

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

**Minutes of Meeting
Monday, September 16, 2013**

Present

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

Regrets

Councilor, Joe Janega
Councilor, Bert Lewis

Guests

Constable Deepak Prasad, RCMP

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in the Shannon Studio, PHCC, Monday, September 16, 2013. It was called to order by Mayor MacLean at 7:00 p.m.

2. Additions to /Approval of Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Gallery Presentations

a) RCMP Report

Constable Prasad presented the RCMP Report on Policing from June 1, 2013 to September 16, 2013. The report outlined the total number of calls, charge files and significant values during this period. The number of charge files has decreased from 2012 due in part to the drop in population. Constable Prasad will provide Council with the number of collisions reported on Reeves St. and the numbers for impaired driving. A new drug team will be in place to address the increase in prescription drugs and cocaine and to raise the number of charges for drug trafficking and possession. The Enhanced Policing Program during the Strait Festival and Granville Green was a success. The RCMP will focus on lock downs in schools, training teachers on personal security and risk assessment, and anti-bullying (cyber-bullying) in the coming weeks. Council inquired about domestic violence, impaired driving, and speeding. The RCMP recommendations to prevent speeding in the new park include signage for a playground zone, slow zone, marked crosswalks, and implementing speed bumps. Mayor MacLean thanked Constable Prasad for his presentation.

4. Water and Sewer – MacQuarrie Drive Extension

CAO, M. Freimanis provided Council with a memo and recommendations relating to the existing unserviced washrooms located in the playground area and improvements to the water and sewer infrastructure at the MacQuarrie Drive Extension. With plans for future development in this area and the feasibility of connecting to a municipal system, he recommended that work be undertaken this fall at an approximate cost of \$120,000. These funds would be allocated from the gas tax reserve.

Discussion included:

- Cost benefits of \$9000 by looping the water system in conjunction with this work
- This work would address future security issues and be an investment in making the old arena property more viable
- The current need for washroom services is also preparing for the future regarding the larger endeavours associated with the playground project
- CAO Freimanis stated typically grant applications relate to recreation facilities, buildings and structures, and not services such as water and sewer. He will however inquire if funding is available from ECBC or the Province.
- Tear down costs and washroom refurbishments are not included in this cost
- Lighting for the ball park was discussed

MOVED by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton, and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T Boudreau "To proceed with the water and sewer work on MacQuarrie Drive Extension as per the recommendations provided by CAO, M. Freimanis". MOTION CARRIED.

5. NextGen Leadership Society

MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau, and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton, "To approve the funding request of \$1000 for the NextGen Leadership Society". MOTION CARRIED.

6. Gas Tax

- a) Active Transportation
- b) Pathways Project

E. MacEachen asked that Council make a motion to allow use of the Gas Tax Reserve funds up to the amount of \$21,018 for the Active Transportation Project and the Pathways Project.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton, and SECONDED by Councilor Dr. T Boudreau "To approve the request of Director of Finance, E. MacEachen to allow use of the Gas Tax Reserve funds up to the amount of \$21,018 for the Active Transportation Project and the Pathways Project". MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau, and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton, "To recommend a resolution be put forth at the UNSM Fall Conference for the Provincial Parties to make Active Transportation a priority with highway contracts for the provision of safe pathways in the Maritime provinces". MOTION CARRIED.

Staff will provide this resolution for Council approval at the next meeting for submission to the UNSM.

7. Approved Additions

There were no additions to the agenda.

Town Council recessed in Camera at 7:40 p.m. to discuss the Wall of Fame Nominees, Chamber of Commerce MOU, YMCA Lease, NextGen Leadership Society Board Membership, and the Cape Breton Municipal Meeting.

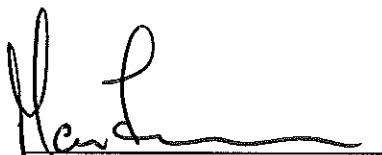
The Committee of the Whole Meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

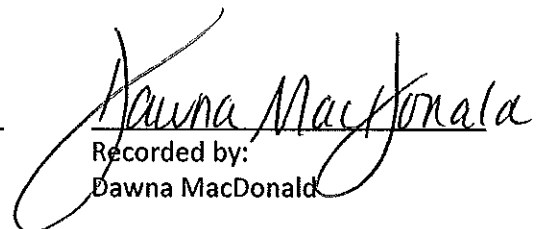
MOVED by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton, and **SECONDED** by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "To approve the In Camera discussions relating to the Wall of Fame Nominees, Chamber of Commerce MOU, YMCA Lease, NextGen Leadership Society Board Membership, and the Cape Breton Municipal Meeting".
MOTION CARRIED.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Deputy Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton, and **SECONDED** by Councilor Dr. T. Boudreau "To adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 9:35 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Oct 2, 2013
Date


Approved by:
Maris Freimanis, CAO


Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald