

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 7:25 p.m.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne
Deputy Mayor K. Nauss
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor R. Nowe
Acting CAO, M. Hughes
Director of Operations, D. MacKenzie

Regrets:

Councillor J. Bain

Gallery: 1

Order of the Day

Recognition of James A. Wentzell

Mayor David Devenne gave recognition to former CAO James A. Wentzell, who retired March 31, 2018.

Request for a Decision – Variance Appeal

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council uphold the decision of the Development Officer to grant a variance to Eric Claus to reconstruct a fence to the property line at a height of 2.82m (9.25 ft) along the northwestern side property boundary”.** **Motion carried.**

Minutes

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the Minutes of the March 13, 2018 regular meeting be approved as circulated.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the Minutes of the March 31, 2018 special meeting be approved as circulated.”** **Motion carried.**

A notation that an In Camera meeting was held on March 3, 2018, to discuss contract negotiations and personnel matters, as permitted by the MGA 22(2)(e) and (c).

A notation that an In Camera meeting was held on March 31, 2018, to discuss contract negotiations, as permitted by the MGA 22(2)(e)

Delegations and Individuals

Nancy Green – South Shore Housing Action Coalition

Council received a presentation from the South Shore Housing Action Coalition. Nancy Green, Health Promoter with Public Health Services, shared highlights of the Household, Income and Housing census completed by the South Shore Housing Action Coalition for the Town of Mahone Bay.

Correspondence – Information Items

1. Barb Harris with a letter about the risks associated with hydraulic fracturing.
2. Madison Stoner, Administration and Communications Coordinator with The League of Canadian Poets, with a request for participation in the 2018 Poetry City Challenge.
3. Monique Arsenault, Director of Business Relations and Innovation with the Province of Nova Scotia's Department of Business, with a letter concerning recent government funding to increase internet speeds and accessibility throughout the Province.
4. Penny Carver, Councillor for the Town of Mahone Bay, with an update on the Dynamite Trail Association's AGM which took place on March 26, 2018.
5. Ron Dauphinee, Municipal Advisor with the Department of Municipal Affairs, with information about the changes to the Smoke Free Places Act.
6. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft, Resident of the Town of Mahone Bay, with a letter concerning flooding issues on Main Street.
7. UNSM with information about the upcoming South Shore – HRM Regional Meeting.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the correspondence numbered 1–7 be received and filed.”** **Motion carried.**

Correspondence – Action Items

1. Deping Chian, Falun Dafa Association Halifax, with a request that Council make a proclamation for the anniversary of Falun Dafa.

Staff was directed to advise Deping Chian that it is the policy of the Town of Mahone Bay that Council does not issue Proclamations.

2. Fran O'Hagan, Chair of the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce, with a request that the Town's comfort stations be open during the 2018 cruise ship season.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the request from the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce to open the two Town Comfort Stations during the 2018 Cruise Ship Season, from April 22 to November 6, be referred to the budget process.”** **Motion carried.**

3. Geoff Stewart, President of UNSM with a request for Council feedback on UNSM priorities for 2018.

Council will forward their requested priorities to staff, discussion of these suggested priorities will be added to the April 26th meeting of Town Council.

4. Geoff Stewart, President of UNSM with a request that Nova Scotia Municipalities include the discussion of UNSM Priorities on council agendas.

5. Lynn Hennigar, Town Resident, with a request for council to consider a single tax rate.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the request from Lynn Hennigar regarding a single tax rate be referred to the budget discussions.”**

Motion carried.

Committee and Other Reports

Director of Operations – Department Report

Council received a departmental report from Derrick MacKenzie, Director of Operations. Highlighted in Mr. MacKenzie’s report was an update on the concerns raised by residents of Main Street regarding sewer lines. A camera was lowered into the sewer pipe on Thursday, April 5, 2018 and roots were identified in the line. Once water levels abate, a root cutter will be inserted into the pipe to clear debris from the sewer line.

Mr. MacKenzie was asked about the broken utility pole at the end of Edgewater Street, he informed Council that Bell Aliant has been contacted but there is still no expected replacement date for the pole. Once the pole has been replaced, the mobile speed sign will be remounted.

CAO’s Report

Council received a CAO’s report from Acting CAO, Maureen Hughes. Included in the report were an update on the timeline for the upcoming 2018/2019 budget and audit, and a reminder that the next Council meeting on April 26, 2018 will be held at Bayview Community School. Council was informed that the Town’s new Councillor-elect, Colleen O’Neill, will be sworn in at that meeting.

