

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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 C. O’Neill
Councillor J. Bain

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Minutes

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the Minutes of the May 24, 2018 regular meeting be approved as circulated.”** **Motion carried.**

Correspondence – Information Items

1. Betty MacDonald, Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, with an invitation to a workshop on doctor recruitment.

Councillor Carver and Mayor Devenne will be attending the NSFM’s Doctor Recruitment Workshop.

Correspondence – Action Items

2. Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, Mayor of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, with a request to establish a Joint Municipal Accessibility Committee in order to develop a Joint Accessibility Plan.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the Town of Mahone advise MODL that the Town of Mahone Bay would like to participate in a Joint Municipal Accessibility Committee to develop an Accessibility Plan and will designate a staff member to represent the Town.”** **Motion carried.**

Committee and Other Reports

Director of Operations – Department Report

Council received a monthly departmental report from the Director of Operations, Derrick MacKenzie. Mr. MacKenzie gave Council an update on the sewer issue on West Main Street; Mr. MacKenzie informed Council that Public Works staff is waiting for the water flow to abate before further exploration into the storm sewer can continue.

CAO's Report

Council received the Acting CAO's monthly report. Council discussed the possible composition of a committee that will be created to help plan the Town's Centennial celebration in 2019.

Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board

Council received a report, authored by Councillor O'Neill and Hon. Wilfred P. Moore, concerning the CNSOPB information session which Councillor O'Neill attended in Yarmouth on May 22, 2018. Councillor O'Neill is requesting that Mayor Devenne sign a letter addressed to the Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coastguard voicing concerns about the process through which permission is granted to drill for oil and gas in the waters off the coast of Nova Scotia.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **"THAT Council authorize the mayor to sign a letter to the Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and The Canadian Coastguard calling for a review of the legislation that authorizes the Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board to give permission to oil companies to drill off of the coast of Nova Scotia and to urge the minister to conduct public consultations on the issue of oil drilling off the coast of Nova Scotia."**

Council discussion included concerns about municipalities getting involved in the business of the Federal Government and whether the Town should be authoring such letters.

Councillor Carver withdrew her motion, seconded by Councillor Nowe.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **"THAT the matter of a letter to the Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coastguard be deferred to the June 28, 2018 meeting of Council."** **Motion carried.**

Councillor O'Neill will be present at the June 28th meeting to discuss the matter with the rest of Town Council.

Region 6 Solid Waste Management

Council received the May 2018 Boardroom Brief from Region 6. Council requested that Deputy Mayor Nauss bring information back to Council concerning the current standing of the provincial municipalities request for Extended Product Responsibility (EPR) rebates. This item will be added to the June 28th Council Agenda.

Region 6 – Notes from Regional Chairs' Meetings

Council received the notes from the Regional Chairs' meetings.

South Shore Regional Enterprise Network Liaison and Oversight Committee

Council received the minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting of the SSREN Liaison and Oversight Committee.

Municipal Finance Corporation

Council received the June 2018 Newsletter from the Municipal Finance Corporation.

Nova Scotia High-Speed Internet Initiatives

Council received the Last Mile Strategy, produced by the Nova Scotia Department of Business. This document outlines potential strategies to bring high-speed internet access to 95% of Nova Scotian homes.

Association of Municipal Administrators - Nova Scotia

Council received the minutes of the April 25, 2018 meeting of the South Shore – Association of Municipal Administrators Nova Scotia meeting.

Municipal Joint Services Board

Council receive the minutes of the February 28, 2018, the March 28, 2018 and the April 25, 2018 meetings of the Municipal Joint Services Board.

Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

Council received the May 2018 report of the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program.

Rural Nova Scotia Health Crisis Working Group

Council received the May 14, 2018 report from the Rural Nova Scotia Health Crisis Working Group. Council was informed that the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) will now be covering the hospitality costs incurred during physician site visits.

Notice of Motions

Draft Procurement Policy

Notice was given that the Draft Procurement Policy will be revisited at the June 28, 2018 Council Meeting.

Draft Grants to Organizations Policy

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Draft Credit Card Use Policy

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Repeal – Curfew Bylaw

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT notice be given for the 1st reading of the repeal of the Curfew Bylaw and that a motion be introduced at the July 10, 2018 Town Council meeting to repeal this bylaw.”** **Motion carried.**

Repeal – Mahone Bay Parks and Recreation Committee Bylaw

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT notice be given for the 1st reading of the repeal of the Mahone Bay Parks and Recreation Committee Bylaw and that a motion be introduced at the July 10, 2018 Town Council meeting to repeal this bylaw.”** **Motion carried.**

Repeal – Destruction of Certain Documents Bylaw

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT notice be given for the 1st reading of the repeal of the Destruction of Certain Documents Bylaw and that a motion be introduced at the July 10, 2018 Town Council meeting to repeal this bylaw.”**

Motion carried.

Motions

Fire and Burglar Alarm Bylaw

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“FOR the 2nd reading and adoption of the Fire and Burglar Alarm Bylaw and that a copy of the Bylaw be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs.”**

Motion carried.

Capital Infrastructure Bylaw

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe **“FOR the 2nd reading and adoption of the Capital Infrastructure Bylaw and that a copy of the Bylaw be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs.”**

Motion carried.

Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“FOR the 2nd reading and adoption of the Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw and that a copy of the Bylaw be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs.”**

Motion carried.

New Business

RCMP 2018/2019 Budget

Council received the 2018/19 Budget of the RCMP. Council asked for clarification concerning the line item titled “shared services”. Acting CAO, Maureen Hughes will forward this information to Council.

FCM Special Advocacy Fund

Council received a request for financial support from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Special Advocacy Fund. Council has approved a contribution of \$57.50 in the Town’s 2018/19 Budget.

Western Regional Housing Authority

Council received a letter from Housing Nova Scotia – Western Regional Housing Authority, requesting payment of the Town’s share of the 2017-2018 net operating losses, as it relates to senior and/or family projects located within Mahone Bay. Council requested that a member of the Western Regional Housing Authority give a presentation on the work of their organization at a future Council meeting.

Beautification and Streetscaping Grant

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT the Town of Mahone Bay submit a grant application to the Beautification and Streetscaping Program for the renovation and repainting of the town Gazebo and installation of directional signage for town attractions.”**

Motion carried.

Accounts

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the expenses be paid in the amount of \$162,219.01 as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

Council entertained questions from Town resident, Norman Haslett, on matters relating to the Community Connector transit program.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, to go in camera at 8:13 pm, to discuss contract negotiations and personnel matters as permitted by the MGA 22(2)(e) and (c). **Motion carried.**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, to return to open session at 10:19 pm. **Motion carried.**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Councillor Joseph Feeney and the Town of Mahone Bay’s CAO be nominated to the Board of the South Shore Regional Enterprise Network as representatives from the Town of Mahone Bay.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council forward an offer of employment to the successful candidate of the Town’s CAO interviews.”** **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 10:28 pm.

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