

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, July 28, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Deputy Mayor D. Devenne
Councillor K. Wilson
Councillor J. Bain
Councillor K. Nauss
Councillor L. Hennigar
Councillor P. Carver
CAO, J. Wentzell
Deputy Clerk M. Hughes
Police Chief, Cst. T. Lynch
Town Solicitor, J. Mailman

Regrets: Mayor J. Feeney

Gallery: Two

Minutes

A Motion by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Hennigar, **“THAT the Minutes of the July 12, 2016 regular meeting be approved as presented.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the minutes of the July 14, 2016 special council meeting be approved as presented.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Nauss, **“THAT the minutes of the July 14, public hearing be approved as amended.”** Motion carried.

Council met In Camera on July 12, 2016 to acquisition of land, as permitted under Section 22(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act.

Delegations

Cst. Tim Lynch – Police Chief’s Quarterly Report

Council received the RCMP Quarterly Report from Cst. Tim Lynch. As part of his report, Cst. Lynch highlighted recent staffing changes, including the retirement of District Commander, S/Sgt Jean-Guy Richard and the appointment of Sgt. Stephen MacQueen as Interim District Commander.

Calls received from Mahone Bay in the second quarter are consistent with past years and with the end of posting season, residents can expect to see greater police presence in Mahone Bay.

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from:

1. Cecil Clarke, President UNSM, confirming that the HST Offset Program amount for the Town of Mahone Bay is \$9,688 for 2016.
2. Robert Purcell, Department of Justice, informing the Town that the 2016/17 RCMP budget amount for the Town of Mahone Bay has been set at \$299,744.
3. Stephen MacQueen, Acting District Commander Lunenburg County RCMP, advising that a review of ticketing revenue for the Town of Mahone Bay will take place.
4. Nova Scotia Power, announcing Bob Hanf as the new Executive Vice President, Stakeholder Relations and Regulatory Affairs with Emera.

A motion by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Hennigar, **“THAT the above correspondence, numbered 1 – 4, be received and filed.”** **Motion carried.**

Committee & Other Reports

Fire Chief's Quarterly Report

Council received the quarterly report from Fire Chief, Russel Acomb.

South Shore Public Libraries

Council received the Report to the Community, April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016, from the South Shore Public Libraries.

South Shore Housing Action Coalition

Council received the minutes of the June 8, 2016 meeting of the South Shore Housing Action Coalition.

Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Advisory Partnership

Council received the May 24, 2016 minutes of the Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Advisory Partnership meeting.

Unfinished Business

Kinburn Street Bridge Closure During Construction

The Kinburn Street Bridge construction project is ready to commence and the bridge will be closed from August 2nd – October 7th. The CAO advised Council that bi-weekly meetings will be held with Town staff, the Town Engineer and Brycon Construction to discuss the bridge project and stay advised of progress. As the Scarecrow Festival and Antique Fair will be held from September 23rd – 25th this year, it will coincide with the bridge closure. Festival organizers have been informed of the bridge closure and town staff will discuss traffic and contingencies for emergencies when they meet with the Festival organizers.

Status of Planning Appeal – 629 Main Street

The CAO advised Council that there has not yet been a ruling on the Planning Appeal regarding the proposed development at 629 Main Street. Staff have responded to questions from the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board but no decision has been made.

New Business

Enforcement Officer – Dangerous and Unsightly Premises

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council appoint Arden Weagle as the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the purpose of administering and enforcing the dangerous and unsightly premises regulations under Part 15 of the Municipal Government Act, effective July 28, 2016.”** **Motion carried.**

Building Officials

The CAO advised Council that with one building inspector on sick leave, Mr. Woodworth has been doing all of the building inspection for both the Town of Mahone Bay and the Municipality of Chester. In preparation for Mr. Woodworth’s vacation, arrangements have been made with other area building inspectors to take over inspections in his absence.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council appoint Ergin Nemburt, Glen LaLacheur, Brent Haase, Amanda Fancy and Mike Bevis as Building Inspectors for the Town of Mahone Bay, effective July 28, 2016.”** **Motion carried.**

Request for Development Agreement

Council received a request for a development agreement for 659 Main Street from Mailman & Kelley Marine Ltd.

A motion by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the request from Mailman and Kelley Marine Ltd. for a development agreement for a shipyard with additional permitted marina uses within the Harbourfront Commercial Zone, be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee and the Planner for study and recommendation back to Council.”** **Motion carried.**

Garden Society

Council noted with appreciation the hard work of the Mahone Bay Garden Society.

Questions

James Rhuland, resident of Mahon Bay, asked for the dates of the 2016 Scarecrow Festival and Antiques Fair. Staff answered that the Festival is scheduled for Friday, September 23rd to Sunday, September 25th.

A motion by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council go In Camera to discuss legal proceedings, as permitted under Section 22(2)(f) of the MGA.”**

Motion carried.

A motion to Rise and Report at 8:09 p.m.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Hennigar, **“THAT the CAO proceed with the demolition of the dwelling at 45 Pleasant Street as soon as possible on or after Monday, August 8, 2016.”**

Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 8:10 p.m.

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Mayor C.J. Feeney