

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:**

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

**Regrets:** Councillor J. Bain

**Gallery:** Four

**Minutes**

A Motion by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Hennigar, **“THAT the Minutes of the April 28, 2016 regular meeting be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried**

**Delegations and/or Invited Guests**

Rev. Lee Simpson, Three Churches Foundation – Love Mahone Bay

Rev. Lee Simpson, of the Three Churches Foundation, gave a presentation to Council regarding the upcoming Vow Renewal Event, Love Mahone Bay. Rev. Simpson advised Council that the event had been conceived as a way for couples to celebrate a vow renewal in beautiful Mahone Bay, while at the same time raising much needed funds for the Three Churches Foundation to preserve the streetscape of the iconic Three Churches. Included in the presentation was a request for funding for Love Mahone Bay.

A motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Nauss, **“THAT the request from Love Mahone Bay for a grant for \$1000 from the Town for 2016 be approved and included in the annual budget process.”** **Motion carried.**

Michael Graves, Lunenburg County United Way

Michael Graves, Coordinator United Way Lunenburg County, provided Council with an overview of United Way funding in the community in 2015. Mr. Graves discussed poverty rates and the ongoing fundraising of the United Way which is used to re-invest in communities.

**Committee & Other Reports**

Cemetery Commission

Council received the minutes of the April 25, 2016 meeting of the Cemetery Commission.

Age Friendly Committee

Council received meeting notes from a Special Meeting of the Age Friendly Committee, held on May 3, 2016 to discuss spending of remaining funds from the grant received for the Expanding Horizons Conference held in September 2015.

Council heard that the committee recommended the following projects for the use of the remaining grant funds: \$3500 for the purchase of tables and related equipment for donation to the South Shore Public Libraries which would be used for technology education for seniors; and \$1500 for the purchase of in-home safety devices for donation to the Lunenburg county Seniors Safety Program for use in demonstrating safety issues as part of the community education programs and for loan to other programs working with seniors. Both projects were recommended as ways to address improve inclusion of seniors in the community, as identified through the 2015 Conference.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Hennigar, **“THAT Council approve an application to the New Horizons for Seniors Grant Program for the use of the unused funds for two projects that have been endorsed by the Town’s Age Friendly Committee.”**

**Motion carried.**

South Shore Housing Action Coalition

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

Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Program

Council received the April 2016 Monthly Report from the Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Program.

Mahone Bay and Area Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Carver advised Council that a new Board of Directors has been elected for the Mahone Bay and Area Chamber of Commerce.

UNSM Spring Workshop

Deputy Mayor Devenne provided a verbal report on the May 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> UNSM Spring Workshop, held in Wolfville. Highlighted in his report were a session on the MGA in relation to amalgamation/dissolution which was provided by a representative of the NSUARB, and a session on resource management.

**Motion**

Policy #16

A motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Devenne, **“THAT Council approve Chapter 16, Distribution of Town Pins Policy.”**

**Motion carried.**

## Unfinished Business

### 45 Pleasant Street

Council received a report from the CAO in respect to ongoing communication with the owner of 45 Pleasant Street regarding concerns about the safety of the property.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nauss, **“THAT Council request the CAO to issue an Order under Section 344 of the Municipal Government Act to the owner of the property at 45 Pleasant Street to remedy the dangerous condition of the property to a satisfactory condition by June 1, 2016, such that is it no longer dangerous by: posting no trespassing signs on the property; by securing the front wall and roof line to prevent it from collapsing or demolishing the building and removing the debris from the property; and installing caution tape along the front of the building.”** Motion carried.

## New Business

### Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Council discussed ways in which the Town of Mahone Bay could mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation, in 2017. A suggestion for further study was a Seniors Agility Park, which could be built in Jubilee Park. Staff will research Senior Agility Parks and potential funding.

### Amendments to the MGA Supporting Economic Development

Council received information about proposed Commercial Tax Amendments to the Municipal Government Act. The proposed amendments would allow municipalities to designate one or more “commercial development districts.”

When further information becomes available the matter will be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee as such commercial development districts would have to be incorporated in the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy.

### FCM – Donations in Support of Fort McMurray

The CAO advised Council that a memo had been received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding municipal donations to the Red Cross to support the victims of the wild fire in Fort McMurray. Council agreed that residents of Mahone Bay are able to make personal donations to the Red Cross and can donate according to their ability.

Many members of Council and staff have made donations to Fort McMurray through various channels.

## Accounts

A motion by Deputy Mayor Devenne, seconded by Councillor Nauss, **“THAT the accounts in the amount of \$139,104.47 be paid as presented.”** Motion carried.

**Council adjourned upon motion at 8:13 p.m.**

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CAO, J. Wentzell

Mayor C. J. Feeney