

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Shannon Studio
Minutes of Meeting
May 7, 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

Regrets

Councillor, H. MacDougall

Guests

RCMP - Staff Sargeant David Morin

1. Call to Order

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

2. Additions to Agenda

In Camera Session – Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton

3. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin
“THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve May 7, 2024, Public Meeting
Agenda as amended.” MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Gallery Presentations

RCMP Update – Staff Sargeant, David Morin

Staff Sargeant, D. Morin provided Council with an update from the RCMP Inverness District for 2023/2024. He reviewed the Inverness District Human Resources, the District Organizational Chart, the Port Hawkesbury Staffing Levels, the Top 25 Offence Types, and the Top 20 other offences. He provided an overview of the training for 2023/2024 and the Policing Priorities for 2023. He reviewed the Northeast Traffic Service Files, as well as the Drug Enforcement SCEU, and Community Involvement. There was a Q&A following his presentation.

Councillor, J. Aucoin mentioned that there are reports of a lot of drugs around the town. He wanted to commend the Staff Sargent and the team on their fast response to calls in the Town and the assistance with the Winter Parking over the Winter. Deputy Mayor, M. MacIver commented on the detachment’s current visibility.

Councillor B. MacQuarrie mentioned modified exhaust system complaints. Staff Sergeant D. Morin indicated that residents could phone the detachments to file a complaint.

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton noted that Council can forward their priorities along. D. Morin noted that these three priorities have remained the same or similar across the communities that he has worked in. He will come back and report to Council on how well they have done over the year.

5. Acknowledgements

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

- Asian Heritage month
- Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
- May 17th International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
- May 24th Victoria Day

Councillor, J. Aucoin noted that longtime resident of the Town of Port Hawkesbury Ryan Hayes plays for the Miramichi Timberwolves and congratulated him on winning their first Junior Hockey League title. The team will travel to Oakville, Ontario to compete for the Centennial Cup.

6. Approval of Council Minutes

- i. Public Meeting of Council – April 2, 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

Audit Services

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin
“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury appoint Grant Thornton to provide audit services for a five-year period commencing March 2024 in accordance with their proposal submitted and as recommended by the Audit Advisory Committee.” **MOTION CARRIED.**

Municipal Election

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor B. MacQuarrie
“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adopt a telephone/electronic voting system augmented to reflect the traditional system without paper.” **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, M. MacIver
“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the April 16, 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

There are no motions from In Camera.

11. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for the May 7th Public Meeting.

12. Proclamations/Resolutions

Gaelic Nova Scotia Month

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin
“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adopt the Gaelic Nova Scotia 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 April. He reminded the gallery that Council expenses are posted on the Town of Port Hawkesbury website.

ii. Update on Reeves Street – Councillor, J. Aucoin

Councillor, J. Aucoin asked if there were any updates but noted that since he asked to add this item to the agenda that he had a discussion with CAO Doyle. CAO, T. Doyle noted that he has provided Council with a staff document that discusses design. He has reached out to Mark Brace and Dwayne Cross to extend an invitation for them to attend the Committee of the Whole to present at an upcoming Council meeting.

iii. NSCC Letter of Support – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle noted there was a request to NSCC that they are applying for federal funding to develop a new program at NSCC to help assist with developing green economy in the area.

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin
“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury send a letter in support of NSCC’s proposal entitled ‘Building a Workforce for Atlantic Canada’s Clean Energy Transition’.”
MOTION CARRIED.

14. Approved Additions

There will be an In Camera Session following the Public Question Period.

15. Future Meetings

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

- i. Committee of the Whole Tuesday, May 21st, 2024
- ii. Public Meeting of Council Tuesday, June 4, 2024

16. Public Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

Council moved to In Camera Session

Council moved from In Camera Session

17. Adjournment

**The Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns May 7, 2024, Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.”
MOTION CARRIED.**

June 18, 2024

Date



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



Recorded by:
Melissa Warner
Communications and
Administration Officer