

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting
April 3, 2018**

Present

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Deputy Mayor, Hughie MacDougall
Councilor, Trevor Boudreau
Councilor, Mark MacIver
Councilor, Jeremy White
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Paula Davis
Town Solicitor, Larry Evans

Regrets

Director, John Bain – Eastern District Planning Commission

Guests

WSP – Greg Zwicker
Port Hawkesbury Volunteer Fire Department – Curtis Doucet, Fire Chief and Angus Doiron, Volunteer Fireman

1. A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in Shannon Studio, PHCC, Tuesday, April 3, 2018 and called to order by Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton at 7:00 p.m.
2. Additions / Approval of Agenda
 - i. First Reading – Zoning Changes – Councilor T. Boudreau

MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor J. White “to approve the agenda with one addition”. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Gallery Presentations

i. Destination Reeves Street (DRS) Streetscape Design Update – Greg Zwicker, WSP
Mr. Zwicker’s presentation included WSP’s project objectives, the study area key issues relating to safety, components of road diets, and addressing road diet misconceptions. Examples of best practices for bicycle lane configuration, the DRS Concept Plan, WSP’s alternative design options, and next steps for the project were also discussed. A Council question and answer period followed addressing barriers between vehicles and bicycles, and road diet examples that were unsuccessful and not part of a provincial highway. Mr. Zwicker will provide Council with references for the road diet misconceptions he presented.

ii. Port Hawkesbury Volunteer Fire Department (PHVFD) – Curtis Doucet and Gus Doiron
Mr. Doiron read a statement to Council on behalf of the PHVFD. Fire Chief, C. Doucet addressed the department’s concerns with the DRS project relating to response time to an incident or to the fire hall in personal and emergency vehicles, traffic control, and safety on Reeves Street. The potential for bottlenecking and splintering of traffic should the project proceed was raised and Sections 9.1 (Emergency Vehicle Positioning) and 9.2 (Buffer Zones) of the NS Emergency Responders Traffic Management Guidelines were referenced. A Council question and answer period followed on how currently Reeves Street can be made safer. Fire Chief Doucet accepted the Mayor’s invitation to sit on an Emergency Personnel Committee.

4. Acknowledgements

- 75th Anniversary – Port Hawkesbury Volunteer Fire Department (PHVFD)
Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton congratulated the PHVFD on their 75th anniversary. The PHVFD will host a formal event in October.
- Allen (Al) MacDonald – Airmac Enterprises Inc.
CAO, T. Doyle acknowledged the contributions of Al MacDonald, Airmac Enterprises Inc. who retired March 31, 2018 after more than 35 years of service and management of The Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport (formerly the Port Hawkesbury Airport).

5. Approval of Council Minutes

Public Meeting – March 6, 2018

There were no errors or omissions.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Council Committee Reports

Report of Committee of the Whole – March 20, 2018

- a) The Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport (formerly Port Hawkesbury Airport) – Snow Removal Contract
MOVED by Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor T. Boudreau “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the request by Celtic Air Services Limited to conduct their own snow removal operations for 2019 at The Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport”. MOTION CARRIED.
- b) Letter of Support – Inverness County Home Support Society
MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor J. White “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the letter of support to Hon. Randy Delorey, Minister of Health and Wellness, on behalf of the Inverness County Home Support Society”. MOTION CARRIED.
- c) Borrowing Resolutions
MOVED by Councilor J. White and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves a borrowing resolution for the Pitt St. and Napean St. Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$750,000”. MOTION CARRIED.
MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor J. White “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves a borrowing resolution for the Balloon Payment Refinancing in the amount of \$262,500”. MOTION CARRIED.
- d) Letter to Premier Stephen McNeil – Amendment to Chapter 18, MGA
MOVED by Councilor J. White and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the letter to Premier Stephen McNeil expressing the Town’s concerns and opposition to the proposed amendment to Chapter 18 of the MGA”. MOTION CARRIED.

e) Letter of Support – Strait Area Women’s Place

MOVED by Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor M. MacIver “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves a letter of support for the Strait Area Women’s Place”. MOTION CARRIED.

f) Letter of Response – Civic Centre Refresh

MOVED by Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall and SECONDED by Councilor J. White “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves a letter of response to a resident regarding the Civic Centre Refresh”. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole – March 20, 2018

MOVED by Councilor J. White and SECONDED by Councilor M. MacIver “to approve the March 20, 2018 minutes of the Committee of the Whole”.

8. Correspondence

- Strait of Canso Superport Corporation - Amendment to Chapter 18, MGA
- Minister Mark Furey – Response to Cannabis Retail Locations

Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton delivered the correspondence.

9. Proclamations/Resolutions

There were no proclamations or resolutions.

