

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Present:**

Mayor D. Devenne  
Deputy Mayor K. Nauss  
Councillor J. Bain  
Councillor J. Feeney  
Councillor R. Nowe  
Councillor C. O'Neill  
Acting CAO, M. Hughes  
Director of Operations, D. MacKenzie  
Manager of Finance, L. Wentzell

**Regrets:** Councillor P. Carver

**Gallery:** 1

**Minutes**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the minutes of the June 28, 2018 regular meeting be approved as circulated.”** **Motion carried.**

**Delegations and Individuals**

John Campbell, Director of the Western Regional Housing Authority, presented to Council on the organizational structure of Housing Nova Scotia and the mandate of the Western Regional Housing Authority. The Western Regional Housing Authority manages and maintains both Cherry Lane Lodge and Mahone Manor in Mahone Bay. The presentation included information about the funding partnership between the Housing Authority and the Town of Mahone Bay. Council asked how Mahone Bay is being served by its 25 Western Regional Housing Authority units and if this is still a sufficient number of units for the Town’s current demographics. Mr. Campbell will get this information and forward to staff.

**Correspondence – Information Items**

1. Leo Glavine, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage with a letter thanking the Town of Mahone Bay for expressing support for the Community Connector Proposal for Lunenburg County.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the correspondence be received and filed.”** **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 highlighted the Sewage Collection and Treatment section of his report; he informed Council that a baffle in Lagoon #2 was successfully replaced and a recent third-party inspection of the Town's sewage system did not result in any pumps needing to be taken out of commission.

As part of his Department Report, Mr. MacKenzie expressed concerns about the safety of participants and spectators during the Soapbox Derby, hosted by Saltbox Brewery, which took place on Saturday, June 16, 2018. Council requested that these concerns be conveyed to the event organizers.

### Council Honorarium

Council received information from Luke Wentzell, Manager of Finance, about the possible income effects of the Federal Government removing a tax deduction from Municipal politician's honorariums. The NSFM has recommended that councils review how this change will affect their honorariums and have endorsed increased compensation to make up for this loss in income. This item will be discussed further during budget deliberations for next fiscal year which will be held in the Spring of 2019.

### CAO's Report

Council received the Acting CAO's monthly report. Council discussed the success of the Ellershouse Windfarm Tour which was organized by the Mahone Bay Centre and took place on June 11, 2018. Ms. Hughes informed Council of discussion regarding an initiative to place signs in windows of businesses within the Town of Mahone Bay who offer free, public access wi-fi.

### Extended Product Responsibility Update

Council received an email update on the status of an application by the Solid Waste-Resource Regional Chairs for Extended Product Responsibility (EPR) from Valda Walsh, Regional Coordinator of Region 6 Solid Waste Management. Deputy Mayor Nauss informed Council that although this project is a priority, it will likely take 3-5 years to complete the process.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council authorize the mayor to sign a letter to the Provincial Minister of Environment and local MLA requesting support for legislation to shift both the responsibility and cost of printed paper and packaging (PPP) recycling programs, commonly referred to as Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), away from the taxpayer to the producer.”** Motion carried.

## Motions

### Repeal – Curfew Bylaw

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **“FOR the 2nd reading and adoption of the repeal of the Curfew Bylaw and that a copy be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs.”** **Motion carried.**

### Repeal – Mahone Bay Parks and Recreation Committee Bylaw

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“FOR the 2nd reading and adoption of the repeal of the Mahone Bay Parks and Recreation Committee Bylaw and that a copy be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs.”** **Motion carried.**

### Repeal – Destruction of Certain Documents Bylaw

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **“FOR the 2nd reading and adoption of the repeal of the Destruction of Certain Documents Bylaw and that a copy be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs.”** **Motion carried.**

## New Business

### Heritage Property Recommendation – 24 Pleasant Street

Acting CAO, Maureen Hughes informed Council that the Heritage Advisory Committee has recommended that the house at 24 Pleasant Street be registered as a Municipal Heritage Property.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council accept the recommendation of the Heritage Advisory Committee to register the house at 24 Pleasant Street, owned by Barbara Feeney, as a municipal heritage property and that the issue go to Council for consideration on September 11, 2018 as part of the regular Council meeting.”** **Motion carried.**

Note that due to a conflict of interest, Councillor Feeney abstained from voting.

### Province of Nova Scotia Proposed Coastal Protection Legislation

Council received a consultation document from the Province of Nova Scotia. The Province is working toward developing Coastal Protection Legislation that would define a Coastal Protection Zone, restrict activities within that zone and create provisions for monitoring and compliance. Council was advised that the information on how to offer feedback on the proposed legislation was in the document.

## Accounts

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council accept the accounts in the amount of \$291,306.00.”** **Motion carried.**

**A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, to go in camera at 7:49 p.m., to discuss contract negotiations, personnel matters and legal advice eligible for solicitor client privilege as permitted by the MGA 22(2)(e)(c)(g). Motion carried.**

**A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain to Rise and Report at 8:46 p.m.**

**A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, THAT the Mayor and Acting CAO be directed to sign the amended MJSB Agreement as presented.” Motion carried.**

Staff was directed to contact Siew Secord, Chief Operating Officer of the Municipal Joint Services Board, to request that she provide a presentation to Council on the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the solid waste hauling contract.

Staff was directed to issue an immediate stop work order for construction of a building at the end of the Town’s wharf. Staff was also directed to provide the builders with a list of requirements and advise those associated with the building that they will need to present their proposal to Council for consideration. Every reasonable effort will be made to schedule a Special Council meeting in consideration of the group, who want to have this building completed for an event occurring the first week in August.

**The meeting adjourned upon motion at 8:48 p.m.**

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