

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Minutes of Meeting  
JANUARY 18, 2010

1. The regular monthly meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council sitting as a Committee of the Whole was held in the Shannon Studio of the Civic Centre on Monday, January 18, 2010 at the hour of 5:45 P.M.
2. Present were Mayor W.J. MacLean; Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall; C'irs J. King, M. MacIver and K. Anderson; Town Solicitor L. Evans; Jim Davis, CAO; J.Pyke, Recreation Director.
3. Mayor MacLean called the meeting to order.

GALLERY PRESENTATIONS  
TOM AUSTIN WATER PLANT UPGRADE

4. ABL Project Manager of the Water Plant Expansion Project gave a presentation on the current status of the project's last tender submission. He indicated that part of the overage from budget of \$1,545,604 was due to scope creep. He noted a contractor's meeting held on January 15 has led to a follow up meeting on January 25, 2010 where the general contractor and subs will submit areas where cuts and or changes can be made.
5. We are hoping for major cuts in the tender amount. The main area of concern was the mechanical and electrical.
6. Tom Austin was requested to try and obtain an estimate from another general contractor to ascertain if the initial M & E is reasonable. Mayor MacLean requested Tom Austin to put options on paper(after the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting) with a costing of each alternative.
7. It is hopeful that the Province will be successful in obtaining an extension of the project from Ottawa past the March 31, 2010 deadline so that other options may possibly be explored.
8. It was made clear by Tom Austin (Project Manager) that CBCL were responsible for system design, tender preparation and recommendation on pre-purchased equipment including the DAF tank(Rawdon) which was favourably priced to budget.
9. It was noted more modern Soda Ash and hypochlorination systems may have to be cancelled in favor of maintaining the present systems which work and are doing the job.
10. Council agreed to call a meeting after January 25, 2010 meeting to review the

results.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES ISSUES ADDITIONS

11. Additions to the agenda included truck daw and snow removal.
12. MOVED BY CL'R M. MACIVER, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H.MAC DOUGALL THAT ADDITIONS TO THIS PART OF THE AGENDA BE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

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### POLICING SERVICES

13. Staff Sgt. Seafoot noted he has the authority to approach Council for additional resource. He is making a recommendation for a sixth man. He noted talking with the Town of Port Hawkesbury a number of times, a number of letters have been received from the RCMP requesting an additional member. Staff Sgt. Seafoot noted requests for assistance from the rest of the district handle the same number of calls as the Town of Port Hawkesbury. (17 members, versus 5) Increased hours for case handling 6-7 hours for file handling for instance , and case law has made investigations longer. Court presence puts added strain on members time. He felt the existing staff cannot police the Town adequately. Members have to go on continuous training example breathalyzer. Town has the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest cost in the Province per capital for RCMP services.
14. Mayor MacLean noted Town Council is in agreement with the position taken by the RCMP and noted that he hoped the new Provincial task force on the sharing of equalization funds would help Towns with the ever increasing costs of providing services to its citizens.
15. Mayor MacLean noted the Town has to be a miser in the management of its resources. C'lr M. MacIver reported he was concerned from a monetary point of view.
16. The Town Solicitor felt that the request for an additional officer was valid given the wording of the RCMP contract. He noted the time frame was a very long time frame (20 years).
17. MOVED BY CL'R J. KING, SEC'D BY CL'R H.MACDOUGALL THAT WE ACCEPT STAFF SGT. SEAFOOT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR AN EXTRA

RCMP OFFICER AND THAT THE MATTER BE INCLUDED IN BUDGET DELIBERATIONS FOR 2010-2011. MOTION CARRIED.

18. Jamie Greene presented the RCMP report for the period September-December 2009. He noted there was no cost to the Town or County for two intern members in the early part of this year. Points of interest - Shelby Miller is a new NCO for the County of Inverness County.

19. He noted calls for service down from 679 (2008) to 637 (2009). He also noted emergency parking regulations have been initiated.

