

TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 1, 2009

1. The regular monthly meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio, Civic Center, Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Present were Mayor W.J. MacLean; D/M H. MacDougall; Councillors J. King, M. MacIver and K. Anderson; CAO, J.N. Davis; and Town Solicitor, L.K. Evans.
3. Mayor MacLean called the meeting to order and the following items of business were attended to:

GALLERY PRESENTATIONS

5. There were no presentations forthcoming from the gallery.

ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6.
 - (1) Town Planning Adv. Committee Appointment
 - (2) Bluenose League Contract
 - (3) ECBC
7. ***It was moved by Councillor Anderson, and seconded by D/M MacDougall to approve the additions to the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.***

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8. Councillor Anderson stated that item #24 should state why Councillor King declared a conflict; that being that Councillor King's granddaughter is a member of the Girl Guides.
9. ***It was moved by D/M MacDougall, and seconded by Councillor MacIver to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes of November 17, 2009, with the amendment as noted. Motion carried.***

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10. In response to Councillor Anderson's query regarding items #19 and 20 (this motion overrides an existing motion), there was considerable discussion with the majority of Council agreeing that the existing motion from November 6, 2008, was previously rescinded. It was agreed to have the Solicitor investigate and report back to the December Committee of the Whole meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

11. There was no business arising from the minutes.

SPECIAL NOTICES

There were no special notices.

CORRESPONDENCE

12. In response to a letter from the Hon. Bill Estabrooks regarding our request for repaving of Trunk #4 Reeves Street, Council expressed their concern regarding the possibility of the changes in the new Govt's policies from the previous govt. Mayor MacLean stated that he would make arrangements, as soon as possible, for Council to meet with Minister Estabrooks and the Chief Eng. for the Province.

PROCLAMATIONS

13. *It was moved by Councillor Anderson, and seconded by Councillor King to declare the month of January 2010 as "Alzheimer Awareness Month". Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

- (1) Remuneration & Benefits Policy
14. *It was moved by Councillor King, and seconded by Councillor MacIver that for the calendar year 2010, one-third of the total sum paid to our Council Members as salaries, or other remuneration, including all non-accountable expense money, shall be disclosed as allowance for expenses to be excluded from income under the Income Tax Act of Canada. Motion carried.*
- (2) Traffic Authority
15. *It was moved by D/M King, and seconded by Councillor MacIver that the CAO, Jim Davis, be appointed Traffic Authority. Motion carried.*

OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) Citizen Appt. to TPA Committee
16. *It was moved by Councillor Anderson, and seconded by Councillor King that Andy Palmer be appointed as a citizen rep on the Town Planning Adv. Committee. Motion carried.*
- (2) Bluenose Hockey League
17. *It was moved by Councillor Anderson, and seconded by Councillor King that the Town accept the Bluenose Hockey extension date to December 23, 2009. Motion carried.*
18. Mayor MacLean reported on his meeting with ECBC reps, John Lynn and Marlene Usher; stating that they were very favorable in participating with the hockey next year and hopeful that the Prov. would participate also. The Mayor noted that he sent a letter to the Minister, the Hon. Percy Paris, requesting a meeting to discuss this issue. They were also very favorable in supporting our request for funding for a study for the possibility of running hot water from New Page to the Nautical School. Mr. Lynn

felt that the Province should be involved as this is a 'greenhouse' project. Also, they were favorable with our request for funding for upgrades to the Lions Club.

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19. There being no further business, the meeting recessed to In Camera at 7:20 p.m.
20. Town Council reconvened at 7:35 p.m.
21. ***It was moved by Councillor King, and seconded by D/M MacDougall to proceed with the staff review and governance study. Motion carried.***
22. ***It was moved Councillor King, and seconded by Councillor MacIver that we move the Staff and Awards Policy up to 40 years from the previous 30, with \$500.00 being awarded for 40 years. Motion carried.***
23. ***It was moved by Councillor MacIver, and seconded by Councillor King that the Town approve a merit policy for those employees who go 'above and beyond' the norm, retroactive to September 2009. Motion carried.***

MINUTES APPROVED

DATE

SHIRLEY DAVIS
Secretary