

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Minutes of Meeting
Monday, February 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, Larry Evans

Regrets

Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen

Guests

John Bain, Director, Eastern District Planning Commission

1. Call to Order

A Public Hearing of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio, PHCC, Monday, February 17, 2014. It was called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:00 p.m.

2. Presentation

John Bain's presentation addressed implementing a site plan approval process for multiple-unit dwellings having three (3) to five (5) units that could be used on any property in a residential two-unit (R2) zone meeting requirements for minimum lot area, minimum lot frontage, and being connected to municipal services. Implementation of this process would involve changes to the Port Hawkesbury Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law.

3. Council Question Period

- J. Bain stated to Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton that if a similar application is made, the public hearing process would not be repeated but an appeal process would take place
- J. Bain stated to Councilor J. Janega that documents exist with provisions for rezoning in a (R3) zone for development of six (6) units or larger

4. Gallery Presentations

- a) Call for opposing presentations
There were no calls for opposing presentations.
- b) Call for presentations in favor
There were no calls for presentations in favor

There following questions were addressed from the gallery:

- John Bain stated to his knowledge, the amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law rezoning should not affect assessment value but rebuilding would affect assessment value. Once the site plan approval process is approved, there should be no change in assessment value

- Councilor J. Janega stated that PVSC should be consulted regarding the assessment values of neighboring properties if multiple units are built

5. Written Submissions

There were no written submissions received by the Town of Port Hawkesbury or the Eastern District Planning Commission.

6. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor B. Chisholm-Beaton and **SECONDED** by Councilor J. Janega "To adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.". **MOTION CARRIED.**

March 6 2014
Date

Maris Freimanis
Approved by:
Maris Freimanis, CAO

Dawna MacDonald
Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald