

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

Bicycle Nova Scotia – Meghan Doucette

1. Call to Order

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

2. Additions to Agenda

- Ukrainian Flag – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton
- Waterfront Advisory Committee Recommendation – Councillor, M. MacIver
- Post Covid-19 Town Policies – Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves March 1, 2022, Public Meeting Agenda with three additions”. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Gallery Presentations

- i. Bicycle Nova Scotia – Meghan Doucette

Active Transportation Planner, M. Doucette had presented Bicycle Nova Scotia’s Phase 3 Final Report to Council which was focused on Granville Street and Sydney Road Concept Design. The presentation included the Blue Route Hub Bikeway Study, Concept Designs for multiple routes along Granville and Old Sydney Road, and what the next steps would be over the next three years. There was a Q&A following the presentation.

5. Acknowledgements

Mayor B Chisholm-Beaton had made the following acknowledgements:
She had extended condolences to the family and friends of Mr. J. Franklin Wright on his recent passing.
Tuesday, March 8th - International Women’s Day “Gender Equal World”

6. Approval of Council Minutes

- i. Public Meeting – February 1st, 2022
There were no errors or omissions.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

Councillor, B. MacQuarrie had asked if a meeting had been set up with the Cape Breton Partnership.

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton had stated that she had reached out to them and will follow up.

8. Council Committee Reports

- i. Report from the Committee of the Whole - February 15, 2022

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury supports the Red Tribe Boxing even on May 14th, 2022 by donating half of the venue rental cost”. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury will write off Utility Account number 012130.02 in the amount of \$173.04 plus any accrued interest.” MOTION CARRIED.

- ii. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes - February 15, 2022

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

Councillor, B. MacQuarrie had asked if the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations application has been submitted. CAO, T. Doyle had stated that staff are still preparing the application and the deadline for applications is on Friday, March 18th.

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 March 1st Public Meeting of Council.

11. Proclamations/Resolutions

There were no proclamations or resolutions for the March 1st Public Meeting of Council.

12. Other Business

- i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle

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

ii. EDPC Appointments – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle had reviewed the letter that was included in the Council agenda packages.

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury appoint the Eastern District Planning Officials as indicated in the February 15th letter from Executive Director, J. Bain will be put into effect April 1, 2022.” MOTION CARRIED.

iii. Festival of the Strait – Councillor, H. MacDougall

Councillor, H. MacDougall had notified Council that the Festival of the Strait for 2022 is moving forward with planning. He had requested adding more members of Council to the Committee. Councillor, B. MacQuarrie had nominated Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin.

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor H. MacDougall “ That the Town of Port Hawkesbury appoints Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin as a member of the Festival of the Strait Committee.” MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury appoints Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton as an alternate representative of Council on the Festival of the Strait Committee.” MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury sends a thank you letter to Danna Ferguson as outgoing Chair of the Festival of the Strait Committee.” MOTION CARRIED.

iv. Letter of Support Paqtnekek Boxing Club – Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, H. MacDougall “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury will send a letter of support to Paqtnekek Boxing Club.” MOTION CARRIED.

13. Approved Additions

- Ukrainian Flag – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury purchase and fly the Ukrainian Flag for the month of March.” MOTION CARRIED.

- Waterfront Advisory Committee Recommendation – Councillor, M. MacIver
Councillor, M. MacIver had brought forward a request that was submitted to the Waterfront Advisory Committee requesting a memorial bench placed on the waterfront.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury will purchase six composite benches and six composite Adirondack chairs.” MOTION CARRIED.

- Post Covid-19 Restrictions – Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin
Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin had asked how staff will proceed with the upcoming reopening plan.

CAO, T. Doyle had stated there will be a discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 15. He had asked how Council will proceed with meetings after restrictions are lifted.

CAO, T. Doyle had confirmed that there is a requirement to adopt a video conferencing policy if holding virtual meetings passed March 21st. He will get further clarification from Municipal Affairs and discuss it at the Committee of the Whole.

- Resolution for Cost Shared Agreement – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle had reviewed the Cost Share Agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia regarding the Reeves Street Pilot Program Survey.

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury permits the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign Construction Agreement No. 2021-021.”

In a discussion of the motion CAO, T. Doyle clarified that this is a survey that will go out to the residents of the Town of Port Hawkesbury specifically around the traffic changes on Reeves Street but will also include Streetscape and active transportation.

Concerns were raised that the survey would conclude the study and not include a review of traffic data from this Summer 2022.

Amendment

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury “amend the resolution including traffic data from the 2022 summer months concluding in September.

The motion was approved as amended with one nay recorded from Councillor, H. MacDougall.

14. Future Meetings

The future meetings of the Town Council are scheduled as follows:

- i. Committee of the Whole Tuesday, March 15, 2022
- ii. Public Meeting of Council Tuesday, April 5, 2022

15. Public Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

16. Adjournment

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns the March 1, 2022, Public Meeting at 9:06p.m.” MOTION CARRIED.

April 6 2022

Date

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Approved by:

Terry Doyle, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer

Melissa Warner

Recorded by:

Melissa Warner
Communications and
Administration Officer