

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2013**

Present

Deputy Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Councilor, Dr. Trevor Boudreau
Councilor, Joe Janega
Councilor, Bert Lewis
Chief Administrative Officer, Maris Freimanis
Director of Finance, David Gray
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

Guests

Emily Chafe / Amanda Mombourquette, Port Hawkesbury Community Market

Regrets

Mayor, Billy Joe MacLean

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio, Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, Tuesday, March 5, 2013. It was called to order by Deputy Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton at 7:00 p.m.

2. Gallery Presentations – Port Hawkesbury Community Market

Emily Chafe and Amanda Mombourquette were welcomed to the meeting by Deputy Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton. The presentation on the Port Hawkesbury Community Market included discussion on vital statistics of the 5 markets, consumer comments, market progress, communications, sustainability, community benefit and support requested. A discussion period followed which included a sense of community, flexibility with times and days, vendor geographic origin, market sustainability, business promotion and partnership, and tourism promotion. The Port Hawkesbury Community Market is registered with the NS Registry of Joint Stocks.

3. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis, and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "To approve the agenda as circulated". MOTION CARRIED.

4. Minutes

a) Regular Town Council – February 5, 2013

There were no errors or omissions.

b) Committee of the Whole – February 18, 2013

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega, and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "To approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 18 as circulated". MOTION CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Proclamations

There were no proclamations.

7. Correspondence

a) Letter to Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority (GASHA)

Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton read aloud the letter to GASHA regarding the health care deficit in the Strait area. GASHA were commended for the 2 day clinic they have in place. Town Council discussed the difficulty attracting health care professionals to rural areas and the importance of having an elected official sit on the Strait Area Doctor Recruitment Committee. Councilor J. Janega offered to serve as a member of this committee.

MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau, and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega "To explore opportunities with GASHA to address the shortage of, and attract health care professionals to, the Strait area". MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau, and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis "To accept Councilor J. Janega's offer to sit as a member of the Strait Area Doctor Recruitment Committee". MOTION CARRIED.

8. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

9. Other Business

a) First Reading – Dog Bylaw

Council discussed staff services and associated costs, registration fees, and cost sharing of bylaw enforcement with other municipalities. CAO, M. Freimanis will meet with other CAO's to discuss shared services and provide an update to Council.

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega, and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "To accept the first reading of the dog bylaw". MOTION CARRIED.

Town Solicitor, L. Evans stated that the dog bylaw will be advertised for the second and final reading at the April 2nd Public Meeting. The general public will be invited to attend and express their opinions followed by Council's vote on the bylaw.

b) Regional Enterprise Network (REN) – Update

CAO, M. Freimanis stated the CAO's met to discuss a REN for the Strait area. The main issues were: what would the REN do; the governance model; and the funding formula among the municipalities. The Province will provide clarity on the definition of business development vs. community development. The Province has a draft agreement which will be provided shortly. CAO's will meet with the Strait Highlands RDA to review wrap-up plans and provide a report to respective Councils. The Strait Area Mayors and Wardens Committee have tasked the CAO's to come up with the model for a Strait Area REN.

c) Appointments – Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC)

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega, and **SECONDED** by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau “To approve the 2013-2014 appointments as outlined in the February 28, 2013 correspondence from the EDPC”. **MOTION CARRIED.**

10. Approved Additions

There were no additions to the agenda.

MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis, and **SECONDED** by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau, “To recess in camera at 7:55 p.m. to discuss a contract item”.


The Town Council meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

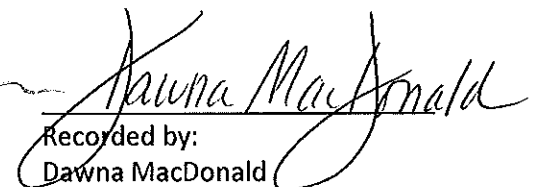
MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau, and **SECONDED** by Councilor B. Lewis, “To ratify the contract item as discussed in camera”. **MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega, and **SECONDED** by Councilor B. Lewis, “To adjourn the Town Council Meeting at 8:25 p.m”. **MOTION CARRIED.**

April 3, 2013
Date


Approved by:
Maris Freimanis, CAO


Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald