as presented.” MOTION CARRIED.

6. Acknowledgements

Mayor Chisholm- Beaton made the following acknowledgements:

Thank you to the Royal Canadian Branch 43 Legion for presenting the Mayor with the first poppy of 2021.
November 11th – Remembrance Day

November is the 25th Anniversary of the Nova Scotia Community College.

Council had observed a moment of silence and passed along condolences for the passing of former colleague, Allan MacDonald and for Helen King, wife of long serving Town Councilor, Jim King.

Councilor, H. MacDougall passed along condolences to the family of former Mayor of Mulgrave, Leonard MacDonald.

7. Approval of Council Minutes

- a. Public Meeting - October 5th, 2021
There were no errors or omissions.
- b. Special Public Meeting – October 12th, 2021
Error noted by Councilor, M. MacIver regarding number of votes recorded.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

Councilor, B. MacQuarrie was wondering if the cheque was submitted to Port Hastings Historical Society. Director, E. MacEachen had confirmed the cheque had been issued and mailed out.

Councilor, H. MacDougall had asked if there was any response to the letter that was sent to the Minister Lohr, on the Elm Court properties. CAO, T. Doyle had notified Council that there was an email acknowledging receipt.

8. Council Committee Reports

- a. Report from the Committee of the Whole - October 19th, 2021

Plow Attachment

MOVED by Councilor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the purchase of a backhoe plow attachment for the Public Works Department as presented” MOTION CARRIED.

Winter Control Policy

MOVED by Councilor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor, B. MacQuarrie “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury adopt the Winter Control Policy with notice presented on October 19th Committee of the Whole Meeting.” MOTION CARRIED.

In Person/Virtual Meetings

MOVED by Councilor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor, H. MacDougall “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury hold all future Council and Advisory Committee Meetings in a Hybrid format Virtually and In Person for all attendees ” MOTION CARRIED.

NSCC 25th Anniversary

MOVED by Councilor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury raise the Nova Scotia Community College’s flag at 3pm on November 4th in celebration of NSCC’s 25th Anniversary.” MOTION CARRIED.

Biggest Loser Challenge

MOVED by Councilor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall "THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury hosts a Biggest Loser Challenge to help promote the Body N Sole Fitness Centre".

The Motion was tabled to be discussed at a later date.

b. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes – October 19th, 2021

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

9. Motions from In Camera Session

There was no in camera session.

10. Correspondence

Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin declared a conflict and left the meeting at 7:34p.m.

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton reviewed a letter that was submitted to Council from Dave's Taxi requesting an increase to the base taxi fare for in town service. CAO, T. Doyle had mentioned that this was the second request for an increase; he also received a verbal request from Harper's Taxi over the phone. CAO, T. Doyle had suggested that we review that staff review the Taxi Bylaw and bring a recommendation back for Council to review at the November Committee of the Whole meeting.

MOVED by Councilor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councilor, M. MacIver for Town of Port Hawkesbury staff bring back a draft of an amended Taxi Bylaw for review at Committee of the Whole. MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin returned to the meeting at 7:40p.m.

11. Proclamations/Resolutions

There was no proclamations or resolutions for the November 2nd Public Meeting of Council.

12. Other Business

i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle, gave an update on the Revised September Council expenses as well as the October Council Expenses. He reminded the gallery that Council expenses are posted on the Town of Port Hawkesbury website.

ii. Covid-19 Vaccination Policy

CAO, T. Doyle had provided Council with an overview of the Covid-19 Vaccination Policy that was presented to Council on October 5th, 2021. He indicated that the vaccination status of all staff including casuals has been checked. All are fully vaccinated. He advised Council that the Covid-19 Vaccination policy was drafted by a Human Resources Lawyer and has been adopted by other municipalities.

MOVED by Councilor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor, H. MacDougall "THAT the Town adopt the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy with notice given on October 5th Public Meeting of Council". MOTION CARRIED.

