

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

**Minutes of Meeting
March 17, 2014**

Present

Mayor, Billy Joe MacLean
Deputy Mayor, Dr. Trevor Boudreau
Councilor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Councilor, Joe Janega
Councilor, Bert Lewis
Chief Administrative Officer, Maris Freimanis
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis
Town Solicitor, Patrick Lamey (Alternate)

Regrets

Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

1. Call to Order

A Committee of the Whole Meeting was held in the Shannon Studio, PHCC, Monday, March 17, 2014 and called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:00 p.m.

2. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

- a) Hon. Michel Samson – Meeting on March 21, 2014
- b) CBNS Railway - Update

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “To approve the agenda as amended”. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega “To approve the agenda”. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Gallery Presentations

There were no gallery presentations.

4. Approved Additions

- a) Michel Samson – Meeting on March 21, 2014
CAO, M. Freimanis suggested the following agenda items for the meeting which would have direct impact on the Town: 1) Reeves Street and related projects; 2) Former Canso Regional Vocational School property and potential development, and; 3) Community Health Centre. If Council is in agreement with these topics, M. Freimanis will send these to the assistant of Hon. Michel Samson for briefing and will later provide background to him on these topics. Council was polled regarding attendance at this meeting.

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton “To approve the topics for discussion at the meeting of the Hon. Michel Samson”. MOTION CARRIED.

b) CNBS Railway

Councilor Janega requested that a follow up letter be sent to Shannon Toner, General Manager CBNS Railway and Genesee & Wyoming Canada Inc. and her colleagues to address Council’s questions at the CBNS Railway presentation, January 14th. Council requested an update on: the increase in costs for

maintenance and surveillance due to increased future volume, parked railway cars, the local infrastructure, and the effects on the environment in the event of a derailment. Council also requested the status on the emergency preparedness and response table top exercise or other forum with the municipalities and the EMO as indicated by Jean-Marc Montigny, Senior VP Transportation.

5. Other Business

a) Charging Station for Electric Vehicles

MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau "To confirm interest as a potential participant for consideration of an electric charging station in the Town of Port Hawkesbury". MOTION CARRIED.

b) Appointments – Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC)

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton "to accept the proposed 2014-2015 appointments as presented to Council by John Bain, Director, EDPC". MOTION CARRIED.

c) Leases – Incubator Mall

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau to approve and authorize Mayor MacLean and CAO, M. Freimanis to sign the Incubator Mall Leases for renewal for a 5 year term". MOTION CARRIED.

d) Gas Tax Formula

MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis "To accept the two recommendations provided by CAO, M. Freimanis for inclusion in the allocation of the Gas Tax Distribution Formula". MOTION CARRIED.

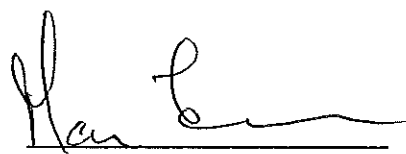
e) Donation Fund

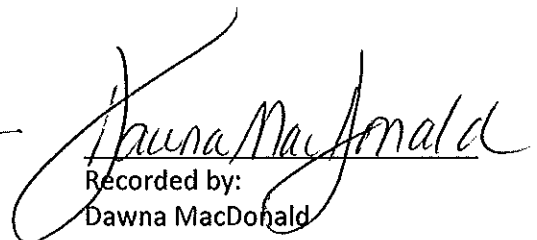
Council agreed to defer this agenda item and review the donation list at budget deliberations. The Town of Port Hawkesbury Assistance Policy will also be reviewed during budget deliberations for consideration of revision to include sponsorship requests for conferences, events taking place in Port Hawkesbury and use of the Town's facilities, out of town events and attendance, and other issues.

6. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton, and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau "to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:35 p.m.". MOTION CARRIED.

April 17, 2014
Date


Approved by:
Maris Freimanis, CAO


Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald