

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Shannon Studio
Minutes of Meeting
October 1, 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

Guest

Cape Breton Partnership - Municipality of the County of Richmond & Town of Port Hawkesbury's Economic Development Officer, Rachele Samson

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio and virtually on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton.

2. Additions to Agenda

- i. Infrastructre Update – Concerns – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie. “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve October 1, 2024, Public Meeting Agenda as amended.” MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor, J. Aucoin asked to strike out the Public Meeting on Thursday October 3rd as it is not a meeting of Council.

4. Gallery Presentations

Cape Breton Partnership, Economic Development Officer, Rachele Samson introduced herself to Council. She reviewed the Q1 report with Council and noted that she will provide Council with the Q2 report later this month. She noted that the Partnership has celebrated its 20th year anniversary over the summer and has recently created a podcast. She reviewed some of the highlights from the report such as: green energy engagement programs, creative economy development officer, as well as upcoming events for the Fall of 2024. There was a Q&A following the presentation.

5. Acknowledgements

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

- Sept 30th is Truth and Reconciliation Day
- October is Mi'kmaq History Month

On Behalf of Council Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton thanked Councillor H. MacDougall for his 23 years of service. The other Councillors extended their well wished and thanks to Councillor MacDougall.

Councillor, H. MacDougall wanted to thank the great staff that the Town has now and has had over the years, Paula, Aleen, and Jim Davis, and some of the best council members that he has worked with.

6. Approval of Council Minutes

- i. Public Meeting of Council – September 3, 2024
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

Austin Letcher

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton noted that the original ask of council was amended

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and **SECONDED** by Councillor, M. MacIver "**That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the installation of a monument/plaque at the Hemlock Trailhead in honor of Austin Letcher recognizing his career of service as a Park Ranger/Conservation officer.**" **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councillor, J. Aucoin noted that he would not be voting on the next item due to a conflict.

Strait Area Transit Membership

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and **SECONDED** by Deputy Mayor, M. MacIver "**That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the amended bylaws of the Strait Area Transit Cooperative Limited as presented at the September Committee of the Whole Meeting.**" **MOTION CARRIED.**

ii. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, M. MacIver and **SECONDED** By Councillor, H. MacDougall "**That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the September 17th Committee of the Whole Minutes**" **MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Motions from In-Camera Session

MOVED by Councillor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councillor, H. MacDougall “to approve the recommendation of staff as discussed In Camera.” MOTION CARRIED.

10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

11. Proclamations/Resolutions

There were no proclamations.

12. Other Business

i. Council Expenses, CAO, T. Doyle

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

ii. Strait Of Canso Superport Nomination – CAO, T. Doyle

MOVED by Councillor, H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, M. MacIver “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury Nominate Neil Stewart to serve as the Town of Port Hawkesbury’s member on the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation.” MOTION CARRIED.

iii. Sports Wall of Fame – Councillor, H. MacDougall

Councillor, H. MacDougall provided an update on the 2024 Sports Wall of Fame Ceremony. The names will be announced on October 21st and the Ceremony will happen on Sunday, October 26th, 2024.

13. Approved Additions

Infrastructure Updates and Concerns – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton
Water Resource Project Manager, J. MacMillan and Acting Manager of Public of Works
S. John provided Council with an Infrastructure update:

- An update on the Public Works Building
- A thorough overview of the Water Systems Upgrade Project
- Pitt and MacDonald Street Chamber replacements
- Benefits of the Water Systems Upgrade Project
- 2024/2025 Capital Paving Update
- Asset Management & Capital Decision Making
- Challenges that the Town has encountered over the year
- Brief overview of the Eastern Town Active Transportation Project
- Sidewalk Projects

14. Future Meetings

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

- i. ~~Public Meeting/ Consultation Session~~ ~~Tuesday, October 3, 2024~~
- ii. Swearing In Ceremony Tuesday, October 29, 2024

15. Public Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

16. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and **SECONDED** by Councillor, J. Aucoin
“That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns October 1, 2024, Public Meeting at
7:53p.m.” **MOTION CARRIED.**

November 19, 2024



Date

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

Recorded by:
Melissa Warner
Communications and
Administration Officer