

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Shannon Studio
Minutes of Meeting
January 7, 2025**

Present

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Deputy Mayor, Iaian Langley
Councillor, Todd Barrett
Councilor, Paula Hart
Councillor, Blaine MacQuarrie
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen (virtually)

Guests

Tamarac Education Playground Committee: Karen Hood-MacKinnon, Sasha Wells, Jody Columbus, Taralee Wood, Anna Vileuf.

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio and virtually on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton.

2. Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, P. Hart
“THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve January 7, 2025, Public Meeting
Agenda as presented.” MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Gallery Presentations

Tamarac Education Centre Playground Committee – Karen Hood-MacKinnon

Karen introduced herself and the committee members. During the presentation she showed a recent photo of the Tamarac Playground and the history of the past playground equipment from 2020. The Tamarac Education School playground equipment was removed in 2020. The committee was formed in 2021, and they were given \$5,000 from the Strait Regional Centre for Education. She stated that the two playground spaces were also removed in the Tamarac subdivision during that time as well and expressed the need for an outdoor play space in the area. She noted that the TEC space is used outside of school hours by multiple community organizations. She reviewed some of the fundraising effort that have taken place to date and stated that there is not many funding avenues that are a good fit for the committee. She reviewed the advocacy that the committee continues to do to the Department of Education on the lack of funding avenues for school

playgrounds. She reviewed some of the upcoming fundraising events that are planned for this Spring. K. MacKinnon stated that the committee is looking for a letter of support from the Town to assist with their application for the Recreation Facility Development Grant through the Province of Nova Scotia. She also noted that the committee would not be as successful as it has been without the support of the small business community in the Town. There was a Q&A following the presentation. Council congratulated the committee on their efforts and expressed their support and advocacy for the project. Deputy Mayor, I. Langley asked how long it took to raise the funds. The school holds the funds. There was a question about the not for profit organization.

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, I. Langley “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury send a letter of support for Tamarac Education Centre Playground Committee for the application to the Recreation Facility Development Grant.” MOTION CARRIED.

5. Acknowledgements

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

- Happy New Year

6. Approval of Council Minutes

- i. Public Meeting of Council – December 10, 2024
There were no errors or omissions.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton noted that her Committee of the Whole Report will be circulated to Council and posted on the website. Councillor, B. MacQuarrie asked about clarification on item 11.

8. Council Committee Reports

i. Report from Committee of the Whole

The December Meeting was a Joint Public Meeting.

ii. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes

There were no Minutes to Report as December was a Joint Public Meeting.

9. Motions from In-Camera Session

There were no motions coming from the In Camera Session.

10. Correspondence

There was one piece of correspondence from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing acknowledging all Municipalities have adopted the Code of Conduct by resolution.

15. Public Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

16. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor, T. Barrett and SECONDED by Councillor, I. Langley "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns January 7, 2025, Public Meeting at 7:45p.m." MOTION CARRIED.

February 18 2025



Date

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

Recorded by:
Melissa Warner
Communications and
Administration Officer