

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, May 6, 2013**

**Present**

Mayor, Billy Joe MacLean  
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

**1. Call to Order**

A meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio, PHCC, Monday, May 6 2013. It was called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:00 p.m. Mayor MacLean thanked Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton for acting on his behalf and noted the work of Town Council while he was away.

**2. Gallery Presentations**

There were no gallery presentations.

**3. Additions to / Approval of Agenda**

- Sobey's Fast Fuels – Request to sell Fireworks

**4. Minutes**

- a) Regular Town Council – April 2, 2013

There were no errors or omissions.

- b) Committee of the Whole – April 15, 2013

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton, and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega "To approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 15, 2013 as circulated". MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**6. Proclamations**

- Feed Nova Scotia – Hunger Awareness Week

**MOVED by Councilor J. Janega, and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton "That Town Council proclaims May 6 – May 10, 2013 to be Hunger Awareness Week in the Town of Port Hawkesbury". MOTION CARRIED.**

**7. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

## 8. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

## 9. Other Business

### a) Residential Curbside Spring Clean-up / Leaf and Yard Waste Site Opening / Metal Goods

CAO, M. Freimanis updated Council on the following initiatives and corresponding material lists which have been publicly advertised and posted on the Town website:

- The residential curbside Spring clean-up will take place May 21-24, 2013
- The leaf and yard waste site opening on Crandall Road will begin May 4 and continue each Saturday until late fall
- Metal goods – a container is located outside the Public Works building for the collection of metal goods. The year round service is free of charge to both residents and the Town. The container will be removed if there is misuse and materials other than metal goods are discarded.

Council discussion included residents disposing of their garbage well in advance of the clean-up dates and the negative affect this has on the look and feel of the Town. A by-law is being drafted to address an appropriate timeframe for residents to dispose of their garbage and other issues.

### b) Regional Enterprise Network (REN)– Update

CAO, M. Freimanis had no formal report for Council. He stated the Province indicated their position on how the RENs should be structured in consideration of communities and geographic areas. It should be comprised through an Inter Municipal Services Agreement. Each participant of the REN will appoint an elected official to a liaison committee to form the REN Board which will primarily consist of business people with a focus on business development. Some municipal units are proceeding on their own initiative. There is a need to be proactive on our approach to regional economic development. Community development is not part of the REN model unless it has a beneficial business value.

Additional discussion included:

- The Province, UNSM and NSBI will assist the municipal units to better understand what they need to do. The objective is to bring various parties to the table to determine future direction, if a REN will meet our needs, to address questions, and to come to a formal decision if a REN is appropriate for the Strait Area
- The Province, UNSM and NSBI will meet first with the CAOs followed by a joint meeting with the CAOs and Strait Area Mayors and Wardens Committee
- Funding
- The REN model and how it would be different from the RDA
- The timelines of the RDA and the impact on staff
- The REN will focus on business development; community development falls under the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage. A vehicle is needed to bridge the gap between business development and community development
- Important to be investment ready and create conditions for investment within our communities

## 10. Approved Additions

- Sobeys Fast Fuels – Request to sell Fireworks

Mayor MacLean welcomed Mr. Barry Vaters, Sobeys Fast Fuels, to the meeting. Mr. Vaters requested a change to the current by-law to permit his establishment to sell fireworks. Mayor MacLean stated the by-law will be reviewed and Mr. Vaters' request will be considered by Council and the CAO. This item will

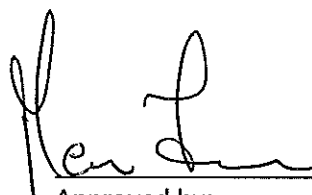
be placed on the next Town Council meeting agenda and an update will be provided to Mr. Vaters within one month.

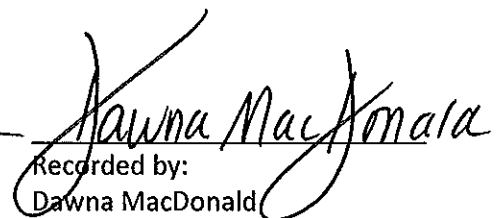
Councilor J. Janega asked Mr. Vaters to reconsider honoring patron fuel slips and reinstate the Food Bank box at Sobeys Fast Fuels. Mr. Vaters stated he has made this request of Sobeys, which does donate to Food Banks. Councilor J. Janega suggested a letter be written to Mr. Vaters to present to Sobeys for consideration of having the Food Bank box reinstated at Sobeys Fast Fuels.

#### 11. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton, and **SECONDED** by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "To adjourn the Town Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m". **MOTION CARRIED.**

10pc 19 2013  
Date

  
Approved by:  
Maris Freimanis, CAO

  
Recorded by:  
Dawna MacDonald