

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, July 12, 2017**

Present

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Councillor, Hughie MacDougall
Councillor, Mark MacIver
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen
Town Solicitor, Patrick Lamey (Alternate)

Regrets

Deputy Mayor, Trevor Boudreau
Councillor, Jeremy White
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

1. Call to Order

A Special Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in Shannon Studio, PHCC, Tuesday, July 12, 2017 and called to order by Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton at 1:05 p.m.

2. Additions to Agenda

- i. Yard Sales/Flea Markets – Irving Property, Embree Island – Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton
- ii. Seniors Assessment Survey – CAO, T. Doyle/Director, P. Davis
- iii. Lease/Purchase – Parks and Recreational Vehicle – Finance Director, E. MacEachen
- iv. In Camera Item – Legal Issue – Councillor M. MacIver

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councillor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councillor H. MacDougall “to approve the agenda with four additions”. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Asphalt Rehabilitation

CAO, T. Doyle provided a recap from the Committee of the Whole, June 13, of targeted areas of streets requiring varying degrees of asphalt rehabilitation. Patching is proceeding but is somewhat affected by vacation scheduling. Additional rehabilitation on Queen Street and Hemlock Street is required at a cost of \$37,700 which may fall within the asphalt patching budget of \$75,000. Discussion included the potential for additional asphalt paving funding to come from a federal government infrastructure program. CAO, T. Doyle confirmed that a patch job can take place at the Paint Street lower entrance to the Industrial Park.

Councillor MacDougall was concerned with residents’ calls on the conditions of our streets. He indicated that potholes didn’t happen recently and a request during budget deliberations to further address this issue was turned down. He added that \$25,000 was cut from the asphalt patching budget when additional funding is now required.

E. MacEachen stated the original asphalt patching budget of \$100,000 was reduced to \$75,000. This reduction would tie into the funding for the Pitt St. and Napean St. rehabilitation project. Councillor MacDougall appreciated the upcoming rehabilitation to Pitt St. and Napean St. but is concerned with all Town streets. His preference was to delay approving the 2017-2018 budget to thoroughly discuss the asphalt patching in Town.

MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall “to approve the funding request of \$37,700 to be budgeted from the operating reserve should there be a shortfall in the asphalt patching budget”. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Tamarac Booster Station

The Town considered several options to increase the water pressure to homeowners in Tamarac and Pinecrest Drive. A map was shown identifying the location of a new check valve and the proposed new line routing to provide extra water pressure to 19 homeowners at a cost of approximately \$42,000. Councilor H. MacDougall inquired if this reconstruction will rectify the low water pressure for these homeowners. The 19 homes as well as all homes in Tamarac will have increased water pressure.

Council agreed to take a question from the gallery regarding the new target water pressure. The increased water pressure is expected to be between 40-50 lbs. at the pump but is dependent on the home’s elevation. Homes situated on a higher elevation would receive less pressure. Different water pressure can also be attributed to the size of each homeowner’s pipes and valves.

MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor M. MacIver “to approve funding of \$42,000 as part of the Tamarac Booster Station reconstruction to increase water pressure to home owners in Tamarac and Pinecrest Drive”. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Port Hawkesbury Airport Update

A Fixed Base Operator Agreement was signed with Celtic Air Services Limited to begin operating at the Port Hawkesbury Airport July 15, 2017. Al MacDonald, Airmac Enterprises Inc. will be retained to monitor and assist with the startup. Councilor MacDougall confirmed from CAO T. Doyle that the private plane users should see no changes to their landing fees, services and access.

7. Approved Additions

i. Yard Sales/Flea Markets – Irving Property, Embree Island – Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton

Mayor Chisholm-Beaton discussed the safety concerns, illegal parking and impact on traffic resulting from the yard sales/flea markets occurring on the Irving Oil property on Embree Island. In addition, these vendors do not have vending permits which is in violation of the Town’s Vending By-law. The Mayor spoke with J. Bain, Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC) who indicated that this is a Town issue as the property is within Town limits.

Discussion included implementing a special constable or by-law enforcement officer to issue fines, posting notices on the property, speaking directly to the vendors, an alternate and safer location for the yard sales/flea markets, contacting Irving Oil to confirm their responsibility, as well as inviting a representative from Irving Oil to attend a meeting. A meeting will be scheduled to include representation from Irving Oil, the RCMP, NSTIR, EDPC, PHVFD and staff to discuss this issue.

ii. Seniors Assessment Survey

P. Davis provided information on a Seniors Assessment Survey that will be conducted to identify gaps in services and infrastructure for seniors residing in the Town of Port Hawkesbury. A preliminary questionnaire will be provided to Council for their input.

iii. Lease/Purchase of Parks and Recreational Vehicle – Finance Director, E. MacEachen
The Parks and Recreation two wheel drive truck lease expires in August. E. MacEachen recommended leasing a new four wheel drive vehicle which would require less maintenance and would retain more equity than leasing another two wheel drive vehicle.

MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall “to accept the recommendation of E. MacEachen to lease/purchase a new four wheel drive vehicle for Parks and Recreation”. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councilor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor M. MacIver “to recess In Camera at 2:00 p.m. to discuss a legal issue”. MOTION CARRIED.

The Special Public Meeting reconvened at 2:40 p.m. with no motions resulting from In Camera discussions.

8. Adjournment

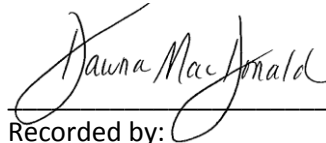
MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor H. MacDougall “to adjourn the Special Public Meeting at 2:40 p.m.” MOTION CARRIED.

September 6, 2017

Date



Approved by:
CAO, Terry Doyle, P.Eng.



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald
Communications & Administrative Officer