

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting  
January 14, 2014**

**Present**

Mayor, Billy Joe MacLean  
Deputy Mayor, Dr. Trevor Boudreau  
Councilor, Joe Janega  
Councilor, Bert Lewis  
Chief Administrative Officer, Maris Freimanis  
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen  
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis  
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

**Regrets**

Councilor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton

**Guests**

Shannon Toner, General Manager, CBNS Railway  
Gareth Martin, Sales & Marketing Manager, CBNS Railway  
Everett Sullivan, Trainmaster, CBNS Railway  
Jean-Marc Montigny, Senior VP Transportation, Genesee & Wyoming Canada Inc.  
Stéphane Tardiff, Safety Director, Genesee & Wyoming Canada Inc.  
Jim Mustard, Deputy Warden, Inverness County, Pan Cape Breton Food Network  
Dwayne MacDonald, Councilor, Inverness, County, Pan Cape Breton Food Network

**1. Call to Order**

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio, PHCC, Tuesday, January 14, 2014. It was called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Gallery Presentations**

a) CBNS Railway

Mayor MacLean welcomed guests from CBNS Railway and Genesee & Wyoming Canada Inc. The presentation included CBNS's commitment to employee safety, safety measures regarding transport of dangerous goods, commodities transported, and the maintenance measures in place for equipment, tracks, bridges and culverts. A question and answer period followed. A CBNS engineering team is addressing increase in costs for maintenance and surveillance due to increased future volume. Shannon Toner confirmed that no railway cars containing dangerous goods are parked overnight within Town limits. Arrangements will be made for a CBNS engineer to meet with Council and R. MacIsaac, EMO, to address Council's concerns regarding parked railway cars, the local infrastructure, and the effects on the environment in the event of a derailment. Jean-Marc Montigny will coordinate an emergency preparedness and response table top exercise or other forum with the municipalities and the EMO.

b) Pan Cape Breton Food Network

Mayor MacLean welcomed Deputy Warden, Jim Mustard and Councilor Dwayne MacDonald. The Pan Cape Breton Food Network presentation and MOU proposed a two year pilot project for an emerging local food economy linking food producers and consumers at all levels. The presentation included objectives, measureable outcomes, process to date, potential partners and the potential for municipalities to have a local brand. Council was asked to participate and support this initiative. Council's questions and discussion included public health regulations and restrictions, increased costs associated with food production and

transport, concerns for the potential growth of the network, governance, and overall health issues relating to food and exercise.

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

There were no additions to the agenda:

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor B. Lewis "To approve the agenda". MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Minutes**

a) Regular Town Council – December 3, 2013

There were no errors or omissions.

b) Committee of the Whole – December 16, 2013

**MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau "To approve the December 16, 2013 minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting". MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**6. Proclamations**

There were no proclamations.

**7. Correspondence**

a) A letter of support regarding the LNG project was sent to the Municipality of the District of Guysborough and NS Department of Environment.

b) A letter of thanks was sent to Joanne MacDonald, Port Hawkesbury Seasonal Services Project. Mayor MacLean requested that the media make note of Ms. MacDonald's contributions.

**8. Resolutions**

There were no resolutions.

**9. Other Business**

a) First Reading – 10 Ryan's Road Amendment

CAO, M. Freimanis's memo to Council included options to consider a request to rezone 10 Ryan's Road to permit development of a four unit senior's type residence. Council agreed on scenario #3: to add policies and regulations to the planning documents to allow consideration of multiple-unit dwellings with three to five units in the Residential Two-Unit (R-2) zone, subject to Site Plan Approval. Two advertisements will occur and the public will have access to rezoning documents at the EDPC and Town Office. CAO, M. Freimanis suggested postponement of the Second Reading to allow the EDPC to address these issues if there are concerns at the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will provide residents with a full understanding of the process and an opportunity to oppose or agree with the amendment.

**MOVED by Councilor J. Janega and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau "That Council accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission and the Planning Advisory Committee and that First Reading be given to amend the Port Hawkesbury Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law as outlined in "Scenario #3" of the staff report and further that Notice be given of a Public Hearing and Second Reading to be held in Shannon Studio, February 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m." MOTION CARRIED.**

b) Eastern Canadian Junior B Hockey Championships

Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau declared a conflict as he is Chair of the Eastern Canadian Junior B Hockey Championships Fund Raising Committee. Staff and Council reviewed and costed the requests of the Strait Pirates as presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Director of Finance E. MacEachen stated the total value of cash and in kind/lost revenue contributions for the PHCC to host the Championships is \$30,675 and that this would be provided after consideration of the significant economic return the tournament would have on the local economy.

**MOVED by Councilor B. Lewis, and SECONDED by Councilor J. Janega "To provide \$30,675 and in kind support to the Strait Pirates fundraising committee to assist in offsetting costs relating to hosting the Eastern Canadian Junior B Hockey Championships". MOTION CARRIED.**

c) Snow Removal Update

Director of Finance E. MacEachen stated the overall budget for snow removal and salting is \$241,000 which includes the \$60,000 allotment for the new loader. To date, approximately 52% of the budget for snow removal and salting has been used leaving a balance of \$75,000 for services to the end of March. E. MacEachen stated we should be within budget providing there are no significant amounts of overtime in January and the weather for February and March are similar to last year. Council congratulated the Public Works Department for their efforts.

Mayor MacLean asked the media to publically support the excellent work of the Public Works Department and the PHCC staff. A letter will be sent to both departments commending their efforts. He also congratulated Director, Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, P. Davis and staff for their work on the World Under 17 Hockey Challenge. Mayor MacLean thanked Council and Staff for their work and cooperation in the past year, and extended best wishes to Council and their families for the New Year.

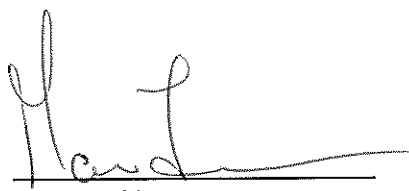
**10. Approved Additions**

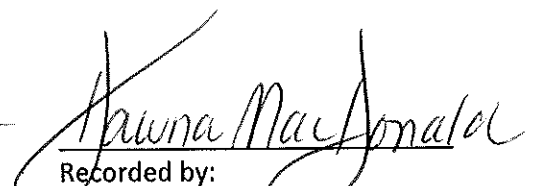
There were no additions to the agenda.

**11. Adjournment**

**MOVED by Councilor J. Janega, and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Dr. T. Boudreau "To adjourn the Regular Town Council Meeting at 8:47 p.m." MOTION CARRIED.**

Feb 6 2014  
Date

  
Approved by:  
Maris Freimanis, CAO

  
Recorded by:  
Dawna MacDonald