

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Minutes of Meeting
FEBRUARY 16,2009

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, February 16, 2009 at the hour of 6:15 P.M.
2. Present were Mayor W.J. MacLean; Cl'rs K. Anderson, H.MacDougall, J. King and Deputy Mayor M.MacIver; Chief Administrative Officer, C.J. MacDonald; Director of Finance, J. Davis; Town Solicitor, L.Evans and J. Pyke, Recreation Director.
3. The meeting was called to order by Mayor W.J.MacLean.

GALLERY PRESENTATION

4. Chris Cooke, East Movability gave a presentation re society for persons with disabilities. Mayor MacLean thanked Mr. Cooke for his presentation and advised Mr. Cooke that we would go over his report and have him back again.

COMMUNITY SERVICES ISSUES
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

5. Additions to this part of the agenda included Health & Occupation Committee item re shower at Works Department, damage claim re Brenda MacEachern.
6. MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR M. MACIVER, SEC'D BY CL'R J. KING THAT WE ACCEPT THE ADDITIONS TO THIS PART OF THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICING SERVICES

7. No member present from policing department and no report this month.

FIRE SERVICES

8. The committee requested that fire chief, Dale Sellers work with Chief Administrative Officer re update on electric, plumbing and overall status of the fire hall and that Joe Janega prepare an estimate on the cost for updating fire hall.
9. The committee requested that Fire Chief get info on the number of calls from the Industries in Point Tupper re the fire department.
10. The committee requested that the Warden from Richmond County sit down with staff on funding re Richmond County.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

11. Superintendent's report was reviewed by the committee.

MEMO-SNOW REMOVAL

12. The committee advised that when our snow removal contract expires on April 30,2009 that our new tender specify the necessary equipment to bring it curb to curb. Mayor MacLean also stated that a bonus each year will be included for any unusual circumstances that may come up.
13. The committee requested that a meeting with chairman of streets, council, chief administrative officer ,staff and snow removal contractor re snow plowing issues.

14. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R J. KING THAT WE DENY THE CLAIM FROM BRENDA MACEACHERN.

SECURITY FENCE AROUND TAMARAC VALVE CHAMBER

15. The committee requested that we get a couple of quotes re the security fence around Tamarac valve chamber.

16. Deputy Mayor M. MacIver requested that we consider moving booster pumps to new tank where it is already fenced.

17. The committee requested that we have a recommendation from Jim Davis, Director of Finance; Jim MacNeil, Superintendent of Public Works and Kevin Murphy re a security fence around Tamarac valve Chamber.

18. Mayor MacLean advised that a proper plan with a cost and recommendation re shower for Public Works Department.

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM ISSUES

19. There were no additions to this part of the agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND AQUATICS

20. MOVED BY CL'R J. KING, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR M. MACIVER THAT WE APPROVE THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND AQUATICS REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORT ON MEETING -STRAIT REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
RE: FUNDING FIELD UPGRADE

21. Recreation Director, J.Pyke reported that he had met with the School Board re funding field upgrade and he indicated that they gave no indication if they would fund the project for the field upgrade or not.

22. Mayor MacLean indicated that he spoke to Premier Rodney MacDonald re the 5.8 million funding project re SAERC and suggested an additional allocation of \$62,500 to be used for field upgrades. Premier says he will get back to him this week.

FINANCE AND POLICY

23. Additions to this part of the agenda included budget, permission re out of Province travel and bankruptcy Isle Madame Confection.

24. MOVED BY CL'R J.KING, SEC'D BY CL'R H.MACDOUGALL THAT WE ACCEPT THE ADDITIONS TO THIS PART OF THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

SEWER CONNECTION BY-LAW

25. The committee requested Town Solicitor , L. Evans to prepare a draft re Sewer Connection By-Law for recommendation to Council.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL INSURANCE
WORKING GROUP COMMITTEE

26. The committee requested that Cl'r K. Anderson sit on Working Group Committee re insurance issues.

INSURANCE TENDER CALLED

27. The committee advised that we add this to the insurance issue considerations.

DONATION REQUEST: NSSSA (Jennifer Barss)

28. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R H. MACDOUGALL THAT WE GIVE A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 TO NOVA SCOTIA SECONDARY SCHOOLS STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION. MOTION CARRIED.

REZONING REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUP HOME

29. It was reported to the committee that the rezoning requirements will be completed by May 2009.

30. Cl'r K. Anderson inquired when budget time starts. He was informed that the process starts in May. Tax rate, usually, is set by mid June.

OUT OF PROVINCE TRAVEL AND BANKRUPTCY

31. MOVED BY CL'R H. MACDOUGALL, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR M. MACIVER THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE OUT OF PROVINCE TRAVEL RE GORDON SNOOK TO ATTEND THE RFANS CONFERENCE IN P.E.I. IN JUNE 2009. MOTION CARRIED.

ISLE MADAME CONFECTIONS

32. Correspondence was received from MacKenzie, Gillis, MacDougall Inc. Trustee in bankruptcy for Isle Madame Confections Inc. who stated that the seized equipment from Isle Madame Confections by the Town was not completed prior to bankruptcy. As a result the Town has to return equipment to Trustee. The Town would have a preferred claim for rent against the bankruptcy estate; it is unlikely there would be any available funds to pay preferred claims. Town Solicitor is to research this situation out as we served a tax warrant not a landlord warrant.

CIVIC CENTRE OPERATIONS

33. Additions to this part of the agenda included helmet policy.

34. The committee recommended that we make a helmet policy for people using the ice.

35. The committee requested Director of Recreation to do a questionnaire to see how people react re the use of helmets.

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS-CIVIC CENTRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER

36. MOVED BY CL'R J.KING, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON THAT WE APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS IN MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER. MOTION CARRIED.

37. ON MOTION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

DATE

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:
A.MACDONALD

