

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Shannon Studio
Minutes of Meeting
May 10, 2022**

Present

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Deputy Mayor, Jason Aucoin
Councillor, Blaine MacQuarrie
Councillor, Hughie MacDougall – Participated Virtually
Councillor, Mark MacIver
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen
Director of Recreation, Marketing, Tourism, and Culture, Michelle Farrow
Manager of Facilities and Operations, Gordie Snook
Manager of Engineering and Public Works, Jason MacMillan

Guests:

Dean Marchand, Challenger Baseball
Trent Vichie, EverWind Fuels
Blaise MacDonnell, EverWind Fuels
Dean Hart, EverWind Fuels
Chelsy MacEachern, EverWind Fuels
George Wright, EverWind Fuels
Juleen Pottie, EverWind Fuels

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held Tuesday, May 10th, 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. Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton had requested to move the EverWind Letter of Support from Other Business to item 8 – Report for Committee of the Whole. Dog by-law item will be tabled until the June Public Meeting of Council.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin

“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves May 10th Public Meeting Agenda as presented”. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Presentation – Challenger Baseball, Dean Marchand

Challenger Baseball Representative, Dean Marchand had provided Council with a presentation on the Challenger Baseball program. He discussed the importance and success of the program within the Town of Antigonish and shared an audio recording describing what Challenger Baseball is. Dean had asked for Council’s support with the “Buddy Meet & Greet”.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury will provide a space for that Challenger Baseball ‘Buddy Meet and Greet’.” MOTION CARRIED.

5. Acknowledgements

Mayor B. Chisholm- Beaton made the following acknowledgments:

She had extended condolences to the family and friends of Architect Robert (Bob) Olejeck on his recent passing. Robert was the designer of the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre as well as the Port Hawkesbury Justice Centre. CAO, T. Doyle had passed along condolences to Bob's family.

May is Gaelic Nova Scotia Month.

May 5th was Red Dress Day – Commemorating murdered and missing Indigenous Women and Girls.

May 17th is International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia.

Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin had passed along a message from Red Tribe Boxing extending their gratitude to Council for the support of the upcoming event on May 14th at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre.

6. Approval of Council Minutes

- i. Public Meeting of Council – April 5, 2022

There were no errors or omissions.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no Business Arising from the minutes.

8. Council Committee Reports

- i. Report from the Committee of the Whole - April 20, 2022

EverWind Fuels Letter of Support

EverWind CAO, T. Vichie had provided Council with an update on the Point Tupper project to date. EverWind took ownership on April 28th, 2022. T. Vichie had stated that the engineers have been selected for the project. Safety, environment, and transparency remain the top priorities of the company. EverWind staff are looking forward to the new venture. He stated that the production timeframe goal is 2025 or sooner. He is unsure of how many jobs this will bring to the area.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury will send a letter of support to EverWind Fuels in support of the Point Tupper project".
MOTION CARRIED.**

- ii. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes – April 20, 2022

MOVED by, Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the April 20, 2022 Committee of the Whole minutes." MOTION CARRIED.

9. Motions from In Camera Session

There was no in camera session.

10. Council Reports on Assigned Committees

Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton had circulated her Committee of the Whole report to Council prior to the meeting. Her report can also be found on the Town of Port Hawkesbury website.

Councillor, M. MacIver

A Waterfront Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled by the end of the month.

The Joint Development Commission meeting was rescheduled due to conflicts in schedules.

An Economic Development meeting is scheduled for May 11th.

Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin

The Parks, Recreation and Active Living Committee – a meeting was held on April 27th and the committee will be submitting a recommendation to Council.

The Festival of the Strait Committee - met on April 21st and the band for the pub night has been selected.

Planning Advisory Committee - held a meeting on April 27th and there are three recommendations coming forward to Council.

Councillor, H. MacDougall

The Festival of the Strait Committee – a meeting was held on April 21st and plans are moving forward. Thanks to Deputy Mayor for assisting with selecting the band.

Councillor, B. MacQuarrie

A Planning Advisory Committee – a meeting was held on April 27th. The committee has approved three recommendations that are coming forward for Council consideration.

An Eastern Counties Regional Library - a meeting was held on April 28th.

11. CAO Reports

CAO, T. Doyle provided Council with updates from each department for the month of April. Department updates included:

- i. Engineering and Public Works,
- ii. Facilities and Operations,
- iii. Recreation, Marketing, Tourism, and Culture, and
- iv. Finance

Eastern District Planning Commission Executive Director, John Bain provided Council with an update on the dangerous and unsightly files.

- **208 Hiram Street** – two orders were issued and all vehicles were removed from the property. The file is now closed.
- **311 Granville Street** – The set of stairs along the side of the building had been removed and the file is now closed.
- **314 Granville Street** – one vehicle is now repaired and operational and the other vehicle was cleaned up. The file is now closed.
- **531 Granville Street** – Staff have been on the property in the month of April and have indicated what needs to be cleaned up and staff will return to the property to verify. No orders have been issued to date. The file remains open.
- **Causeway Shopping Centre** – No new updates to report on. The last order that was issued indicated that repairs need to be conducted when the weather would allow. The file remains open.

- **Breton Apartments** – Orders were issued and received some level of compliance. New boards were put up in place of the loose panels. The building is now secure, the loose and hanging wires were removed. And the debris and the loose asphalt would need to be removed. EDPC has requested an engineering report on the status of the brick. The owner will provide it in the next couple of weeks. The file remains open.

12. Correspondence

- i. MADD Campaign – CAO, T. Doyle

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury will grant location access to MADD Inverness South for Canada’s Crashed Car Awareness Campaign. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Proclamations/Resolutions

- i. Gaelic Nova Scotia – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin That the Town of Port Hawkesbury will proclaim May 2022 as Gaelic Nova Scotia Month and will fly the Gaelic Flag for the Month of May. MOTION CARRIED.

- ii. International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury proclaims May 17, 2022, as International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia”. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury will raise the Pride Flag on May 17th and post a photo on social media outlets in recognition of International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia” MOTION CARRIED.

14. Other Business

- i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle

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

- ii. Recommendations from the Planning Advisory Committee – Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin

Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin had read the three recommendations coming forward from the Planning Advisory Committee. CAO, T. Doyle had mentioned to Council that if Council would like more information on the changes the first reading should be delayed.

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin That the Town of Port Hawkesbury will defer the three Recommendations coming forward from the Planning Advisory Committee to a Special Public Meeting of Council to discuss further. MOTION CARRIED.

iii. Reeves Street Survey – Councillor, H. MacDougall

Councillor, H. MacDougall brought up his concerns regarding the Reeves Street Pilot telephone Survey. Councillor M. MacIver and MacQuarrie also had also brought up concerns about not knowing the questions in advance and would have liked for Council to have access to the questions in advance. CAO, T. Doyle had reminded Council that the Reeves Street Pilot Project Steering Committee members were selected by Nova Scotia Public Works and that the survey was meant to be an independent nonbiased data collection project.

iv. Universal Healthy School Fund – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury send a letter of support to the Strait Richmond Community Health Board in support of the Healthy School Fund.” MOTION CARRIED.

v. Budget 2022/2023 – Director, E. MacEachen

Director, E. MacEachen had reviewed the 2023 Municipal Budget highlights. She had reviewed the assessment trends, budget deficit in assessment, deficit funding, current projects and capital highlights.

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the Operating Budget as presented May 10, 2022, with a Residential Tax Rate set at \$1.58/\$100 assessment and a Commercial Tax Rate set at \$4.16/\$100 assessment, and a Sewer Service Charge of \$0.22/\$100 assessment for the fiscal year 2022-2023. Property taxes are payable as billed by June 1, 2022 and October 1, 2022 and interest will be charged at a rate of 18% per annum on overdue accounts.” MOTION CARRIED.

15. Approved Additions

There were no approved additions for the May 10th Public Meeting of Council.

16. Future Meetings

The future meetings of Town Council are scheduled as follows:

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| i. Public Meeting of Council | Tuesday, June 7, 2022 |
| ii. Committee of the Whole | Tuesday, June 21, 2022 |

17. Public Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

18. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns the May 10th Public Meeting at 8:52p.m.” MOTION CARRIED.

June 9/2022
Date


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


Recorded by:
Melissa Warner
Communications and
Administration Officer