

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
Minutes of Meeting
June 28,2024
Shannon Studio**

Present

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Deputy Mayor, Mark MacIver
Councillor, Blaine MacQuarrie
Councillor, Jason Aucoin
Councillor, Hughie MacDougall
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle

Regrets

1. Call to Order

A Special Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio, Friday June 28, 2024, called to order by Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton at 4:00 p.m.

2. Additions to Agenda

- i. Windy Ridge Project Letter of Support – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton
- ii. Summer Seasonal Maintenance Position – Councillor, J. Aucoin

3. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie
“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the Special Public Meeting Agenda as amended.” MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton expressed her sincere condolences to Councillor MacQuarrie on the recent passing of his mother and former Town Councillor, Julia MacQuarrie. Council held a moment of silence.

4. Letter Review – Reeves Street

CAO, T. Doyle reviewed the draft letter for Council and the Gallery’s benefit.

Councillor, H. MacDougall had a question about the wording on the paragraph about positive impacts. CAO, T. Doyle noted that the public opinion survey was one component to the final report. Councillor, J. Aucoin noted that the motion has already done its job.

CAO, T. Doyle noted that the meeting request is for Politicians. The meeting that has been prescheduled with Public Works Staff.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor, M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor, J. Aucoin
“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the draft letter to the Minister of the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works as amended.” MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Cape Breton Partnership Agreement

The Consensus of Council is to table this item is tabled until the September Public Meeting.

6. Property Issues

Councillor, J. Aucoin wanted to bring some areas of concern with grounds and maintenance around town to Council's attention. He brought the following motion forward after hearing concerns from residents

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and Councillor, B. MacQuarrie "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury add one position to the current compliment, a Mature Summer Seasonal Employee with a primary focus on grounds maintenance for 14 weeks at 17.50/hour 35 hours/ week."

Deputy Mayor asked if it was a mature person to help supervise the students.

CAO, T. Doyle had a concern with the word mature.

AMENDMENT

MOVED by Councillor Aucoin and seconded by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie that the word mature be taken out of the motion.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED AS AMENDED.

7. Approved Additions

- i. EverWind Letter of Support

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve a letter of support for the Windy Ridge Power Project." MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor, J. Aucoin stated that he is fully supportive of EverWind but he noted that he said that the tax benefits do not directly benefit the Town of Port Hawkesbury. He stated that he is hopeful that EverWind will make a significant investment in the Town of Port Hawkesbury in the future.

There was a question from the gallery.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, M. MacIver and **SECONDED** by Councillor, H. MacDougall “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourned the Special Public Meeting at 4:46p.m.”

September 4, 2024

Date



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



Recorded by:
Melissa Warner
Communications and
Administration Officer