# PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING Shannon Studio Minutes of Meeting April 5, 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

# Guests

Raising the Villages - Jim Mustard

# 1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton.

# 2. Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves April 5, 2022, Public Meeting Agenda as presented". MOTION CARRIED.

#### 4. Gallery Presentations

i. Raising the Villages - Jim Mustard

The presentation had included the history of Raising the Villages, objectives, statistics, and plans for the future in creating welcoming spaces for everyone. There was a Q&A following the presentation.

## 5. Acknowledgements

Mayor, B Chisholm-Beaton had made the following acknowledgments:

April is National Autism Month and Autism Acceptance Month.

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton thanked Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin for attending the flag-raising event.

Congratulations were extended to local athlete – Marcy MacNeil, daughter of Gerard and Kelli MacNeil, a member of the Mount Saint Vincent volleyball team on their recent victory at the 2021-22 Atlantic Collegiate Athletic Association (ACAA) Banner.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, H. MacDougall" That the Town of Port Hawkesbury will send a letter of recognition to local athlete Marcy MacNeil a member of the Mount Saint Vincent volleyball team on their recent victory at the 2021-22 Atlantic Collegiate Athletic Association (ACAA) Banner and securing a place to compete nationally. MOTION CARRIED

Councillor, H. MacDougall had conveyed condolences to the family of Mary-Jess MacDonald on her recent passing.

# 6. Approval of Council Minutes

- i. Public Meeting March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 There were no errors or omissions.
- ii. Special Public Meeting March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 There were no errors or omissions.
- iii. Special Public Meeting March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 There were no errors or omissions.

# 7. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

# 8. <u>Council Committee Reports</u>

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

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury supports the Cape Breton South Recruitment for Health with a financial contribution that will be decided during the 2022/2023 budgetary process". MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the March Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented." MOTION CARRIED.

#### 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 April 5th Public Meeting of Council.

# 11. Proclamations/Resolutions

MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury proclaims May 2022 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month". MOTION CARRIED.

CAO, T. Doyle had stated that staff will look at some of the suggested options on how best to promote the Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

# 12. Other Business

i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle

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

ii. Accessibility Plan, Mayor Chisholm-Beaton

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adopt the 2022-2025 Accessibility Plan with notice given at the March 29<sup>th</sup> Special Public Meeting." MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury send a letter thanks and congratulations to the accessibility advisory committee members and recognizing the work that has been completed on the Accessibility Plan." MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin has declared a conflict and left the room at 7:49 p.m.

iii. Taxi Policy - CAO, T. Doyle

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver "THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury amend the Taxi Policy with notice given at the March 29th Special Public Meeting." MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin had returned to the meeting at 7:54 pm.

iv. Videoconferencing Policy - CAO, T. Doyle

Councillor, H. MacDougall stressed the importance of removing barriers so committee members can join meetings virtually.

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin "THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury adopt the Videoconferencing Policy with notice given at the March 29th Special Public Meeting" MOTION CARRIED.

# 13. Approved Additions

There were no additions to the April 5<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting Agenda.

# 14. Future Meetings

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

Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 (Moved by Consensus)

ii. Public Meeting of Council

Tuesday, May 3, 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 April 5, 2022, Public Meeting at 8:02p.m." MOTION CARRIED.

Date

Approved by:

Terry Doyle, P. Eng.

Chief Administrative Officer

Recorded by:

Melissa Warner

Communications

and

Administration Officer