

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 1:45 p.m. in the library of Bayview Community School

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor C. O’Neill
Acting CAO, M. Hughes

Regrets:

Deputy Mayor K. Nauss
Councillor J. Bain

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Order of the Day

Mayor Devenne welcomed the student council of Bayview Community School and thanked them for hosting the Town Council meeting.

Election Results

Acting CAO, Maureen Hughes read the election results from the April 7, 2018 Special Election and declared Colleen O’Neill the successful candidate.

Swearing in of Councillor

Mayor Devenne swore in Colleen O’Neill to the office of Councillor for the Town of Mahone Bay.

Minutes

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the Minutes of the April 10, 2018 regular meeting be approved as circulated.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the Minutes of the April 10, 2018 variance appeal hearing be approved as circulated.”** **Motion carried.**

A notation that an In Camera meeting was held on April 10, 2018, to discuss contract negotiations, as permitted by the MGA 22(2)(e)

Delegations and Individuals

Valerie Hearder – Centennial Celebration of Trees Proposal

Valerie Hearder, member of the Talking About Trees community group, presented a proposal for Mahone Bay’s upcoming 100th anniversary, which included a commemorative tree planting

ceremony and tree planting throughout the Town on public property. A student council member suggested that the Town consider indigenous trees and perhaps fruit and nut trees.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council refer the request for \$5,000 funding for the ‘Centennial Celebration of Trees’ to the budget process as part of a discussion about centennial celebrations.”** **Motion carried.**

Cpl. David Ferguson – RCMP Quarterly Report

Cpl. David Ferguson presented the January – March 2018 Quarterly RCMP Reports to Council. Cpl. Ferguson highlighted key events and statistics from this three-month period. The highlights included information about recent break and enters in the area and updates about community policing initiatives.

Correspondence – Information Items

1. Allen Webber, Warden of the Municipality of the District of Chester, with a notice of withdrawal from the South Shore Regional Enterprise Network.
2. Geoff Stewart, President of the UNSM, with a press release about concerns with cannabis legalization.
3. Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner with information about the investigation of the recent breach of the access to information portal.
4. Randy Delorey, MLA, Minister of Gaelic Affairs, with information about Gaelic Nova Scotia Month.
5. Robert MacDonald, President and CEO of the Lung Association of Nova Scotia and Al-Hamdani, Executive Director of Smoke-Free Nova Scotia, with concerns about the use of cannabis in public spaces.
6. Sadie Toulany, CNSOPB Team Member, with a follow-up from the Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board.
7. Tracy Verbeke, UNSM, with a press release about the recent introduction of legislation that will provide parental accommodation for elected municipal officials.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the correspondence numbered 1–7 be received and filed.”** **Motion carried.**

Correspondence – Action Items

1. Ben Buckwold, Director of Bikeways and Blue Route Implementation for Bicycle Nova Scotia, with a request that a Town of Mahone Bay staff member be nominated to serve on the Project Management Team.

Acting CAO Maureen Hughes told Council that Derrick MacKenzie, Director of Operations, has agreed to represent Mahone Bay on this project management team.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Derrick MacKenzie be appointed to the Project Management Team of the Blue Route Hub Bikeway Study Project.”** **Motion carried.**

Committee and Other Reports

Mahone Bay Fire Department Quarterly Report

Council received the Quarterly Report from the Mahone Bay Fire Department.

Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes

Council received the minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Pool Society Minutes

Council received the minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting of the Pool Society.

Housing Nova Scotia Business Plan 2018-2019

Council received Housing Nova Scotia’s 2018-19 business plan.

UNSM Board report

Council received the UNSM’s April 20, 2018 Board Report.

UNSM Board Initiatives Report

Council received the UNSM’s April 20, 2018 Board Initiatives Report.

Code of Conduct Workshop

Council received a verbal report from Mayor Devenne on the Code of Conduct Workshop that he attended as part of the UNSM and AMANS’ CAO/CEO Forum which took place April 19-20, 2018. Mayor Devenne noted that the UNSM and AMANS are currently in discussions with the Department of Municipal Affairs to develop a Code of Conduct for all Nova Scotia Municipalities.

CAO/CEO Forum

Council received a verbal report from Mayor Devenne on the CAO/CEO Forum that he attended April 19-20, 2018. This Forum was hosted by the UNSM and AMANS and included a facilitated round table discussion for municipal CAO’s and CEO’s to discuss common issues.

Health Care Update

Council received a verbal report from Councillor Carver on the work currently being done by the Healthcare Crisis Committee.

Motions

Fire Inspection Policy

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council approve the Fire Inspection Policy.”** **Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business

UNSM Priorities

Acting CAO Maureen Hughes presented Council with the final list of Council priorities for 2018/19. The UNSM has requested that each municipality rank a list of ten priorities for the 2018/19 year. Ms. Hughes used the Council feedback that she received to put these ten priorities in order. Staff will forward this list to the UNSM.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council accept the priority list as presented and forward to UNSM.”** **Motion carried.**

Strategic Plan Update

Council received a Strategic Plan Quarterly update from Acting CAO Maureen Hughes.

New Business

UNSM Spring Workshop

Council received information about the upcoming UNSM Spring Workshop.

Appointment of Dangerous and Unsightly Bylaw Enforcement Officer

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT Erin Schurman-Kolb be appointed Dangerous and Unsightly Enforcement Officer.”** **Motion carried.**

Governance Training

Council received a list of training sessions that are provided by the Department of Municipal Affairs. Each Councillor will forward their preferred session topics to Ms. Hughes who will then request training for the most popular session topics.

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 3:04 p.m.

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