

PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
Minutes of Meeting
June 16, 2026
Shannon Studio

Present

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Deputy Mayor, Todd Barrett
Councillor, Iaian Langley
Councillor, Paula Hart
Councillor, Blaine MacQuarrie
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Director of Finance, Brian Luciano
Director of Engineering and Public Works, Jason MacMillan
Manager of Facilities and Operations, Gordie Snook
Municipal Clerk, Melissa Warner

Regrets

1. Call to Order

A Special Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio, Tuesday, June 16, 2026, and called to order by Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton at 8:48p.m.

2. Additions to Agenda

There were two additions to the agenda:

- Strait Area Truck and Tractor Pull
- Idea Committee Appointment

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councillor, I. Langley and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, T. Barrett “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the Special Public Meeting Agenda as amended.” MOTION CARRIED.

4. Considerations from Public Hearing

MOVED by Councillor, P. Hart and SECONDED by Councillor, I. Langley “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve a concurrent text amendment to both the Town of Port Hawkesbury Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw to add Construction Trades Yard and Fabrication Facility as a permitted use in Industrial Waterfront (M2) Zone And further that the Land Use By-law be amended by adding the following definition for Construction Trades Yard to the Definitions Section of the By-law: Construction Trades Yard means a building used for the storage, maintenance and repair of construction equipment, and for the fabrication and

assembly of components associated with construction projects.” **MOTION CARRIED.**

Marketing Levy Bylaw Amendments

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, T. Barrett and **SECONDED** by Councillor, P. Hart “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve Marketing Levy By-law Amendments as presented at the Public Hearing held on June 16, 2026.” **MOTION CARRIED.**

Solid Waste Management Bylaw Amendments

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and **SECONDED** by Councillor, I. Langley “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the Solid Waste Management By-law Amendments as presented at the Public Hearing held on June 16, 2026.” **MOTION CARRIED**

5. Report from Committee of the Whole

MOVED by Councillor, I. Langley and **SECONDED** Councillor, P. Hart “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury renominate Mr. Neil Stewart as the Town’s representative on the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation Board of Directors.” **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED by Councillor, I. Langley and **SECONDED** by Councillor, P. Hart “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury put the call for nominations for an alternate representative on the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation Board of Directors.” **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Approved Additions

Strait Area Truck and Tractor Pull – CAO, T. Doyle

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and **SECONDED** by Councillor, P. Hart “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the Strait Area Truck and Tractor Pull Request to host a Strait Area Truck & Tractor Pull on October 3th, 2026, subject to approval from the Municipality of the County of Richmond.”

AMENDMENT

MOVED by Councillor, I. Langley and **SECONDED** Councillor, P. Hart “To add a clause that any developer interest will supersede this event.” **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW AMENDED MOTION

“THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve the Strait Area Truck and Tractor Pull Request to host a Strait Area Truck & Tractor Pull on October 3rd, 2026, subject to approval from the Municipality of the County of Richmond and that any developer interest will supersede this event.” **MOTION CARRIED.**

IDEA COMMITTEE

MOVED by Councillor, P. Hart and SECONDED by Councillor, I. Langley “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury appoint Jason Doiron to the IDEA COMMITTEE.” MOTION CARRIED.

Dog Park

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, P. Hart “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury establish a Dog park at the area of the old pirate ship at the waterfront.” MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor B. MacQuarrie noted that in the past there was a survey done before that showed some pushback from the residents. He indicated that the location is a great site. Councillor, P. Hart noted that this was brought forward to the community development committee at the last meeting and was discussed and decided to bring forward to Council. She also noted that this will be a pilot project to test and that there is already fencing there now.

Councilor I. Langley noted that there are two abandoned oil tanks down there.

Fire Hydrant Painting Program

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, T. Barrett “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury develop a fire hydrant painting initiative in compliance with the program requirements.” MOTION CARRIED.

Communities in Bloom

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, T. Barrett and SECONDED by I. Langley “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury continuing to move forward with the communities in bloom initiatives.” MOTION CARRIED. +

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, T. Barrett and SECONDED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie “To move back IN CAMERA at 9:11.p.m”. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Adjournment

“THAT the Special Public Meeting was adjourned at 9.40p.m” MOTION CARRIED.

September 1, 2026



Date

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

Recorded by:
Melissa Warner
Municipal Clerk