

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, April 15, 2013**

**Present**

Deputy Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton  
Councillor, Dr. Trevor Boudreau  
Councillor, Joe Janega  
Councillor, Bert Lewis  
Chief Administrative Officer, Maris Freimanis  
Director of Finance, David Gray  
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis  
Director of Parks and Facilities, Jim Pyke  
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

**Guest**

Chief Librarian/CEO, Laura Emery – Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

**Regrets**

Mayor, Billy Joe MacLean

**1. Call to Order**

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in the Shannon Studio, Monday, April 15, 2013. It was called to order by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton at 7:05 p.m. The Deputy Mayor extended congratulations to Allyson MacIver on her recent Provincial Volunteer Award.

**2. Additions to /Approval of Agenda**

- Alternative Access from NSCC to Port Hawkesbury

**MOVED by Councillor J. Janega, and SECONDED by Councillor Dr. T. Boudreau "To approve the agenda as amended". MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. Presentation – Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)**

Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton welcomed Laura Emery, Chief Librarian/CEO, ECRL to the meeting. On behalf of the ECRL Board, Ms. Emery's request of Council was a 5% increase to the Municipal Library contributions from the 2013-2014 budget and a 10% increase implementation beginning in 2014-2015. This increase would assist with the cost pressures, sustainability issues and the significant improvements to service made at the Port Hawkesbury Library. Ms. Emery provided Council with the ECRL Strategic Plan and discussed cost measures/cuts to staffing and hours; innovation through technology (3D Printer); options for improved service; signage and community engagement. A question and answer period followed. Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton thanked Ms. Emery for her presentation and stated her request will be considered during budget deliberations.

**4. Committee of the Whole Meeting in May – Change of date due to holiday**

CAO, M. Freimanis sought Council's recommendation to either cancel or postpone the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> which falls on the Victoria Day Holiday. Should agenda items arise, notification will be made to Council and the public to call a public meeting prior to a scheduled budget meeting in May.

**MOVED by Councillor J. Janega, and SECONDED by Councillor Dr. T. Boudreau "That the Committee of the Whole meeting will be cancelled for May". MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Approved Additions**

a) Alternative Access from NSCC to Port Hawkesbury

In conjunction with a plan provided to Council, Councilor J. Janega discussed the potential for a safe and economical alternative route from the NSCC to Reeves Street for students/pedestrians to safely access Granville Street and Town infrastructure. The route would consist of passage under the bridge adjacent to Centennial Park; continuing up the west side of Reeves Street and utilizing existing sidewalks from Granville, Napean and Prince Streets. Councilor Janega suggested that the passage be more than a sidewalk to incorporate a bicycle and hiking trail. Council discussion included safety issues, construction materials, status of the current timber frame bridge(s), and next steps.

**MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis, and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega to recess In Camera at 7:40 p.m. to discuss tax adjustments and the Strait Area Transit.**

The Committee of the Whole meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

**MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis, and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "To accept the recommendations of CAO, M. Freimanis to adjust and write off the two tax accounts as per the April 11 memo and discussions In Camera". MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis, and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "To support the SAT for a period of three months with one quarter of our contribution level funded up front to cover our share of an evaluation study. This funding is conditional on the Province covering the current SAT deficit and the remaining two municipal units contributing their portions of funding". MOTION CARRIED. One naye was recorded from Councilor J. Janega.**

**6. Adjournment**

**MOVED by Councilor J. Janega, and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "To adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:17 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.**

Apr 15, 2013  
DATE

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APPROVED BY:  
Maris Freimanis, CAO

Dawna MacDonald  
RECORDED BY:  
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