

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 7:08 p.m.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne
Deputy Mayor K. Nauss
Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor J. Bain
Councillor S. Chia-Kangata
CAO J. Wentzell
Deputy Clerk M. Hughes

Regrets: Councillor Nowe

Gallery: 2

Minutes

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the Minutes of the June 13, 2017 regular meeting be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Chia-Kangata, **“THAT the Minutes of the June 29, 2017 Special Council Meeting be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Chia-Kangata, **“THAT the Minutes of the June 29, 2017 public hearing be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

Correspondence – Information Items

1. Robert McNutt, President, Lifesaving Society, Nova Scotia Branch, with information on the National Drowning Prevention Week to reduce the rate of drowning.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“That the above correspondence be received and filed.”** **Motion carried.**

2. Bonnie Minard, Gardens of Grace, requesting that the Town of Mahone Bay proclaim October 15th as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day.
3. Klara Needler, Public Relations Officer, Nova Scotia Lifeguard Service, Lifesaving Society of Nova Scotia Branch, requesting that the Town of Mahone Bay proclaim July 16 – 22, 2017 as National Drowning Prevention Week in the Town of Mahone Bay.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT responses be sent to Ms. Minard and Ms. Needler indicating that it is the policy of the Town of Mahone Bay that Council does not issue proclamations.”** **Motion carried.**

Committee and Other Reports

Cemetery Commissions

Council received the minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting of the Cemetery Commission. Councillor Bain advised Council that a donation of \$300 was received toward the purchase of trees for Park Cemetery and that six maple trees have been planted on Birch Avenue.

South Shore Regional Library Board

Council received the minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting of the South Shore Regional Library Board.

Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Advisory Partnership

Council received the June 2017 monthly report of the Seniors Safety Advisory Partnership. Councillor Carver drew the attention of Council to the increase in numbers of referrals in the past year and explained that the spike is largely attributed to changes in tracking of referrals. In addition to increasing referrals, a couple is now being tracked as two individuals where it had been previously recorded as one referral.

Municipal Finance Corporation

Council received the June 2017 Quarterly Newsletter from the Municipal Finance Corporation.

Ellershouse Windfarm

Council received information about the Official Opening of Phase II of the Ellershouse Windfarm which was held on June 29, 2017. The wind farm now has 7 turbines working. Council discussed ways to share information about the benefits of AREA with Town residents and Mahone Bay Electric Utility customers.

South Shore Regional Enterprise Network

Council received the South Shore Regional Enterprise Network (SSREN) 2017/18 Business Plan and the June 2017 Workplan Activity Update.

Annette St. Onge, Acting CEO of SSREN, was in the gallery to answer questions of Council. Ms. St. Onge updated Council on the new priorities of the Board of the SSREN, including direct support initiatives, collaboration with government and other economic support organizations as well as finances to support the South Shore Tourism Team. Ms. St. Onge also described the Platinum Economy initiative to attract early retirees to the area who may participate in the economy as well as mentor others in the community.

Upcoming Public Hearings

Mr. Wentzell advised Council that two Public Hearings will be held on July 27, 2017. At 7:00 pm a public hearing will be held to receive information on a proposed amendment to the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) to permit pet grooming as a small scale business. The Public Hearing will be immediately followed by a second public hearing to receive information on a proposed amendment to the LUB which would remove the list of heritage properties and active development agreements and instead refer to listings maintained outside of the LUB. The public hearings will immediately be followed by the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Physician Recruitment Committee

Councillors Carver and Feeney advised Council that the Physician Recruitment Committee has been contacted by the new provincial physician recruitment consultant for the western region. Discussion included the importance of data collection and a program which places medical students in rural areas to 'hook' them with the quality of life in rural Nova Scotia.

Unfinished Business

Road Reconstruction

Council received an update on the status of the 2017 Road Reconstruction on Pleasant Street and Clairmont Street. Ms. Hughes advised Council that temporary water service has been installed on Pleasant Street and that digging has already begun. Construction is expected to continue throughout the summer with Pleasant Street being finished and paved in October and Clairmont Street being finished in November.

Committee appointments

Council received a copy of the notice sent to residents of Mahone Bay advising of an opening for a community member on the Heritage Advisory Committee, and two openings for members of the community on the Audit Committee. Applicants are due by July 17, 2017 for Council to consider at the July 27, 2017 meeting.

Council received a letter of resignation from Jane Kristenson, the Town of Mahone Bay representative on the South Shore Regional Library Board.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council accept the resignation of Jane Kristenson from the South Shore Regional Library Board with regrets and that a letter of thanks be sent to Ms. Kristenson.”** **Motion carried.**

Visitor Information Centre

Council received an update from the Deputy Clerk on the status of the restoration of the Visitor Information Centre (VIC). Contractors began work on June 29, 2017 and work is expected to be complete by mid to late August. Restoration costs will be covered by insurance with the exception of the deductible.

New Business

Temporary Borrowing Resolutions

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Feeney:

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Town of Mahone Bay, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS clause 65 of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Town of Mahone Bay to expend funds for the capital purposes of:

- streets, culverts, retaining walls, sidewalks, curbs and gutters;
- wastewater facilities and stormwater systems; and
- water systems;

AND WHEREAS the specific amounts and descriptions of the projects are contained in Schedule “A” (attached);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town borrow a sum or sums not exceeding One Million and Two-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) in total for the purposes set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Town borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding exceeding One Million and Two-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

Schedule “A”

Pleasant Street – wastewater, street & sidewalk	\$ 600,000
Pleasant Street – water	\$ 200,000
Clairmont Street – wastewater & street	\$ 400,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,200,000

Motion carried.

Mahone Bay Natural Playground

Councillor Chia-Kangata advised Council that the official opening of the Natural Playground and newly refurbished Tennis Courts has been scheduled for August 5, 2017. These two events are part of the Heritage Boatyard Festival being hosted by the Mahone Bay Wooden Boat Society.

Accounts

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Bain, “**THAT Council approve the accounts in the amount of \$306,378.68.**” **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney to go In Camera at 8:27 pm to discuss contract negotiations as permitted by the MGA section 22(2)(e) and legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege as permitted by the MGA Section 22(2)(g). **Motion carried.**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney to Rise and Report at 8:53 pm.

Upon return to Open Session Council directed staff to advise the Mahone Bay Wooden Boat Society that if they wish to have their oxen launch during the festival, they are to confine the activities to the wharf.

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 8:55 pm.

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