

PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2011

PRESENT

Mayor Billy Joe MacLean
Maris Freimanis, Chief Administrative Officer
Erin MacEachen, Director of Finance, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Deputy Mayor Jim King
Councilor Ken Anderson
Councilor Hugh MacDougall
Councilor Mark MacIver
Larry Evans, Town Solicitor
Paula Davis, Director of Marketing, Tourism, Culture and Recreation

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in the Bear Head Room on Tuesday, September 20, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:10 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were requested to be added:

1. Geraldine White
2. Bylaw Enforcement Officer
3. Travel – Mayor MacLean

MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver, and **SECONDED** by Deputy Mayor J. King “That the additions to the agenda are approved”. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. AGENDA ITEMS

a) RECORDING SYSTEM – operation and protocol

Maris Freimanis discussed the operation and protocol of the Recording System for Town Council and Committee of the Whole meetings. The recordings are in wave format; will be saved to a server; and will assist with the meeting minutes and motions. Councilor K. Anderson stated he understood that the recording practice has been in place for (5) years and asked that a central microphone also be used in future meetings. Mayor MacLean indicated he would look into this request.

b) OMNIBUS REPEAL BYLAW

Larry Evans, Town Solicitor stated The Omnibus Repeal Bylaw will go to first reading at the October 4, 2011 Council Meeting. The bylaws are anachronisms that have never been repealed; they represent bylaws of which can be disposed. He added that he is confident in advising the Committee to repeal the bylaws as they are not enforced in any shape or form.

Councilor Anderson stated it was important to have a Bylaw for Fireworks and requested the town solicitor to check if repealing the *Fireworks passed November 6, 1962 as amended December 14, 1962* is appropriate.

c) BYLAW REGARDING FIREARMS

Town Council discussed the maximum fines for discharging firearms within town limits. The current maximum fine enforced by the Town of Port Hawkesbury is \$500 in comparison with the Town of Truro which is \$500 to a maximum of \$5000. The Committee was not opposed to having higher penalties providing it can be enforced by a bylaw.

MOVED by Councilor K. Anderson "That the Chief Administrative Officer and Solicitor draft a **Firearms Bylaw for higher penalties/maximum fines for the Town of Port Hawkesbury**". **MOTION CARRIED.**

d) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- **Geraldine White**

Erin MacEachen stated her attempts to reach Ms. White to provide details of the accident required for the insurance company. To date, a letter stating proof of damages has not been received by Ms. White.

- **Bylaw Enforcement Officer**

Councilor H. MacDougall stated that the Town of Mulgrave had a Bylaw Enforcement Officer and that one was required in the Town of Port Hawkesbury. Councilor M. MacIver discussed the possibility of the Town of Port Hawkesbury sharing the Bylaw Enforcement Officer services with the Town of Mulgrave. Maris Freimanis stated he would contact Hugh Landry, CAO, Mulgrave, about the possibility of sharing Bylaw Enforcement Officer Services.

- **Travel to Ottawa, September 26, 2011 – Mayor MacLean re NewPage**

Mayor MacLean will travel to Ottawa with Warden John Boudreau and Warren Olsen, CAO (*Municipality of the County of Richmond*) to meet with Minister Valcourt and Rodger Cuzner, MP, regarding NewPage.

MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall, and **SECONDED** by Councilor K. Anderson "That travel costs be approved for Mayor MacLean to travel to Ottawa to meet Minister Valcourt and Rodger Cuzner regarding NewPage". **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p. m.

Feb 13, 2012
DATE

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APPROVED BY:

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RECORDED BY:
D. MacDonald