

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING  
Shannon Studio  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 8, 2022**

**Present**

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

**Guests**

Nova Scotia Community College – Social Services Class

**1. Call to Order**

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio and virtually on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton.

**2. Additions to Agenda**

- i. Red Cross of Canada – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie, and SECONDED by Councillor, M. MacIver “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves November 8, 2022, Public Meeting Agenda as amended”. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

**MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the appointment of Councillor, H. MacDougall as Deputy Mayor”. MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Gallery Presentations**

There were no presentations for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting of Council.

**6. Acknowledgements**

Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall had made the following acknowledgements:

November 8<sup>th</sup> is National Aboriginal Veterans Day

There was a moment of silence in observance of Remembrance Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

He expressed condolences to the family of long time Town resident, Rilla McLean who had recently passed away.

Councillor, B. MacQuarrie read the YMCA Peace Medal Award nomination that was submitted by YReach Immigrant Settlement Staff member, Trina Samson for the Strait2Ukraine Society. The society is the recipient of the 2022 YMCA Peace Medal in the “Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion” category. The society has raised over \$30,000 from May 2022 – October 2022. The money will help support to Ukrainians that have

resettled in Nova Scotia. Councillor, B. MacQuarrie extended congratulations the group on such an accomplishment.

Councillor, J. Aucoin thanked and recognized the Port Hawkesbury Volunteer Fire Department on their outstanding response to the recent fire at the Public Works building.

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton made the following acknowledgments:

November is International Domestic Violence Month

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women takes place on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor announced that the Quad County U13AAA female team will host Atlantic's in March 2023.

## **7. Approval of Council Minutes**

### **i. Public Meeting – October 4, 2022**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury rescind the motion for agenda item number 13 from the October 4<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting of Council” MOTION CARRIED By Unanimous Vote.**

Councillor, B. MacQuarrie provided some background on the motion he put forth at the October 4<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting of Council. At that time Councillor, B. MacQuarrie asked Council to send correspondence to Deputy Premier, A. MacMaster and Minister of Health and Wellness, M. Thompson to assist in supporting Dr. Atul's licensing process. Since that time, there was a virtual meeting held on October 27<sup>th</sup> between Dr. Atul, Councillor, B. MacQuarrie, Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton, CAO, T. Doyle, Minister of Parliament, Mike Kelloway and his team. MP, Kelloway's team will help assist Dr. Atul with his permanent residency application.

### **ii. Special Public Meeting – October 18, 2022**

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**

**MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury Support the 2022 Seniors Christmas Dinner held in the Bear Head on Sunday December 18, 2022, and donate the use of the Bear Head Room and kitchen.” MOTION CARRIED.**

### **ii. Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes**

**MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Committee of the Whole Minutes. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **9. Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the Committee of the Whole Minutes.

**10. Motions from In-Camera Session**

There were no motions coming from the In Camera Session.

**11. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**12. Proclamations/Resolutions**

There were no proclamations or resolutions.

**13. Other Business**

i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle, gave an update on Council Expenses over the month of October. He reminded the gallery that Council expenses are posted on the Town of Port Hawkesbury website.

ii. Feis 2022– Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

**MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the purchase of a table consisting of 8 tickets at \$40 each and the use of the Bear Head Room for the annual FEIS fundraiser event on November 25<sup>th</sup>.” MOTION CARRIED.**

iii. Evergreen Club Letter of Support – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle reviewed the request from the Evergreen Seniors Club. The Evergreen Club is identified as a Comfort Centre in the Port Hawkesbury Emergency Management Plan. The club is applying for the Community Generator Grant through the Province of Nova Scotia.

**MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury write a letter of support for the Evergreen Club’s application for the Nova Scotia Community Generator Program.” MOTION CARRIED.**

iv. MADD Campaign – CAO, T. Doyle

**MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie “THAT The Town of Port Hawkesbury support the MADD ‘Project Red Ribbon Campaign’ and fly the MADD Canada flag for one day to launch the campaign.” MOTION CARRIED.**

v. Municipal Boundary Review – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle reviewed a schedule of the Municipal Boundary process.

**MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “That after public consultation and due consideration that the Council of the Town of Port Hawkesbury makes application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to confirm the number of councillors at 4. That the application shall be prepared pursuant to section 368 or 369 of the Municipal Government Act for use by Towns which do not have polling districts.” MOTION CARRIED.**

vi. Committees of Council – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

Councillor, B. MacQuarrie brought up concerns about the size of the newly formed Port Hawkesbury Development Committee that is an amalgamation of the Housing Advisory and Economic Development Committees and asked Council to consider adding another elected member to the membership.

**MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury increase the number of elected members from one to two with an alternate on the Port Hawkesbury Development Committee. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury appoints Councillor, M. MacIver as an alternate on the Port Hawkesbury Development Committee.” MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the Local and Regional committee appointments as amended.” MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor, M. MacIver asked that all Advisory Committee meetings be held starting in January. Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton suggested that request was appropriate to add to the committee recommendations.

**MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin will being to schedule Committees of Council once the new committees have been formed in January 2023.” MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin “THAT The Town of Port Hawkesbury will adopt the Committee Report Recommendations as amended by Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton, Councillor, M. MacIver, and Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall.” MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **14. Approved Additions**

- i. Red Cross Society – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury donate the cost of the Arts and Crafts room rental for the Red Cross event on December 10, 2022.” MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **15. Future Meetings**

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

- i. Committee of the Whole Tuesday, November 15, 2022
- ii. Joint Public/Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday, December 13, 2022

#### **16. Public Question Period**

There was a question from Nova Scotia Community College, Social Services student, Mr. MacAskill regarding Housing and the Strait2Ukraine Society.

Councillor, B. MacQuarrie had mentioned that there were several communities in the province that took on the task of raising funds for Ukrainians that have re-settled in Nova Scotia. The money that the Strait2Ukraine group has raised was sent to the YMCA of Halifax who are responsible for the disbursement of the funds.

#### **17. Adjournment**

**MOVED by Councillor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, J. Aucoin “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns November 8, 2022, Public Meeting at 7:37 pm.” MOTION CARRIED.**

December 23, 2022

Date

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

Melissa Warner

Recorded by:  
Melissa Warner  
Communications and  
Administration Officer