

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
Minutes of Meeting
June 20, 2023
Shannon Studio**

Present

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

1. Call to Order

A Special Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio, Tuesday, June 20, 2023, called to order by Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton at 8.38 p.m.

2. Additions to Agenda

- i. Low-income Tax Policy – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the Special Public Meeting Agenda as amended.” MOTION CARRIED.

4. First Reading of Marketing Levy Bylaw

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve first reading of the Marketing Levy Bylaw and will schedule a Public Hearing for September 5, 2023.” MOTION CARRIED.

5. Approval of Council Minutes

There were no errors or omissions.

6. Report from Committee of the Whole

- i. Mawio’mi PowWow Fundraiser Request – CAO, T. Doyle

MOVED Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the sponsorship of the We’koqma’q Multicultural gathering for \$500 plus in-kind contributions.” MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall asked if there was room for the donations budget. Director, E. MacEachen had stated that there was \$1,000 left in the budget for the year but was unsure if there were other commitments made at the time of the request.

One Nay recorded by Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall.

- ii. Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointments

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury appoints Town residents Terry Matthews and Bethany Winchester to the Accessibility Advisory Committee." MOTION CARRIED.

iii. Bill 225

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury send a letter in support of the position of Halifax Regional Municipality with regards to Bill 225."

Four Nays were recorded by Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall, Councillors J. Aucoin, M. MacIver and B. MacQuarrie.

MOTION DEFEATED.

7. Issues Arising from In Camera

Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall stated that he missed the In Camera Session prior to the Committee of the Whole and will not vote on the items arising.

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury send a letter of support for a viability study of district heating as presented In Camera." MOTION CARRIED.

8. Approved Additions

i. Low Income Tax Policy

MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie. "That the Low-Income Tax Exemption Policy dated October 1, 2019, be repealed." MOTION CARRIED.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns the Special Public Meeting at 8:45 p.m." MOTION CARRIED.

September 14/23
Date

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Approved by:
Terry Doyle, P. Eng., CAO

Melissa Warner
Recorded by:
Melissa Warner,
Communications &
Administrative Officer