

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Shannon Studio
Minutes of Meeting
April 2, 2024**

Present

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Deputy Mayor, Mark MacIver
Councillor, Hughie MacDougall
Councilor, Blaine MacQuarrie
Councillor, Jason Aucoin
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen (Virtually)

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio and virtually on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton.

2. Additions to Agenda

There are no additions to the agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin "THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves April 2, 2024, Public Meeting Agenda as presented". MOTION CARRIED.

4. Gallery Presentations

Pitu'Paq – Stan Johnson – Coordinator.

Stan Johnson provided Council with a brief presentation. He explained the meaning of the Pitu'paq and discussed the issues and projects that Pitu'paq has worked on over the past year. He talked about 6 pump-out stations around the lake that allows for tourists to pump out their boats in a safe manner. He talked about the impacts that sewage has on the lakes. He talked about the actions that Pitu'paq is doing to try an alleviate sewage being dumped in the lakes. He talked about the plan for 2024 and beyond. He discussed the Coastal Protection and how the province has turned toward municipalities to look after coastal protection. He said they have developed standards that they will share with Council. There was a Q & A following the presentation.

5. Acknowledgements

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton made the following acknowledgements for the month of April:

- April is Child Abuse Awareness Month
- April is Cancer Awareness Month
- Second Wednesday of April is International Day of Pink
- April 25 Parental Alienation Awareness Day
- April 23-29th National Volunteer Week

Councillor J. Aucoin stated that April is Autism Awareness Month.

Councillor, H. MacDougall extended his sincere condolences to the Municipality of the County of Richmond and to the family and friends of Madeline Libbus on her recent passing. He indicated that she was the first female Warden in Cape Breton and the first woman that served as president of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities.

6. Approval of Council Minutes

- i. Public Meeting of Council – March 5, 2024
There were no errors or omissions.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. Council Committee Report

Report from Committee of the Whole

**MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin
“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury will honor employees that have passed away while employed with the Town of Port Hawkesbury.” MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin
“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the March 19th, 2024, Committee of the Whole Minutes.” MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

10. Motions from In-Camera Session

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, M. MacIver “To approve the personnel recommendation from the In Camera Session.” MOTION CARRIED.

11. Correspondence

Department of Municipal Affairs – Mixed Use Development Zones Response
Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton asked for staff to contact Municipal Affairs via email to follow up on the in-person meeting request.

Department of Municipal Affairs – Provincial Department of Emergency.
Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton reviewed the letter announcing the Province's Provincial Department of Emergency and the Nova Scotia Guard.

12. Proclamations/Resolutions

Parental Alienation Day – Bubbles of Love

MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, M. MacIver “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adopt the parental alienation proclamation.” MOTION CARRIED.

13. Other Business

i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle

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

ii. Joint Council Draft Agenda – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle reviewed the draft agenda for the joint meeting that was approved by the Committee.

Deputy Mayor, M. MacIver asked how long the meeting will be based on the lengthy agenda. CAO, T. Doyle noted that there would be an opportunity to discuss In Camera items such as contractual and monetary items.

Councillor, H. MacDougall said this is what Council has asked staff to do. It may take multiple meetings to get through all the agenda items. He also asked if decisions can be made at this meeting and if it is legal to make decisions at the meeting. He said most of the items on the agenda, require decisions would be made at the committee level.

Councillor, B. MacQuarrie asked if there would be presentations.

Councillor, J. Aucoin stated that he wants to know what will be discussed before the first meeting. If there isn't a realistic agenda, then he won't be able to attend.

CAO, T. Doyle noted that the Joint Meeting would be similar to the Municipality of the County of Antigonish and Town of Antigonish. There are a number of initiatives that Council could be updated on.

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton suggested that they will reconvene with the subcommittee to set some timelines.

14. Approved Additions

There were no approved additions.

15. Future Meetings

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

- i. Committee of the Whole Tuesday, April 16, 2024
- ii. Public Meeting of Council Tuesday, May 7, 2024

16. Public Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

17. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns April 2, 2024, Public Meeting at 7:52p.m.” MOTION CARRIED.

May 8, 2024,

Date



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



Recorded by:
Melissa Warner
Communications and
Administration Officer