

PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Shannon Studio
Minutes of Meeting
September 20, 2022

Present

Deputy Mayor, Jason Aucoin
Councillor, Hughie MacDougall
Councillor, Mark MacIver
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle

Regrets

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Councillor, Blaine MacQuarrie

Guests

Little Spirits Society - Christine Dowling

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio and virtually on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin.

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 September 20, 2022, Public Meeting Agenda as amended". MOTION CARRIED.

4. Gallery Presentations

Little Spirits Society - Christine Dowling

Founding member of the Little Spirits Society of Cape Breton, Christine Dowling provided Council with a presentation on the society and the upcoming Wave of Light event being held globally on October 15th. The society was formed in 2021 to help raise awareness & support for infancy & baby loss. Baby loss awareness week takes place October 9-15th each year. This year the Society would like to host the event in Port Hawkesbury along the Active Transportation Trail on the evening of October 15th.

MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver "THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury supports the Little Spirits Society Wave of Lights event being held on October 15th" MOTION CARRIED.

5. Acknowledgements

Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin made the following acknowledgments:
There was a moment of silence for the Late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

September 30th is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

He noted that this year the Evergreen Club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

He thanked the Town Staff on hosting a successful Granville Green concert series and a full summer of events.

He thanked the Festival of the Strait Committee for all of their work on hosting a successful 2022 festival.

He congratulated Town Resident, Evelyn MacRae on being inducted into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame.

He congratulated Deacon, Berkley Guthro on being selected as the 2022 Town of Port Hawkesbury's Volunteer of the Year.

He thanked the Strait Area Trails committee for hosting a successful event this summer and all of the work that was completed over the summer.

He extended congratulations to U13A Strait Area Sting baseball team that won the Provincial Championship in Stewiacke in September.

He congratulated the Off-shore Wind Taskforce on the announcement from the Premier that was made regarding the plans for offshore wind by 2030.

Councillor, H. MacDougall wanted to recognize the passing of Wall of Fame member, longtime Branch 43 Legion member, judo coach, and a former coworker, Wayne Reynolds.

6. Approval of Council Minutes

i. Special Public Hearing – June 21, 2022

There were no errors or omissions.

ii. Special Public Meeting – June 21, 2022

There were no errors or omissions.

iii. Emergency Public Meeting – July 28, 2022

There were no errors or omissions.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. Council Committee Reports

The Committee of the Whole Report was ratified at the July 21st Special Public Meeting.

9. Motions from In-Camera Session

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, H. MacDougall "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury ratify the Leachate Treatment Agreement with GFL Environmental Inc. and the Municipality of the County of Inverness dated September 1, 2022." MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, H. MacDougall "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury in partnership with the Municipality of the County of Richmond approve the Lease with the Nova Scotia Community College Strait Area Campus for the use of lands at the Joint Industrial Park for the purpose of conducting a Heavy Equipment Operators Program." MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves an amendment to a lease for use of space at 3 MacSween Street to increase programming space in that facility." MOTION CARRIED.

10. Council Reports on Assigned Committees

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton had circulated her report in the agenda packages prior to the meeting.

Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin had indicated that he would circulate his report via email following the meeting.

Councillor, H. MacDougall

Police Advisory Committee – there was a meeting held on September 13th.

Landrie Lake Board Meeting – There was a meeting held on September 13th.

Strait Area Transit – There was a meeting held on September 16th.

Councillor, M. MacIver

The Waterfront Advisory Committee meeting was canceled due to the holiday.

11. CAO Reports.

CAO, T. Doyle gave a quick overview of the Departmental Reports including:

- Finance,
- Engineering and Public Works,
- Facilities, Operations, and Parks and
- Marketing, Recreation, Tourism and Culture

12. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to review for the September 20th Public Meeting of Council.

13. Proclamations/Resolutions

There were no proclamations or resolutions.

14. Other Business

i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle

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

ii. Dog By-Law – Councillor, B. MacQuarrie

Councillor, B. MacQuarrie was not in attendance and the item was not addressed.

- iii. Municipal Boundary Review- CAO, T. Doyle
CAO, T. Doyle gave an overview of the Municipal Boundary Review process and requirements.

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, H. MacDougall "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury will accept the recommendation of CAO, T. Doyle to hold a public consultation on the UARB application to confirm or alter the number of Councillors." MOTION CARRIED.

- iv. NSFM Survey – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle had notified Council that the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Survey must be completed as a Municipality and that there would be a meeting scheduled to complete the survey.

- v. Advisory Committee Appointments – CAO, T. Doyle

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, H. MacDougall "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury appoints town residents Damian Phillips & Kevin Fowlie to the Waterfront Advisory Committee." MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall, and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury appoints Melissa MacDonald to the Accessibility Advisory Committee." MOTION CARRIED.

- vi. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle notified Council that September 30th is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. He had recommended that the Council fly the Mi'kmaq flag for the day on September 30th.

Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin had asked if Council would be in agreement to raise the flag from September 30th until October 31st inclusive.

MOVED by Councillor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver "THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury raise the Mi'kmaq flag from September 30th until October 31st inclusive". MOTION CARRIED.

- vii. Funding Requests – CAO, T. Doyle

Celtic Colours

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, H. MacDougall "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the sponsorship request to Celtic Colours International Society of \$5,000." MOTION CARRIED.

Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, H. MacDougall "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the sponsorship to the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia in the amount of \$1000 to off-set rental fees on October 8th & 9th." MOTION CARRIED.

Evergreen Club

MOVED by Councillor M. MacIver and Seconded by Councillor, H. MacDougall "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the funding request for the Evergreen Club in the amount of \$500." MOTION CARRIED.

15. Approved Additions

There were no approved additions.

16. Future Meetings

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

- i. Public Meeting Tuesday, October 4th, 2022
- ii. Committee of the Whole Tuesday, October 18th, 2022


17. Public Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.


18. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns September 20, 2022, Public Meeting at 7:46 pm." MOTION CARRIED.

October 5 2022
Date



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



Recorded by:
Melissa Warner
Communications and
Administration Officer

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