

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### Minutes of Meeting October 20, 2014

#### Present

Mayor, Billy Joe MacLean  
Councillor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton  
Councillor, Joe Janega  
Councillor, Bert Lewis  
Chief Administrative Officer, Maris Freimanis  
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

#### Regrets

Deputy Mayor, Dr. Trevor Boudreau  
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen

#### 1. Call to Order

A Committee of the Whole Meeting was held in the Shannon Studio, PHCC, Monday, October 20, 2014 and called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:10 p.m.

#### 2. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

There was one addition to the agenda:

- a) Fuel Prices

**MOVED by Councillor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councillor B. Lewis "to approve the agenda as amended". MOTION CARRIED.**

#### 3. Solid Waste Collection

CAO, M. Freimanis briefed Council on the practices of solid waste collection used by other municipalities. Council was asked to consider implementation of the clear bag and composting in the Town's weekly solid waste collection. Elimination of the green bag and adoption of the clear bag, composting and recyclables would mean a change in the collection schedule to a possible biweekly collection. The addition of composting would also mean an increase in costs to the solid waste collection budget. An educational program would be provided to residents prior to the implementation of clear bags and use of composters. Council agreed to the implementation of clear bags in the next six to eight months but not composting. Council preferred to see a promotion of residential backyard composting rather than including it in the solid waste collection.

**MOVED by Councillor B. Lewis and SECONDED by Councillor B. Chisholm-Beaton "to approve the adoption of use of the clear bag in the Town's Solid Waste Weekly Collection". MOTION CARRIED.**

#### 4. Memorial for George S. White – Plaque Expense

Mayor MacLean's asked Council's consideration to and equal share of costs with the Municipality of the District of Guysborough for a plaque in memory to George S. White. Mr. White lost his life during the construction of the Canso Causeway. The total cost of the plaque is \$3,000 + HST. Council decided this request was more appropriate for consideration by the Strait Area Mayors and Wardens Committee.

#### 5. Fuel Prices

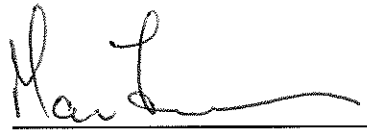
Councillor J. Janega inquired about the higher prices of fuel in Port Hawkesbury as compared with other areas in the Province. CAO, M. Freimanis will contact the NS Utility and Review Board to inquire about the variances of fuel prices between territories in Nova Scotia.

**6. Adjournment**

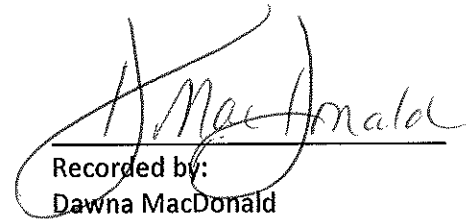
**MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega "to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:35 p.m." MOTION CARRIED.**

Nov 21, 2014

Date



Approved by:  
Maris Freimanis, CAO



Recorded by:  
Dawna MacDonald