

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Regrets: Mayor D. Devenne

Gallery: Seven

Minutes

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the Minutes of the July 27, September 12, 2017 regular meeting be approved as presented.” Motion carried.**

Delegations and Individuals

Tait MacDonald

Tait MacDonald and Sue Cunningham, owners of 8 Wye Street, spoke to Council about their request for an easement for the Wye Street right-of-way to be able to build a fence. Mr. MacDonald and Ms. Cunningham had requested an easement but have been advised by Town Staff that the Town Bylaw does not permit them to build a fence in the street right-of-way.

Mr. MacDonald and Ms. Cunningham advised Council that their request is based on a desire to improve the privacy of their lot, and noted that a utility pole guy wire falls within the street right-of-way in the area for which an easement is being sought.

Council debated the points made by the presenters, including the distance of the proposed fence from the current roadway, and the fact that while there are encroachments in Town, since the 2006 Bylaw easements have only been permitted under a very specific set of circumstances, the example given being encroachments to permit improved accessibility.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the request from Tait MacDonald and Susan Cunningham for an easement on the Wye Street right-of-way for the purpose of a fence be denied and that the matter be referred to the bylaw review working group.” Motion carried**

Correspondence

1. Ahmad Shahwan, Municipal Advisor, Department of Municipal Affairs, advising of Ministerial approval of Temporary Borrowing Resolutions (CWWF Projects).
2. Wade Tattrie, Director of Finance, South Shore Regional School Board, to advise of the 2017-18 Municipal Education Tax Rate.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the above correspondence be received and filed.”** **Motion carried**

3. Fr. Chad McCharles, St. James Anglican Church – Concerns about crosswalk safety on Edgewater Street.

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council refer the request from St. James Anglican Parish to discuss crosswalk safety measures to staff for consideration and report back to Council.** **Motion carried**

Committee and Other Reports

Cemetery Commission

Council received the minutes received from the September 18, 2017 meeting of the Cemetery Commission.

Why Here Task Force

Council received the minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting of the Why Here task force. The CAO noted that the *Why Here* website was developed under the Regional Development Agency but has now become a project of the South Shore Regional Enterprise Network.

South Shore Tourism Update

Council received a September update from South Shore Tourism Team.

Public Hearing – October 10, 2017

Reminder to members of Council that a public hearing will be held on October 10, 2017 at 7:00pm, to receive submissions regarding a proposed Amending Development Agreement between the Town of Mahone Bay and M.A.D.E. for Mahone Bay Ltd. to allow the developer to maintain ownership of a sewage pumping station located on its property on Cara Lane, a 26-unit development, rather than turn the sewage pumping station over to the Town for ownership and long-term maintenance. The Public Hearing will be immediately followed by the regular meeting of Town Council.

Unfinished Business

Pleasant Street and Clairmont Street Road Reconstruction 2017

The Deputy Clerk advised Council that the underground infrastructure has been completed, that Pleasant Street water utility customers are back on the regular water service and that the focus is now on switching Clairmont Street residents back to regular water service. Ms. Hughes advised Council that the sidewalks on Pleasant Street are nearly completed and that the first level of asphalt is expected on Pleasant Street by the end of week of October 2nd, but that the timing is weather dependent. Council was also told that the installation of the stormwater output under the parking lot of Nick's Your Independent Grocer, was scheduled to be done over two nights but was completed in one night and that staff have received positive feedback from the public.

Visitor Information Centre

The Deputy Clerk advised Council that Visitor Information Centre (VIC) operations moved back into the newly restored building at 165 Edgewater Street on September 22, 2017. Council was advised that reports from the Mahone Bay and Area Tourism and Chamber of Commerce were that there was an immediate increase in visits once the permanent building was reopened.

New Business

5-10 Year Capital Budget

The CAO presented the 10 year Capital Budget Plan for 2017/18 – 2025/26 and advised that the document must be seen as one that is always changing. Council was advised that to be eligible for a project grant, the project must be included in the Capital Budget which is submitted to the provincial government.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council approve the 10 year Capital Budget for 2017/18 – 2025/26 for the Town of Mahone Bay in the amount of \$23,101,615 and that a copy be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs.”**

Motion carried

Joint Council In Camera Meeting

Council was reminded of the Special Joint Council meeting of the Towns of Mahone Bay, Lunenburg and Bridgewater with the Municipalities of Lunenburg and Chester which will be held at 6:00pm on October 4, 2017 at the Mahone Bay Centre. The meeting will be held to go In Camera to discuss contract negotiations regarding building and fire inspection services, as permitted by the Municipal Government Act, Section 22(2)(e).

Municipal Awareness Week

Council discussed Municipal Awareness Week which is November 20 – 26, 2017. Suggestions for ways to recognize Municipal Awareness Week included working with Bayview Community School to engage young people, and a community social event. Staff will pursue options discussed to identify opportunities.

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 8:12 p.m.

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