

PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Shannon Studio
Minutes of Meeting
February 7, 2023

Present

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Deputy Mayor, Hughie MacDougall
Councillor, Mark MacIver
Councillor, Blaine MacQuarrie
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen

Regrets

Councillor, Jason Aucoin

Guests

Mashup Labs – Andrew Button

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio and virtually on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton.

2. Additions to Agenda

St. Joseph's Parish Letter of Support – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall, and **SECONDED** by Councillor, B. MacDougall "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the February 7th Public Meeting Agenda as amended".
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Gallery Presentations

Mashup Labs – Andrew Button

Founder, A. Button provided Council with a presentation explaining the Mashup Labs - the virtual business incubator' main goal is to support rural business growth. He explained that the program that is delivered 100% virtually over a 6-week period. There was a new session starting February 7th, with a handful of residents from Town that are attending this session. There was a Q&A following the presentation.

5. Acknowledgements

Councillor, M. MacIver wanted to extend his gratitude and thanks along to the Public Works Department on their quick response to the water main break at Nova Scotia Community College's Strait Campus on February 6th.

6. Approval of Council Minutes

i. Joint Public/ Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 17, 2023

There were no errors or omissions.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. Council Committee Reports

There is no report coming from Committee of the Whole as the last meeting was a joint meeting.

9. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

10. Motions from In-Camera Session

There were no motions coming from the In Camera Session.

11. Correspondence

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton reviewed correspondence that was received from the new Crown Corporation, The Nova Scotia Provincial Housing Agency. The new corporation is a combination of the five Housing Authorities to one entity. The new website is <http://www.nspha.ca>.

12. Proclamations/Resolutions

There were no proclamations or resolutions.

13. Other Business

i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle

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

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton had left the room at 7:29 p.m. due to a conflict of interest on the next agenda item. The conflict of interest is that her daughter plays on the Cape Breton Lynx Hockey Team.

ii. Cape Breton Lynx Hockey Team Request – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle had reviewed the request that came from the Cape Breton Lynx U18AAA Female Hockey team. He had stated that this tournament will draw a large crowd from all over Atlantic

Canada. He recommended that Council make a motion to purchase either a half page or a full page.

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury will sponsor the Cape Breton Lynx Female Hockey team for the 2023 U18AAA Atlantic Female Hockey Championship held March 30th-April 2nd with the purchase of a half page”.

AMENDMENT

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury will sponsor the Cape Breton Lynx Female Hockey team for the 2023 U18AAA Atlantic Female Hockey Championship held March 30th-April 2nd with the purchase of a FULL page”. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton returned to the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

iii. Tamarac Education Centre Letter of Support – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton reviewed a request that was received from the Tamarac Education Centre Playground Committee.

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the letter of support for Tamarac Education Centre Playground Committee.” MOTION CARRIED.

iv. Accessibility Advisory Committee - Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver “THAT The Town of Port Hawkesbury appoints Karen Stevens to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.” MOTION CARRIED.

v. Federation of The Canadian Municipalities Conference – Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall

Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall mentioned that historically Council discussed the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in February. Communications and Administrative Officer, M. Warner will poll Council to see who plans to attend the conference in Toronto in May.

14. Approved Additions

Letter for St. Joseph’s Parish

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton discussed the drafted letter of support that was circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

MOVED by Deputy H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approved the draft letter of support for the St. Joseph's Parish application for facility improvements." MOTION CARRIED.

15. Future Meetings

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

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| i. Committee of the Whole | Tuesday, February 21, 2023 |
| ii. Planning Advisory Committee | Thursday, February 23, 2023 |
| iii. Public Meeting of Council | Tuesday, March 7, 2023 |

16. Public Question Period

There was no question from the gallery.

17. Adjournment

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns February 7, 2023, Public Meeting at 7:50 p.m." MOTION CARRIED.

March 8/2023
Date

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

Melissa Warner
Recorded by:
Melissa Warner
Communications and
Administration Officer