10. Other Business

a) Utility Adjustments – Request to Write-off

- Account No. 011304.00 \$ 402.98
- Account No. 033146.00 \$1,696.88

MOVED by Councilor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor J. White “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury writes-off the balances and accrued interest for Utility Account No. 011304.00 in the amount of \$402.98 and Utility Account No. 033146.00 in the amount of \$1,696.88”. MOTION CARRIED.

b) Curbside Spring Clean-up Date – Information Item

The 2018 Town of Port Hawkesbury Curbside Spring Clean-up is scheduled Monday, May 7 to Friday, May 11. All information for the spring clean-up will be advertised on the Town website, through social media and in The Reporter.

c) Leaf and Yard Waste Site Opening and Closure Dates – Information Item

The Leaf and Yard Waste Site on Crandall Road will open Saturday, May 5 and close Saturday, November 17. Information for the leaf and yard waste site will be advertised on the Town website, through social media and in The Reporter.

d) Expense Report – March

CAO, T. Doyle reviewed the March Expense Report for the Mayor, Council and CAO. The total expenses for the month of March were \$723.37. Expense reports are posted on the Town website.

11. Approved Additions

First Reading – Zoning Changes – 100 Reeves St. Property (PID #50303437)

MOVED by Councilor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor M. MacIver “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves First Reading to re-designate the entire property of 100 Reeves St. (PID #50303437) from the current mixed commercial and residential designations to industrial and by concurrently rezoning the property to Mixed Use (M1)”. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Councilor T. Boudreau and SECONDED by Councilor M. MacIver “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury approves the Public Hearing date of May 1, 2018 at 6:30 p. m. in Shannon Studio for the Second Reading of Zoning Changes – 100 Reeves St. Property (PID #50303437)”. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Future Meetings

The future meetings of Town Council are scheduled as follows:

- Committee of the Whole Tuesday, April 17, 2018
- Public Meeting Tuesday, May 1, 2018
- Committee of the Whole Tuesday, May 15, 2018

13. Public Question Period

Destination Reeves Street Questions

Gus Doiron

Mr. Doiron inquired about why there was a difference in the type of vehicle in the two cross sectional diagrams in the WSP presentation. G. Zwicker indicated this was a rendering with no intention to mislead, and the drawing was conceptual.

Danny MacIntosh

Mr. MacIntosh inquired if electronic units and cameras were considered as an option to regulate and reduce speed on Reeves Street. CAO T. Doyle stated NSTIR has been requested to install speed indicator signs and cameras. To our knowledge, legislation is not available to the RCMP to ticket based on this technology.

Adam King

Mr. King inquired if Council was in favor of the Destination Reeves Street Project. The Mayor indicated yes by unanimous consent. He also inquired if a road diet project similar to the Town’s topography could be provided. G. Zwicker, WSP stated it was difficult to find a similar example. Councilor M. MacIver stated he did not support the project because he did not have all of the information. Until he receives all of the information, he is not in support of the project. Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall stated he did not recall any motions of Council relating to the DRS project. CAO T. Doyle indicated he would research motions passed by Council and report back.

Adrian Wardell

Mr. Wardell noted that referencing bike lanes in Bloor St., Toronto was not a proper comparison to Reeves Street. WSP’s G. Zwicker stated it was difficult to find a similar comparison which is why this is a pilot project.

Dave Ryan

Mr. Ryan inquired what percentage of bicycle use will be derived from the project. As a pilot project, WSP’s G. Zwicker stated this is not known at this time.

Loretta Train

Ms. Train inquired if a questionnaire on bike lane use was circulated to residents or to the NSCC. P. Davis stated a Senior Needs Assessment was conducted and included questions on transportation and accessibility needs, wellness and recreational services. The Mayor stated there has been much discussion with NSCC students on safe access from the Town to the campus. Additionally, students staged a walk that was halted by the RCMP because of safety issues. The students are in support of the project and the active transportation lane.

Don King

Mr. King inquired if Council had knowledge of a potential closure of the Seal Island Bridge and what affect this could have on Reeves Street traffic? CAO T. Doyle spoke with NSTIR who indicated there are no plans to close the Seal Island Bridge.

Danielle Boucher

Ms. Boucher requested clarification on a WSP bike lane design. She stated it was not appreciated how many members use their personal vehicles and that the reduction in speed would affect their ability to respond to an incident. CAO T. Doyle noted that concerns raised are valid and that Council will work with members from all emergency response groups, NSTIR, and WSP Consulting to fully consider points raised through the design process, and make changes if required.

Jason Aucoin

Response to Strait of Canso Superport Corporation – Amendment to Chapter 18, MGA

Mr. Aucoin inquired why the issue of the Amendment to Chapter 18, MGA was not addressed by Council sooner and if a member of Council was in attendance at a meeting in Port Hawkesbury or Halifax with elected officials in which they could address this very important issue. Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton indicated that the Town expressed their views through the Strait Area Mayors and Wardens Committee. The Chair of that committee attended the Provincial Law Amendment Committee meeting on behalf of that group.

14. Adjournment

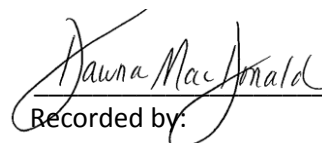
MOVED by Councilor M. MacIver and SECONDED by Councilor J. White “that the Town of Port Hawkesbury adjourns the April 3, 2018 Public Meeting at 8:52 p.m.”. MOTION CARRIED.

May 1, 2018

Date



Approved by:
Terry Doyle, P.Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer



Recorded by:
Dawna MacDonald