

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor J. Feeney
Councillor K. Wilson
Councillor J. Bain
Councillor K. Nauss
Councillor L. Hennigar
Councillor P. Carver
CAO J. Wentzell
Deputy Clerk M. Hughes

Regrets: Deputy Mayor D. Devenne

Gallery: Five

Minutes

A Motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Hennigar, **“THAT the Minutes of the March 8, 2016 regular meeting be approved as presented.”** Motion carried

A Motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Nauss, **“THAT the Minutes of the March 29, 2016 Special Council meeting be approved as amended.”** Motion carried

A Motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Nauss, **“THAT the Minutes of the March 29, 2016 Public Hearing regarding proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw be approved as presented.”** Motion carried

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A Motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Nauss, **“THAT the Minutes of the March 29, 2016 Public Hearing regarding the proposed Development Agreement for 363 Main Street be approved as presented.”** Motion carried

A Motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Nauss, **“THAT the Minutes of the March 29, 2016 Public Hearing regarding the proposed Development Agreement for 629 Main Street be approved as presented.”** Motion carried

Council met In Camera on March 8, 2016 to discuss contract negotiations as permitted under Section 22(2)(e) of the Municipal Government Act.

Delegations and/or Invited Guests

Bob Youden, MADE for Mahone Bay – Proposed Development

Bob Youden, of MADE for Mahone Bay discussed a proposed development for low income housing that he would like to build on a lot behind Cara Lane.

A motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the request from MADE for Mahone Bay Ltd to enter into a development agreement for the construction of a total of 26 apartments on property known as PID 60374493, accessible from Cara Lane, be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee and the Planner for study and recommendation back to Council.”** **Motion carried.**

Siew Secord, Municipal Joint Services Board – 2016/17 Budget and IT MOU

Siew Secord, COO, presented the proposed 2016/17 Capital and Operating Budget for the Municipal Joint Services Board.

A motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council approve the Solid Waste, IT and HR Shared Services budget in the amount of \$4,295,516 for 2016/17 with the understanding that solid waste tipping fees will remain the same for 2016/17.”** **Motion carried.**

Ms. Secord presented the proposed Schedule 2 Memorandum of Understanding, IT Services, as an amendment to the Municipal Joint Services Board Inter-Municipal Agreement.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Hennigar, **“THAT Council approve Schedule 2 Memorandum of Understanding, IT Shared Services, as an amendment to the current Municipal Joint Services Board Inter-municipal Agreement and that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign this amendment on behalf of the Town.”** **Motion carried.**

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from:

1. Lisa MacDonald, Nova Scotia Power, with a notification that Nova Scotia Power Inc has filed a Rate Stability Plan with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.
2. Siew Secord, COO, Municipal Joint Services Board, notifying partner Councils of two new employees of the Municipal Joint Services Board: Derrick Foster, IT Project Coordinator and Senior Technician; and Claudia Winterhalter, HR Manager (one year term).
3. Tracy Verbeke, UNSM, with information regarding the FCM Annual Conference in Winnipeg from June 2-5, 2016 and notification that the FCM 2016 Board of Directors election period is now open.
4. Wanda Fletcher, Nova Scotia Department of Justice, with information about the anticipated costs of the RCMP, including a 3.9% increase over the 2015/16 costs.

A motion by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Hennigar, **“THAT the above correspondence, numbered 1 – 4, be received and filed.”** **Motion carried.**

5. Anna Roch, Seniors Navigator Project Coordinator, Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia, inviting the Town of Mahone Bay to participate in the Seniors Navigator Project discussion.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Hennigar, **“THAT the email from the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia inviting the Town to participate in future discussions with the Seniors Navigator Project be referred to the Town’s Age Friendly Committee.”** **Motion carried.**

Committee & Other Reports

Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the minutes of the March 9, 2016 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Age Friendly Committee

Council received the minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting of the Age Friendly Committee.

Harbour Development Committee

Council received the minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting of the Harbour Development Committee. Councillor Wilson highlighted the Mahone Bay Mooring Authority Mooring Grid Management Plan which had been discussed at the March 22nd meeting and had been circulated to Council.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nauss, **“THAT Council accept the recommendation of the Harbour Development Committee and that Council use the Mahone Bay Mooring Grid Management Plan as a guideline when discussing the possibility of the Town of Mahone Bay as the authority to manage the Mahone Bay Harbour Resource with the Department of Natural Resources.”** **Motion carried.**

South Shore Regional Library Board

Council received the minutes of the March 2, 2016 meeting of the South Shore Regional Library Board.

