
The quarterly meeting of the Town of Mahone Bay's Asset Management Committee was held on Thursday, July 15th, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via videoconference.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne

Deputy Mayor F. Kangata

CAO D. Heide

Manager of Finance L. Wentzell

Manager of Public Works & Transportation J. Uhlman (left at 1:20 p.m.)

Climate & Energy Coordinator K. Dorey

B. Lewis

D. Waterfield

Absent:

Councilor R. Nowe (Regrets)

T. Merry (Regrets)

L. Hennigar

M. Blair

Gallery: NONE

Approval of Agenda

A motion by B. Lewis, seconded by D. Waterfield, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended."

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion by B. Lewis, seconded by D. Waterfield, "THAT the minutes of the June 17th, 2021 Asset Management Committee be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Natural Assets Discussion

CAO Dylan Heide provided the committee with a brief summary of the conversations had during the June 2021 Asset Management Committee regarding Natural Assets. The committee then continued the discussion on this asset class surrounding data collection of natural assets. Sources of funding - or other support - for data collection discussed and it was agreed that possible partnerships with various community groups could be a valuable resource to explore in this regard.

Stormwater Assets Discussion

Stormwater Assets were then discussed by the Committee and it was mentioned that Mahone Bay has two kinds of stormwater to consider; coastal stormwater from rising sea levels and storms, and overland stormwater from large rainfalls and developments impacting the natural flow of rain water.

Committee members discussed how stormwater management on private properties impacts the Town's wastewater and stormwater systems (and neighboring properties). Members also discussed expansion of the Town's stormwater systems which currently do not serve all areas of the community; there was a general consensus that there could be a link to the Local Improvement By-Law and the Town could work with property owners to support property owners in connecting their property drainage to new stormwater systems.

Conversation then turned to Coastal Stormwater and the Edgewater Street Shoreline project - proposed in 2016 - which the Town is currently waiting on external funding to proceed with (ideally 93% funded with external sources with the Town being required to fund 7% of the total project costs, as per the federal government's Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Small Communities Component). Currently, the Town is undertaking a pilot project (Living Shoreline Project) with Coastal Action to tackle a small section of the overall coastal project while awaiting the necessary Provincial and Federal funding to execute the entire project; K. Dorey demonstrated the online 3D model - developed to illustrate the need for shoreline improvement and the proposed project - to committee members.

Training Opportunities

NSFM Training is still available for interested members. If members have difficulty accessing this training, it was noted to contact the CAO for assistance.

Committee Membership

It was noted to the Committee that Lynn Hennigar and Michael Blair have tendered their resignations from the committee (both citing personal reasons) and that staff will advertise to fill these vacancies according to normal practice.

A motion by B. Lewis, seconded by Deputy Mayor F. Kangata, “**THAT the committee accept the resignation of L. Hennigar and M. Blair and issue a letter of thanks for their participation in the Asset Management Committee.**” **Motion carried.**

Committee Next Meeting Dates & Times

September 16th, 2021 at 1:00 PM

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 2:57 PM

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Mayor David Devenne

Luke Wentzell, Committee Secretary