

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Shannon Studio
Minutes of Meeting
September 2, 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, Brian Luciano
Communications and Administrative Officer, Melissa Warner

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio and virtually on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, and called to order at 7:01p.m. by Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton.

2. Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, I, Langley and **SECONDED** by Councillor, P. Hart
“**THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve September 2, 2025, Public Meeting Agenda as presented.**” **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Gallery Presentations

There were no Gallery Presentations.

5. Acknowledgements

- Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton made the following acknowledgements for the month of September:
- Second week of September
[Mennonite Heritage Week](#)
- Fourth week of September
[Gender Equality Week](#)
- September 28
[British Home Child Day](#)
- September 30
[National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- Former Youth Wall of Fame Inductee - Blake Marchand – 4th Place in High Jump at the Canada Games held in St. John’s Newfoundland.

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- Sunday September 14, 2025, to mark, Firefighters' National Memorial Day
- Sunday 28 September 2025, Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day and
- Tuesday 30 September 2025, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton and CAO T. Doyle offered a warm welcome to the New Director of Finance Brian Luciano.

Deputy Mayor, I. Langley wanted to acknowledge the passing of Monia Ryan who was a longtime volunteer, educator, mother wife and resident of the community. Council held a moment of silence for her.

Councillor, T. Barrett acknowledged the recent retirement of local business owners Doctors Ian and Patty Greencorn whom held their practice in the Town of Port Hawkesbury for many years.

6. Approval of Council Minutes

- i. Special Public Meeting – June 17, 2025
There were no errors or omissions.
- ii. Emergency Meeting of Council – August 1, 2025
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

There was no report from Committee of the Whole as there was a Special Public Meeting following the June Committee of the Whole Meeting.

ii. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and **SECONDED** by Deputy Mayor, I. Langley "That the Town of Port Hawkesbury Approve the June 17, 2025, Committee of the Whole Minutes." **MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Business Arising from Minutes

Councillor, B. MacQuarrie asked for an update on the fishing vessel that is at the waterfront. CAO, T. Doyle indicated that he did not have an update on the vessel but will reach out to the General Manager of Facilities for an update.

10. Motions from In-Camera Session

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, P. Hart “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury enter into an agreement with Circular Materials for 2-year term (Dec 2025 – Dec 2027) for the Extended Producer Responsibility Blue Bag Program.” MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor, I. Langley wanted to note for the gallery that the program is for a reduction in waste and cost to the Town.

11. Correspondence

CAO T. Doyle reviewed the following correspondence that was included in the agenda package for information purposes:

- i. Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office – Homeless Encampments and Wildfires. CAO, T. Doyle noted that staff have been vigilant about checking for wildfires within the municipality.
- ii. Attorney General Justice – Future on Policing in Nova Scotia
There was a meeting held in the summer with the Department of Justice. At the meeting they outlined some of the details of the letter and there may be additional opportunities. The meeting was held with Richmond County and the Town of Mulgrave and the Department of Justice. CAO T. Doyle noted that the billing framework is still being constructed. Councillor, B. MacQuarrie also asked about #2 in the letter. Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton, noted that concern was raised across the province at the meeting in Halifax.
- iii. Municipality of the County of Inverness Mabou Asylum – Inverness Council has requested to come and present on the project.

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, T. Barrett” That the Town of Port Hawkesbury invite the Municipality of the County of Inverness to present in their asylum initiative. MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor expressed his interest in the relationship with the County of Inverness, and he looks forward to strengthening the relationship with the neighboring municipalities.

- iv. Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Your Nova Scotia RCMP; 2024
Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton asked if the Joint Police Advisory Members (Councillor P. Hart and Councillor, T. Barrett) could pass along any concerns.

12. Proclamations/Resolutions

There were no Proclamations/Resolutions.

