

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

Present

Mayor, Billy Joe MacLean
Deputy Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Councilor, Dr. Trevor Boudreau
Councilor, Joe Janega
Councilor, Bert Lewis
Chief Administrative Officer, Maris Freimanis
Acting Director of Finance, David Gray
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio, Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, Tuesday, January 8, 2013. It was called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:00 p.m.

2. Gallery Presentations

There were no gallery presentations.

3. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

- a) Towns Caucus Meeting
- b) Women's Health Fair

MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau, and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis "To approve the agenda as amended". MOTION CARRIED.

4. Minutes

- a) Regular Town Council – December 4, 2012
There were no errors or omissions.
- b) Committee of the Whole – December 17, 2012

MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau, and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton "To approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, December 17, 2012 as circulated". MOTION CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Proclamations

Alzheimer Society Awareness Month

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega, and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton, "That Council proclaim the month of January 2013 as Alzheimer Awareness Month in the Town of Port Hawkesbury". MOTION CARRIED.

7. Correspondence

a) Port Hawkesbury Veterans Memorial Park Society

Council received a letter from Belle MacIntyre, Port Hawkesbury Veterans Memorial Park Society, requesting assistance to install lighting around a pad to house new statues. CAO, M. Freimanis will evaluate this request and provide an update to Council.

8. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

9. Other Business

a) Municipal Planning Strategy

CAO, M. Freimans asked Council to review the specific items to be undertaken by Council as outlined in the Municipal Planning Strategy. Council was asked to prioritize and develop action plans/projects on items not related to land use and zoning statements. A special meeting of Council and Staff would be organized to select priorities and discuss expectations for the term. Additionally, Council could choose to supplement the initiatives set out in the Plan with those Council considers important. Discussion included having a facilitator for the special meeting and budget consideration of the prioritized items. It was agreed that Staff will call a meeting to select items for Council consideration.

b) Solid Waste-Resource Management Bylaw

CAO, M. Freimanis requested Council input regarding an update to the Solid Waste-Resource Management Bylaw pertaining to waste reduction and recycling as outlined in the January 4, 2013 memo. Discussion included the current annual cost and tonnage amounts of garbage collection, consideration of a part time bylaw enforcement officer, education awareness, and, the potential for environmental benefits and reduction in annual tippage. CAO, M. Freimanis will provide Council with the contract details for Eastern Sanitation Limited and Green Island Recycling Ltd. He is seeking agreement in principle to proceed with a draft of this bylaw for the First Reading at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Dr. T Boudreau, and SECONDED by Councillor B. Lewis "That Staff will provide Council with a draft bylaw and recommendations for consideration at the next Committee of the Whole meeting". MOTION CARRIED.

c) Dog Bylaw

CAO, M. Freimanis requested Council input regarding an update to the 1997 Dog Bylaw. Suggested revisions were outlined in the January 4, 2013 memo to Council. Discussion included the addition of cats to the bylaw, the process and fees paid by the Town to enforce canine control as well as those of the dog owner when the bylaw is violated. Additional discussion included revenue generated through dog tags/registrations, a recommendation to tag on a 2-3 year basis, and the potential for an SPCA Chapter in Port Hawkesbury.

MOVED by Councillor J. Janega, and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton "To draft a bylaw to include Council suggestions for consideration at the next Committee of the Whole meeting". MOTION CARRIED.

10. Approved Additions

a) Towns Caucus Meeting

Mayor MacLean, Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton, and CAO, M. Freimanis expressed interest to attend the Towns Caucus meeting in Windsor, January 21, 2013. CAO Freimanis recommended canceling the January meeting of the Committee of the Whole which falls on January 21, 2013.

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega, and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "That Council members interested in attending the Towns Caucus Meeting will attend and that the Committee of the Whole Meeting will be cancelled for January". MOTION CARRIED.

b) Women's' Health Fair

Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton provided Council with a draft letter of support to Sharon Young, Thrive regarding the topic of breast feeding for inclusion on the agenda of the Women's Health Fair scheduled this spring 2013 at the PHCC. The Fair will focus on the promotion of healthy life styles for women.

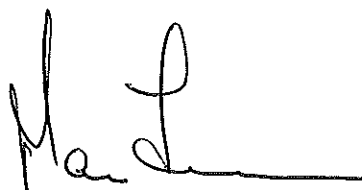
MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau, and Seconded by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton "To approve the letter of support to be sent to Sharon Young". MOTION CARRIED.

11. Adjournment

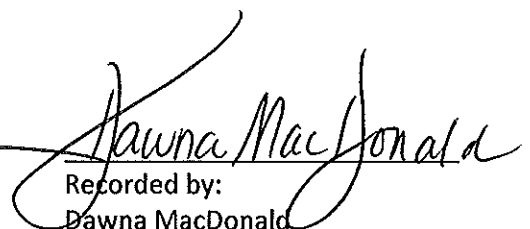
MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau, and Seconded by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton, "To adjourn the Town Council Meeting at 8:00pm". MOTION CARRIED.

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Date



Approved by:
Maris Freimanis, CAO



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald