

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
May 6, 2014**

Present

Mayor, Billy Joe MacLean
Deputy Mayor, Dr. Trevor Boudreau
Councilor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Councilor, Bert Lewis
Chief Administrative Officer, Maris Freimanis
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

Regrets

Councilor, Joe Janega
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio, PHCC, Tuesday, May 6, 2014 and was called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:00 p.m.

2. Gallery Presentations

There were no gallery presentations.

3. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

1. Request for Inspection of CBNS Railway - Letter to Hon. Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport and Hon. Geoff MacLellan, NS Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal
2. YMCA Letter of Support

MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton "To approve the agenda as amended". MOTION CARRIED.

4. Minutes

- a) Regular Town Council Meeting April 14, 2014
There were no errors or omissions.

- b) Committee of the Whole April 23, 2014

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton "To approve the April 23, 2014 minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting". MOTION CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

- YMCA Meeting

A meeting was held with Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau, CAO, M. Freimanis, YMCA CEO, A. Gallant and YMCA management to discuss their 2014-15 budget, new opportunities and improving the family experience at the Port Hawkesbury YMCA. Mr. Gallant will provide a proposal and a revised budget to address Council's issues for review during budget deliberations.

6. Proclamations

Child Care Awareness Month – June 2014

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau “To proclaim June 2014 “Child Care Awareness Month” in the Town of Port Hawkesbury”. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Resolutions

- Heart and Stroke Foundation – First Saturday in June

MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton, “That Council proclaim National Health & Fitness Day in the Town of Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia as the first Saturday in June. In order to leverage the effect of our proclamation, we shall advise the Federation of Canadian Municipalities of our proclamation”. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Other Business

a) Committee of the Whole Meeting in May – Change of Date Due to Victoria Day Holiday

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton, “To approve the date of May 20, 2014 for the Committee of the Whole Meeting in May”. MOTION CARRIED.

b) Updates:

1. Leaf and Yard Waste Site Opening on Crandall Road – May 3 until late fall
2. Spring Hydrant Flushing and Main Program – May 11 – May 23
3. Residential Spring Curbside Clean-up – May 12 – May 16

CAO, M. Freimanis thanked residents for their cooperation and provided additional information to Council on the above initiatives that were published in The Reporter and posted on the Town website.

4. Train – Anti Whistling

CAO, M. Freimanis stated a request, application and material were submitted to Transport Canada Regarding ceasing train whistling on Philpott Street. This issue is under provincial jurisdiction and now rests with Stephen Newson, NS Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. The Town’s suggestion to install a gate making it a private crossing that would be locked and open to the public appears to be an acceptable solution pending a Department of Transportation safety inspection. The minimum requirement of flashing lights and bells will be considered to cease the train whistling at the MacSween Street crossing and the waterfront pedestrian crossing.

5. Investment Readiness

CAO, M. Freimanis provided Council with a copy of the Investment Readiness Action Plan prepared by McSweeney Consultants to determine the investment readiness of the CB municipal units. As follow up to a Council workshop, the action plan summarized nine items identified for the Town’s investment readiness. Council were asked to consider the action plan and reserve discussion for a later date or wait for the final report on all municipal units from McSweeney. It was agreed to review the action plan and wait for Councilor J. Janega’s feedback. Councilor B. Lewis stated that investment readiness is an important piece but that fiscal accountability must be emphasized to the UNSM and the Province.

10. Approved Additions

1. Request for Inspection of CBNS Railway - Letter to Hon. Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport and Hon. Geoff MacLellan, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton, and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau "To send a letter to Hon. Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport and Hon. Geoff MacLellan, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal with a copy to Shannon Toner, General Manager, CBNS Railway, requesting a complete and immediate inspection by an independent party be undertaken of the bridges and structures that are part of the CBNS Railway. The letter will include a request for the federal government to cover the costs of the inspection". MOTION CARRIED.

The letter will be drafted by Town Solicitor L. Evans and presented to Council for their review at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting. A press release requesting this inspection will be sent on behalf of the Strait Area Mayors and Wardens Committee.

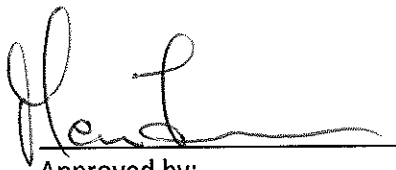
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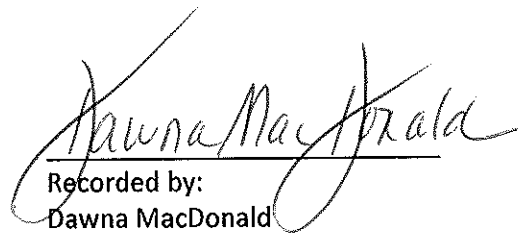
MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton "To approve Mayor MacLean's endorsement of a Letter of Support from the YMCA". MOTION CARRIED.

11. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton, and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau Councilor "To adjourn the Regular Town Council Meeting at 7:48 p.m." MOTION CARRIED.

June 4 2014
Date


Approved by:
Maris Freimanis, CAO


Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald