

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, June 28, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne
Deputy Mayor K. Nauss
Councillor J. Bain
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor C. O'Neill
Acting CAO, M. Hughes

Regrets:

Councillor J. Feeney

Gallery: 6

Minutes

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the Minutes of the June 12, 2018 regular meeting be approved as circulated.”** **Motion carried.**

Delegations and Individuals

Marilyn Keddy and Marion Moore of CPONS (Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia) presented to Council on the risks of oil drilling off the coast of Nova Scotia. The group is concerned that the CNSOPB (Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board) is allowing high risk oil drilling without considering the possible ramifications to the Province’s fisheries and tourism industries and the overall health of the Atlantic Ocean. The CPONS is asking that each municipality on the South Shore of Nova Scotia write letters to the Federal Government, requesting a moratorium on offshore drilling in Nova Scotia until a full inquiry into the CNSOPB’s relationship with oil drilling companies can be completed.

Correspondence – Information Items

1. Rachel Bailey, Mayor of the Town of Lunenburg with a letter to Leo Glavine, the Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage requesting that the Province of Nova Scotia pursue the concept of an inter-county, fixed route, public transit service.
2. Karen Mattatall, Mayor of the Town of Shelburne with a letter to all Nova Scotia Municipal Units updating them on the work of the Rural Nova Scotia Health Crisis Working Group.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **“THAT the correspondence numbered 1-2 be received and filed.”** **Motion carried.**

Correspondence – Action Items

1. John Meisner of the Mahone Islands Conservation Association with a letter requesting financial support.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the Town of Mahone Bay provide a \$1,000 grant to the Mahone Bay Islands Conservation Association.”**

Motion carried.

2. Karen Mattatall, Mayor of the Town of Shelburne with a letter inviting all Nova Scotia Municipalities to submit a joint funding request under the Federal Government’s Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund.

Council directed staff to investigate the possibility of submitting a joint funding request. The deadline to submit an expression of interest is July 31, 2018.

3. Lisa Purcell, owner of Get the Scoop with a request for permission to place additional signage on Main Street pointing visitors toward the shops on the far end of Main Street.

A motion by, Councillor Carver seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council approve the installation of a sign that reads *More Shops Ahead* which adheres to the design specifications in the Off-Premises Uniform Sign Policy with the cost to be incurred by the businesses installing the sign.”**

Motion carried.

Committee and Other Reports

Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the minutes of the June 13, 2018 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee. Councillor Carver clarified that the motion in the minutes asking Council to review the Heritage Incentive Program outline should have instead asked that staff review the document.

Community Ambassador Session

Council received notes from Councillor Carver on the Mahone Bay Community Ambassador session which took place on June 18, 2018.

South Shore Housing Action Coalition

Council received the minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting of the South Shore Housing Action Coalition.

Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board

Council reviewed a meeting report, prepared by Councillor O’Neill and Hon. Wilfred P. Moore, as well as documents provided at a meeting hosted by the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) on May 22, 2018. These documents had previously been received at Council on June 12, 2018.

A motion by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by, Councillor Carver **“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.”** **Motion carried.**

Municipal Workshop on Doctor Recruitment

Council received meeting notes, prepared by Councillor Carver, from the Municipal Doctor Recruitment Workshop that took place on June 18, 2018.

NSFM Board Initiatives Report

Council received the NSFM's June 8, 2018 Board Initiatives Report.

NSFM Climate Change Adaptation Mitigation Plan Report

Council received a summary of the presentation prepared for the June 8, 2018, NSFM Board meeting. Councillor Carver asked whether the Climate Change Adaptation Mitigation Plan has any relationship to new legislation. Acting CAO, Maureen Hughes will research and bring information to the July 10, 2018 meeting of Council.

NSFM Update on Cannabis Work

Council received an update from the NSFM on the work they are doing in preparation for the legalization of marijuana later this year. Deputy Mayor Karl Nauss informed Council that the Bylaw and Policy Review Working Group will consider drafting a cannabis bylaw once the Province of Nova Scotia updates the Province's Smoke Free Places Act.

South Shore Regional Enterprise Network

Council received the draft minutes of the June 20, 2018 South Shore Regional Enterprise Network – Liaison and Oversight Committee. Mayor David Devenne, Committee Chair, informed Council that all 9 signatories to the SSREN agreement have agreed to terminate the agreement.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT pursuant to Clause 14(b), the Acting CAO and the Mayor be authorized to execute an Agreement to Terminate the Intermunicipal Agreement for a Framework for the Continued Operation of a Regional Enterprise Network with said termination being effective no later than September 30, 2018.”** **Motion carried.**

South Shore Regional Library Board

Council received the minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting of the South Shore Regional Library Board.

Lunenburg County Mayors, Wardens, Deputies and CAO's

Council received the minutes of the June 6, 2018 meeting of the Lunenburg County Mayors, Wardens, Deputies and CAO's.

Motions

Procurement Policy

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council adopt the Town of Mahone Bay Procurement Policy.”** **Motion carried.**

Councillor O’Neill asked that the Bylaw and Policy Review Working Group review this Policy at a future meeting. Councillor O’Neill would like to see a clause added that would give preference to local businesses.

Grants to Organizations Policy

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT Council adopt the Grants to Organizations Policy.”** **Motion carried.**

Credit Card Use Policy

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council adopt the Credit Card Use Policy.”** **Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business

Withdrawal of Request for Development Agreement – 260 Main Street

Council was informed that the owners of 260 Main Street have withdrawn their request to enter into a development agreement with the Town.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council receive the withdrawal of the request for a Development Agreement for 260 Main Street.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss to go in camera at 8:02 pm, to discuss contract negotiations as permitted by the MGA 22(2)(e). Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Nowe, to return to open session at 8:30pm. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 8:30pm.

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