Municipal Joint Services Board

Council received the minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting of the Municipal Joint Services Board.

South Shore Housing Action Coalition

Council received the minutes of the March 2, 2016 meeting of the South Shore Housing Action Coalition.

Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Advisory Partnership

Council received the minutes of the of the March 29, 2016 meeting of the Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Advisory Partnership. Councillor Carver advised Council that the Seniors Safety Advisory Partnership will be preparing a draft resolution for the UNSM Fall Conference, asking the province to provide consistent funding for Seniors Safety initiatives across the province.

Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Program

Council received the March 2016 monthly report of the Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Program.

Mahone Bay and Area Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Carver provided a verbal update from the Mahone Bay and Area Chamber of Commerce (MBACC), including a reminder of the Annual General Meeting, to be held on April 19th. The April 12, 2016 meeting of the MBACC included information on upcoming festivals and after-hours events to be held in Chester on April 26th, by invitation of the Chester Chamber of Commerce, and in Mahone Bay on April 28th.

REMO

Council received information on the new Shelter-in-Place pamphlet produced by REMO, as well as the proposed REMO budget for 2016/17 and proposed amendments to the REMO Inter-Municipal Emergency Services Agreement.

A motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Nauss, **“THAT Council approve the REMO budget for 2016/17 in the amount of \$91,611 with the Town of Mahone Bay’s share being \$2,327.12.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council approve amendments to the REMO Inter-Municipal Emergency Services Agreement as circulated to members of Council, adding the Town of Lunenburg as a participating party, and that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the Town of Mahone Bay.”** **Motion carried.**

South Shore Tourism Team

Council received a request for renewed funding from the South Shore Tourism Team.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council express support for funding of the South Shore Tourism Team through the South Shore REN operating budget for 2016/17.”** **Motion carried.**

UNSM Towns Caucus

Councillor Carver provided a verbal update of the Towns Caucus meeting held in Truro on April 6, 2016.

Municipal Finance Corporation

Council received the March 2016 Quarterly Newsletter of the Municipal Finance Corporation.

Forum and Symposium on Municipal Structure

Councillor Carver provided a verbal update on the Forum and Symposium on Municipal Structure, held in Truro on April 8, 2016. Councillor Carver advised Council that discussion was focused on what is needed to make decisions regarding structural reform, how to determine what is needed and the process of structural reform.

Unfinished Business

Municipal Government Act Review

Council received copies of proposed ‘housekeeping’ amendments to the Municipal Government Act Review as part of the ongoing process to invite feedback from municipalities on proposed draft amendments.

Request to Update Tree Bylaw

Councillor Carver asked that the Bylaw Review Working Group be asked to consider updating the Town Tree Bylaw. Mayor Feeney advised that the Tree Bylaw is already under consideration by the Bylaw Review Working Group but that the request would be noted.

New Business

Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Edgewater Street Reconstruction Phase II

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Hennigar:

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Town of Mahone Bay, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS clause 65 (aa) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Town of Mahone Bay to expend funds for the purpose of streets, culverts, retaining walls, sidewalks, curbs and gutters;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000) in total for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal

Government Act and that the Town borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

Motion carried.

45 Pleasant Street – Safety Concerns

Concerns were raised regarding the safety of the property at 45 Pleasant Street. The CAO advised Council that he had communicated concerns to the owner who had put a caution tape across the driveway. Council directed the CAO to take steps to remediate the situation and asked for a follow-up report.

Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Staff were asked to research a suitable candidate to act as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer and to return a report to Council.

UNSM Spring Workshop 2016

Information was circulated to Council about the UNSM Spring Workshop, to be held from May 4 – 6, 2016 at the Old Orchard Inn in Greenwich, Nova Scotia.

Abassatours Visit to Mahone Bay

Council received information about an upcoming tour of guides from Ambassatours. For the 2016 tourist season, Ambassatours will be extending their planned stops in Mahone Bay and Council has been invited to send representatives for the lunch with tour guides following their walking tour of Mahone Bay. It was agreed that Councillor Hennigar and Councillor Carver will represent the Town.

Proposed Amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations

Council received draft amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations which are intended to help clarify the application of the Building Code to a home based business and offer consistency of application throughout Nova Scotia.

Physician Recruitment

In response to an invitation for Town representatives to join a community group tasked with working with a Doctor recruitment consultant to address the need for a physician in Mahone Bay, Councillor Hennigar and Councillor Carver agreed to participate in the committee.

Accounts

A motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the accounts n the amount of \$317,064.36 be paid as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:00 p.m.

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CAO, J. Wentzell

Mayor C. J. Feeney