

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne
Deputy Mayor K. Nauss
Councillor J. Bain
Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor R. Nowe
Deputy Clerk M. Hughes

Regrets:

Councillor P. Carver

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Minutes

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the Minutes of the January 9, 2018 regular meeting be approved as presented.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT the Minutes of the January 10, 2018 special meeting be approved as presented.”** Motion carried.

Delegations and Individuals

Tina Hennigar – NOW Lunenburg County

Tina Hennigar, Population Growth Coordinator for NOW Lunenburg County, gave a presentation to Council reviewing her 2017 cross-country trip. Ms. Hennigar discussed current initiatives of NOW Lunenburg County including a community engagement session to discuss how to best recruit doctors on February 13, 2018.

NOW Lunenburg County asked that the Town of Mahone Bay partner with them through pledging a donation to their program.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the request for funding from NOW Lunenburg County be referred to the budget process”.** Motion carried.

Cpl. Dave Ferguson– RCMP Quarterly Report

Cpl. David Ferguson presented the September – December 2017 RCMP Quarterly Report to Council. Cpl Ferguson highlighted statistics and key events which occurred in the district during the quarter as well as annual statistics as part of the RCMP’s Annual Statistics Report.

Adam Ekins, Deputy Chief – Mahone Bay Volunteer Fire Department Quarterly Report
Councillor Nowe declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the Council table.

Mr. Ekins presented the Mahone Bay Volunteer Fire Department's Quarterly Report. The appointment of a new fire chief was the biggest change for the fire department in the last quarter. The Fire Department requested an update from Council on the current status of the Facilities Working Group project, finding a resolution to issues surrounding the current Fire Department building.

Following Mr. Ekins' report, Councillor Nowe returned to the Council table.

Correspondence – Information Items

1. Chad McCharles, Rector of St. James Anglican Church, with a request for a crosswalk flag kit to be installed at the crosswalk near St. James Anglican church.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council approve the installation of a crosswalk flag kit at the crosswalk in front of St. James Anglican Parish, provided a trustee group agrees to maintain the flags at this location”**.

Motion carried.

Committee and Other Reports

Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Region 6 Solid Waste Management

Council received information from Region 6 Solid Waste Management regarding film plastic, including definitions, an outline of the current concerns regarding film plastic, an update on current discussions considering plastic bag bans and a reminder to encourage residents to keep recycling as markets exist for 95% of materials captured in blue bag recycling.

Council also received the proposed 2018/19 Region 6 Budget.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council approve the 2018/19 Region 6 budget in the amount of \$782,160 with the Town's share being \$941.17.”**

Motion carried.

South Shore Regional Library – October 17, 2018

Council received the minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting of the South Shore Regional Library Board.

Motions

Solid Waste Management Bylaw #46

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, Seconded by Councillor Bain, **“I move for the 2nd reading of and adoption of the Amended Solid Waste Management Bylaw and that a copy be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs”.** **Motion carried.**

Solar Connectivity Policy

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, Seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council approve the Solar Connectivity Policy”.** **Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business

Crosswalk Flag Feedback

The Deputy Clerk summarized the feedback that has been received on the Town’s crosswalk flags. The feedback for the flags that were placed near the school, crossing Main Street at Clearway Street, has been mostly positive; the feedback for the flags at the crosswalk crossing Main Street at Pleasant Street has been lukewarm.

The Town initially purchased three kits but only two have been installed, as a trustee group has not been identified for the third approved location for a kit, crossing Pleasant Street at Main Street. The third crosswalk flag kit will now be placed at the crosswalk in front of St James Anglican Church on Edgewater Street following Council’s approval of a request once crosswalk flag trustees are identified for that location.

New Business

Appointing of Fire/Building Inspector

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the Town of Mahone Bay appoint Erin Schurman-Kolb as a Building and Fire Inspector, effective January 30, 2018”.** **Motion carried.**

Signing Authority

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Mayor David Devenne or Deputy Mayor Karl Nauss or Councillor John Bain, along with the CAO, James A. Wentzell, or Manager of Accounting, Luke Wentzell, be the signing authorities for the Town of Mahone Bay in respect to financial matters for the Town of Mahone Bay.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Mayor David Devenne or Deputy Mayor Karl Nauss or Councillor John Bain, along with the CAO, James A. Wentzell, or the Deputy Clerk, Maureen Hughes, be the signing authorities for the Town of Mahone Bay in respect to administrative matters for the Town of Mahone Bay”**. **Motion carried.**

Special Election

Council received a Memo from the Deputy Clerk outlining the date options for the upcoming special election.

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council set the date of April 7, 2018 for a Special Election in Mahone Bay and that March 29, 2018 be set as the first advanced poll for the Special Election in the Town of Mahone Bay”**.

Motion carried.

Age Friendly Communities Grant Application

The Deputy Clerk discussed a proposed application to the Age Friendly Community Grant provided by the Nova Scotia Department of Seniors. Several local organizations that provide support and/or services to seniors in Lunenburg County are preparing a grant application for this fund but one municipality must be listed as the host community for this application. Councillor Carver, a representative of the Town of Mahone Bay with these organizations, has requested that Council approve listing the Town of Mahone Bay as the host community.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council approve in principle an application to the Age-friendly Communities Grant Program to facilitate the creation of an Age-friendly Region by developing strategies to improve collaboration, communication and information sharing among those who support seniors in Lunenburg County.** **Motion carried.**

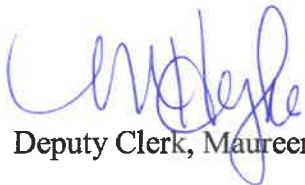
A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, to go In Camera at 8:10 pm, to discuss personnel matters as permitted by the MGA 22(2)(e) and (c). **Motion carried.**

Staff was not present for the In Camera Session on personnel matters.

Council returned to open session at 8:56 pm

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned upon motion at 8:56 pm.

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Deputy Clerk, Maureen Hughes

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Mayor, David Devenne