

PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Held Virtually
Minutes of Meeting
February 1, 2022

Present

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Deputy Mayor, Jason Aucoin
Councillor, Blaine MacQuarrie
Councillor, Hughie MacDougall
Councillor, Mark MacIver
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen
Manager of Engineering and Public Works, Jason MacMillan

Guests

Paula MacNeil, Mike McPhee, Dr. Rex Dunn, and Bob MacEachern – Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation
Allan Eddy, Andrew Fedora – Port Hawkesbury Paper

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held virtually Tuesday, February 1, 2022, and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton.

2. Additions to Agenda

- Infrastructure Canada Funding – Councillor, B. MacQuarrie

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves February 1, 2022, Public Meeting Agenda with one addition”. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Gallery Presentations

- i. Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation – Paula MacNeil, Mike McPhee, Dr Rex Dunn, and Bob MacEachern
The presentation included; introductions of the Board members, history of the foundation, images of the new Cape Breton Cancer Centre, a description of the “Here at Home” Campaign, an introduction of the campaign team, and the causes for the campaign. There was a Q&A following the presentation.

The consensus of Council was to discuss funding the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation’s “Here at Home” Campaign during 2022 /2023 budget meetings.

- ii. Port Hawkesbury Paper Wind – Allan Eddy, Andrew Fedora
The presentation included; a review of the Port Hawkesbury Paper website, an introduction and overview of Port Hawkesbury Paper Wind, why Port Hawkesbury Paper is investing in green energy, the current status of the project, a technical overview of the project, and a 2021 tangible progress report. There was a Q&A following the presentation.

5. Variance Appeal

- i. Staff presentation – EDPC, Executive Director, J. Bain
EDPC, ED. J. Bain reviewed the variance request that was submitted to EDPC on December 20th, 2021 by Damian Phillips for PID# 50175363, White Birch Lane, and MacSween Street. He had provided images of the property and zoning. He had reviewed the reasons to which a variance may not be granted. ED, J. Bain had provided the plans and the property survey. He reviewed why the variance had been denied due to not falling within the minimum side yard requirements. He had provided a timeline of the denial process and verified that residents within 30 meters of the property had been notified of the appeal.
- ii. Presentation from appellant – D. Phillips
Damian Phillips provided Council with an overview of his plans for the property. He had reviewed images of his plans utilizing shipping containers as the primary structure. He had confirmed that the plans fall within the current zoning bylaws and this will be a unique two-unit dwelling.
- iii. Call for opposing presentations
There were no opposing presentations.
- iv. Call for presentations in favor
There were no presentations in favor.

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin: That the Town of Port Hawkesbury uphold Mr. Phillips’s appeal and grant the variance required as described by Mr. Bain and justified based on the unique circumstances. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Acknowledgements

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton had asked to move item #12 up to acknowledgments.

Mayor B. Chisholm- Beaton made the following acknowledgments:

Condolences to the family and friends of Alexa McDonough on her recent death.

Heritage Day is Monday, February 21st.

Family violence prevention week is February 14-18th.

February is African Heritage Month – The theme this year is “Through our eyes, the voices of African Nova Scotians.”

MOVED by Deputy Mayor J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury raise the African Heritage Flag for February and will proclaim and honor Black Loyalist Exodus day and will share the proclamation on the town website and social media. ” MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin had read a request that he had received from Autism Nova Scotia

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, H. MacDougall “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury accepts the Autism Nova Scotia request of raising the Autism flag for April and will support the flag-raising ceremony.” MOTION CARRIED.

7. Approval of Council Minutes

- i. Public Hearing – January 6th, 2022
There were no errors or omissions.
- ii. Public Meeting – January 6th, 2022
There were no errors or omissions.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the Public Meeting Minutes.

8. Council Committee Reports

- i. Report from the Committee of the Whole - January 18, 2022

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by H. MacDougall “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury send a letter of advocacy to the Province to consider including the businesses that do not qualify for the Sector Impact Support Program”. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, H. MacDougall “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury appoints Councillor MacIver as a Commissioner of the Port Hawkesbury/Richmond County Joint Development Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

- ii. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes - January 18, 2022

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the January 18th Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented.” MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor B, Chisholm-Beaton notified Council that a meeting will be scheduled with the Cape Breton Partnership once a date had been selected.

9. Motions from In-Camera Session

No motions were coming from the in-camera session.

10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to review for the January 6th Public Meeting of Council.

11. Proclamations/Resolutions

This item was moved to acknowledgments.

12. Other Business

i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle

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

ii. Boundary Review – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle had notified Council that every eight years the Town is required to complete a Boundary Review. CAO, T. Doyle had stated that the last review was completed in 2014 and the process would begin in September 2022.

13. Approved Additions

• Infrastructure Canada Funding – Councillor, B. MacQuarrie

Councillor MacQuarrie requested more information and timelines for the programs that were discussed during the meeting with MP Mike Kelloway.

CAO, T. Doyle had notified Council that Clean Nova Scotia is the Provincial business unit responsible for the programs concerning the Electric Vehicle charging stations. G. Snook has attended two sessions to understand the application process. The applications are by invite only and part of the process is to provide two estimates. Staff have obtained one estimate and are awaiting another.

14. Future Meetings

The future meetings of Town Council are scheduled as follows:

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| i. Committee of the Whole | Tuesday, February 15, 2022 |
| ii. Public Meeting of Council | Tuesday, March 1, 2022 |

15. Public Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

16. Adjournment

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie "THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns the February 1, 2022, Public Meeting at 9:06p.m." MOTION CARRIED.

March 2, 2022
Date

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

Melissa Warner
Recorded by:
Melissa Warner
Communications and
Administration Officer