

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
EMERGENCY PUBLIC MEETING
Minutes of Meeting
October 3, 2025
BOARDROOM**

Present

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton (virtually)
Deputy Mayor, Iaian Langley (Chair)
Councillor, Todd Barrett
Councillor, Paula Hart
Councillor, Blaine MacQuarrie
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Director of Finance, Brian Luciano
Director of Recreation, Marketing, Tourism and Culture, Michelle Farrow
Manager of Facilities and Operations, Gordie Snook
Manager of Water Resources, Jason MacMillan
Communications and Administration, Melissa Warner

1. Call to Order

An Emergency Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the boardroom on Friday, October 3, 2025, called to order by Deputy Mayor, I. Langey, at 3:32p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED Councillor, T. Barrett and SECONDED Councillor, P. Hart “that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED By Councillor, T. Barrett “TO MOVE IN CAMERA AT 3:33p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, P. Hart “To move out of In Camera Session at 4:20p.m.” MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Works Infrastructure Issue

CAO, T. Doyle, noted that the bridges have recently been inspected. Bridge Engineers have indicated significant structural deterioration since the last inspection. J. MacMillan indicated that Granville Street North and Granville Street South both are Town-owned bridges and have been in service for over 60 years. The North Bridge is single lane with access to Granville Street. The South Bridge is double lane with access to Reeves Street from Granville. Inspections have been carried out by WSP Consulting. Staff are recommending closure of the bridges for safety reasons. Staff are meeting with emergency services agencies on Monday to discuss the impacts of the closure. Staff are exploring long-term solutions.

Deputy Mayor, I. Langley noted that the Mayor is in attendance virtually.

CAO, T. Doyle, noted that the Town must purchase the equipment that is needed for traffic control. Staff are working on closing the bridges as safely as possible with advance warning signs and notices to users. There will be notification on the 511 service and on google. Once set up in place, we will close the structures and determine the full extent of the damage. Engineers are working on designing the remediation required. The goal is to make the bridges as safe and efficiently as possible. Work will require a design phase, a tender process, award of construction to a contractor, and construction. The press release will go out on Monday to local media, The Reporter & the Oran to advise residents of the closure.

4. MOTIONS FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

MOVED by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councillor, T. Barrett “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury proceed as detailed in the meeting with the closure of the Granville street bridge plan.” MOTION CARRIED.

5. Adjournment

MOVED Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, T. Barrett “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourn the Emergency Public Meeting at 4:55p.m.” MOTION CARRIED

November 18, 2025



Date

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

Recorded by:
Terry Doyle
Chief Administrative
Officer