

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

Present

Deputy Mayor, Hughie MacDougall
Councillor, Mark MacIver
Councillor, Blaine MacQuarrie
Councillor, Jason Aucoin
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen
Manager of Engineering and Public Works, Jason MacMillan

Regrets

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton

Guests

Red Tribe Boxing – Barry Bernard
Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Staff Sargent, David Morin
Municipal Affairs and Housing – Municipal Advisor, Ross MacDonald

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio and virtually on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Deputy Mayor, Hughie MacDougall.

2. Additions to Agenda

- i. By-Laws – Councillor, J. Aucoin

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie, and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the March 7th Public Meeting Agenda with one addition”. MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall welcomed the Town of Port Hawkesbury’s Municipal Advisor, Ross MacDonald to the meeting for the evening.

4. Gallery Presentations

Red Tribe Boxing – Barry Bernard

B. Bernard thanked the Town of Port Hawkesbury for the support at the Boxing event held at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre last Spring. He talked about how successful the event was and stated that it was the first boxing event that has been hosted outside the First Nations Community. He talked about the event that is scheduled for this coming May and how he would like to add to the event by adding a Craft/ Cultural market and he is inviting other clubs such as six nations to the event as well as other local Boxing Clubs. Red Tribe Boxing is looking for support for the upcoming Boxing Card on May 20th. Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall stated that this item will be brought forward for discussion at Committee of the Whole.

RCMP- Staff Sargent, David Morin

Staff Sargent D. Morin provided Council with an update from the RCMP Port Hawkesbury Detachment. He reviewed the District Organization Chart, a breakdown of the Inverness District for human resources and additional services. He reviewed the top 25 offence types across the district for 2021 & 2022, he discussed how RCMP have assisted with medical calls and assisting EHS with transports when no ambulance is available. He talked about staffing levels within the detachment and how the detachment was down three staff members over the past year, and there is a Detachment Services position becoming available within the next few weeks.

D. Morin also discussed the Experienced Officer program, that is focused on recruiting officers from outside policing agencies from around the country. He talked about the current training programs that are available to members. He reviewed the Policing Priorities for 2022: Traffic Safety, Substance Abuse, and Community Involvement. He reviewed the traffic instances results for Reeves Street for 2021/2022, and he reviewed the Traffic Services files in Port Hawkesbury. He reviewed the Drug Enforcement events and the Community Involvement. Council thanked Staff Sargent, Morin for his presentation and expressed appreciation for the greater visibility of the members around town.

5. Acknowledgements

Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall asked if Council had any acknowledgments:

Councillor, B. MacQuarrie acknowledged Town Solicitor Patrick Lamey on being one of 14 Lawyers across the Province that was recently designated to the Kings Counsel.

MOVED by B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury send a letter of congratulations to Town Solicitor Patrick Lamey on his recent appointment to the King's Counsel designation." MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor, J. Aucoin acknowledged the SAERC Saints Highschool Hockey team on their win of Highland Regional Champions against the Inverness.

6. Approval of Council Minutes

i. Public Meeting of Council– February 7, 2023

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 Committee of the Whole

Audit Contract Services

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury extend Grant Thornton's contract for audit services to cover the 2023 fiscal year." MOTION CARRIED.

Federal Active Transportation Fund

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury authorize the Mayor to enter into the Canada Active Transportation Fund 2023 Agreement.” MOTION CARRIED.

Animal Policy

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury create a policy for the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre that will ensure compliance to the Service Dog Act.” MOTION CARRIED.

Letter to Municipal Affairs and Housing

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor B. MacQuarrie “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury send a letter to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing asking to consider including mixed-use developments in the Commercial Assessment Phase In Tool or offer a similar benefit to help promote/encourage housing developments in municipalities.” MOTION CARRIED.

Eastern District Planning Commission Appointments

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the Eastern District Planning Commission staff appointments for 2023 as presented on February 21st Committee of the Whole Meeting.” MOTION CARRIED.

Highland Dance Association

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury support the Strait Area Highland Dance Association with a donation of \$1,000.” MOTION CARRIED.

- ii. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes – February 21, 2023

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the February 21, 2023, Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented.” MOTION CARRIED.

9. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

10. Motions from In-Camera Session

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury proceed with preparation of a request for an expression of interest within the Town of Port Hawkesbury.” MOTION CARRIED.

11. Correspondence

CAO, T. Doyle reviewed the correspondence that was received from The Order of Nova Scotia Office, Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health, and Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes.

12. Proclamations/Resolutions

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury proclaim April 25th, 2023, as Parental Alienations Awareness Day and Bubbles of Love Day in Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia.” MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury supports Epilepsy Awareness month and Purple Day on March 26th, 2023. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Other Business

i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle

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

ii. Waterfront Advisory Appointment – CAO, T. Doyle

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury appoints Paula Davis to the Waterfront Advisory Committee.” MOTION CARRIED.

iii. Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre Logo – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle had reviewed the designs of the new logo for information purposes for Council.

Councillor, M. MacIver asked if there were any other logo options provided and if they could be circulated to Council if so.

14. Approved Additions

i. By Laws – Councillor, J. Aucoin

Councillor, J. Aucoin had mentioned to Council that he has been meeting with Richmond and Inverness Counties around the possibility of sharing a By-Law Enforcement Officer. He is looking for Council to list their top three By-Law priorities and he will bring back to the By-Law Enforcement Committee.

15. Future Meetings

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

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| i. Committee of the Whole | Tuesday, March 21, 2023 |
| ii. Planning Advisory Committee | Tuesday, March 23, 2023 |
| iii. Public Meeting of Council | Tuesday, April 4, 2023 |

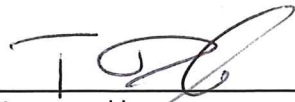
16. Public Question Period

There were no questions from the Gallery.

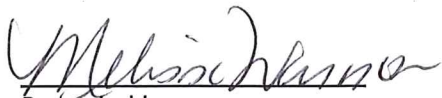
17. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns March 7, 2023, Public Meeting at 7:52 p.m." MOTION CARRIED.

April 6 2023
Date



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



Recorded by:
Melissa Warner
Communications and
Administration Officer