FIRE DEPARTMENT  
TRUCK DRAW

20. Mayor MacLean noted that the request is not a matter of dollars/matter of policy once you break the policy it is very difficult to defend it. It is a matter of determining the cost and determining the profit and relating it to the request.

21. Mayor MacLean noted that this building has to be supported by revenue.

22. The Fire Chief, Sellers felt that it is an opportunity for the Department to raise money for the Town. The amount to be considered to be donated to the Fire Department is the cost to rent \$1,800 plus or minus bar profit (minus the cost of bartenders).

23. Mark MacIver said that the Fire Department asked for the use of the Civic Centre, he said that the Council consensus was that the Fire Department ask for a donation.

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24. MOVED BY CL'R H.MACDOUGALL, SEC'D BY CL'R J. KING THAT THE TOWN DONATE THE AMOUNT OF RENTAL FEES FOR THE FIREMEN'S FUNDRAISING TRUCK DRAW,\$1,800 (PLUS OR MINUS) AND THE PROFITS FROM THE BAR MINUS THE COST OF THE BARTENDER. MOTION CARRIED.

25. MAYOR MACLEAN ASKED FOR A MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON A MORE REGULAR BASIS.

## PUBLIC WORKS

26. MOVED BY CL'R J. KING, SEC'D BY CL'R M. MACIVER THAT WE ACCEPT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

## SNOW REMOVAL

27. J. L. Sanitation is working on getting an additional piece of equipment to compliment their existing year. The Council date for obtaining the gear was January 21, 2010.

## RECREATION AND TOURISM

28. MOVED BY CL'R H. MACDOUGALL, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON THAT WE ACCEPT THE DIRECTOR'S AND AQUATICS REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

## MAJOR BANTAM

29. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H. MACDOUGALL THAT THE TOWN PROVIDE THE DEPOSIT OF \$5,000 TOWARDS THE BANTAM AAA FRANCHISE FEE WHICH IS REFUNDABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

## FINANCE AND POLICY ISSUES

30. Additions to this part of the agenda included Girl Guides and SAERC Day Care.

31. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H. MACDOUGALL THAT WE APPROVE THE ADDITIONS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

## BY-LAW REVIEW

32. The Solicitor said the MGA requires that not as many things require a By-Law or these areas can be replaced by policy.

33. MOVED BY M. MACIVER, SED'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON THAT WE PROCEED WITH THE SOLICITOR'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING REPEALING OF BY-LAWS AND WHERE NECESSARY, REPLACING WITH POLICIES. MOTION CARRIED.

## TAXI APPLICATION

34. MOVED BY CL'R M.MACIVER, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H. MAC

DOUGALL THAT THE TAXI APPLICATION FOR GINA'S TAXI BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. MOTION CARRIED.

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#### GIRL GUIDES

36. MOVED BY CL'R M.MACIVER, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H.MAC DOUGALL THAT GIRL GUIDES BE AWARDED AN ADDITIONAL \$250.00. MOTION CARRIED.

#### SAERC DAY CARE

37. MOVED BY CL'R M. MACIVER, SEC'D BY CL'R J. KING THAT WE APPROVE \$250.00 TOWARDS THE SAERC DAY CARE BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED.

#### LIBRARY BOARD

38. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H.MAC DOUGALL THAT PAULA DAVIS BE APPOINTED TO THE EASTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.

#### CIVIC CENTRE BOARD

39. It was agreed to have quarterly presentation for Civic Centre staff on operations.

40. Consensus was that we agree to drop in hockey on Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. to be permitted as drop in hockey on a trial basis.

41. MOVED TO RECONVENE INTO "IN CAMERA" AT 7:30 PM.

42. Returned from recess at 7:40 PM.

43. MOVED BY CL'R J.KING, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H. MACDOUGALL THAT WE AGREE WITH THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER ON THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AS HAVING SUCCESSFULLY PASSED HIS PROBATIONERY PERIOD. MOTION CARRIED.

44. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:42 PM.

DATE

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:  
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