Cemetery Commission

Council received the minutes of the March 26, 2018 meeting of the Cemetery Commission. At the March 26th meeting, the commission passed a motion to refer a request for funding to the budget process.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT the budget items request from the Cemetery Commission be referred to the budget process.”**

Motion carried.

Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the minutes of the March 14, 2018 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

2017/18 Annual Subdivision Report

Council received the 2017/2018 Annual Subdivision Report from the Town's Planning and Development Office.

2017/18 Annual Development Permit Report

Council received the 2017/18 Annual Development Permit Report from the Town's Planning and Development Office.

Municipal Finance Corporation – Quarterly newsletter – March 2018

Council received the March 2018 quarterly newsletter from the Municipal Finance Corporation.

REMO Budget 2018/19

Council received REMO's 2018/19 proposed budget.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the 2018/19 Budget for REMO be approved in the amount of \$106,000 with the Town of Mahone Bay share being \$2,663.92.”** **Motion carried.**

Municipal Joint Services Board

Council received the minutes of the January 24, 2018 meeting of the Municipal Joint Services Board.

Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program February and March 2018

Council received the February 2018 and March 2018 reports from the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program.

Province of Nova Scotia – 2018 Departmental Business Plan

Council received the Province of Nova Scotia's 2018 Departmental Business Plan.

UNSM Initiatives Report March 2018 and Board Report 2018

Council received the UNSM's 2018 Initiatives Report and 2018 Board Report.

Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation – Sewage Options Project

Council received the Sewage Options Project Report that was prepared by Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation for the Town of Mahone Bay. This report addresses the issue of straight pipes within the Town and suggests solutions to remedy them.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the Sewage Options Report provided by Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation be accepted and that Council request a presentation from the author of the report to discuss the content and recommendations.”** **Motion carried.**

Rural NS Health Crisis Work Group Press Statement

Councillor Carver requested that members of Council continue to support her participation in the Rural NS Health Crisis Work Group.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council support Councillor Carver’s continued participation in the Rural NS Health Crisis Work Group.”**
Motion carried.

Joint Planning and Implementation Steering Committee

Council received a draft Memorandum of Understanding for Joint Service Delivery for Building/Fire/Dangerous and Unsightly Services. Acting CAO, Maureen Hughes, advised Council that the MOU had been forwarded to partner councils on the recommendation from the Joint Planning and Implementation Steering Committee.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Joint Service Delivery for Building/Fire/Dangerous and Unsightly services, as provided by the Joint Planning and Implementation Steering Committee, and that the Mayor and Acting CAO be authorized to sign the (MOU).”**
Motion carried.

Notice of Motions

Draft Fire Inspection Policy

Notice was given that the Draft Fire Inspection policy will be revisited at the April 26, 2018 Council Meeting.

Motions

Routine Access Policy

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council approve the Routine Access Policy.”**
Motion carried.

Records Management Policy

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council approve the Records Management Policy.”**
Motion carried.

CAO Policy

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council approve the CAO Policy.”**
Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Election Update

Council received an update on the results of the recent Special Election. The official statistics will be forwarded to Council.

Legislative Framework for Legalization of Recreational Cannabis
Council received a fact sheet related to the Cannabis Control Act.

New Business

2018/19 Heritage Development Fund (Built Heritage)

Council received information on the 2018/19 Heritage Development Fund from Kevin Barrett, Coordinator of the Heritage Property Program. Staff will forward this information to the Heritage Advisory Committee and the Heritage Property owners in the Town of Mahone Bay.

12 Month Notice under MGA – Additional Officer Program

Council received a letter from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, Public Safety and Security division, providing twelve months' notice that the Additional Officer Program may experience changes including both structure and functions on or after April 1, 2019.

2018 Kilometrage Rates

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council approve a kilometrage rate for Town use of personal vehicles at the rate of 44.15 cents per kilometer, effective April 11, 2018.”** **Motion carried.**

Accounts

A motion by Councilor Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the accounts be approved in the amount of \$411,432.50.** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, to go In Camera at 9:28 to discuss contract negotiations as permitted by the MGA 22(2)(e). Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe to Rise and Report at 9:54 pm.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Acting CAO to sign the Cost-Effective Wholesale Energy Supply Agreement between Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA) and the Town of Mahone Bay.”** **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 9:55 p.m.

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