

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne
Deputy Mayor K. Nauss
Councillor J. Bain
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor C. O'Neill
D. Heide, CAO
M. Hughes, Town Clerk
D. MacKenzie, Director of Operations

Regrets:

Gallery: 9

Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the minutes of the October 9, 2018 regular meeting be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

Delegations and Individuals

Cpl. Darren Slaunwhite

Cpl. Darren Slaunwhite and Sgt. David Ferguson were in attendance to answer questions about the RCMP Quarterly report and monthly statistics for July to September 2018. Cpl. Slaunwhite responded to questions concerning the statistics included in the report and highlighted recent staffing changes in the Lunenburg District RCMP. Sgt. Ferguson provided Council with information on the recent “Swatting” calls in which RCMP respond to calls that are found to be pranks originating from the United States.

Correspondence – Action Items

1. Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board, with an invitation to the public to submit comments on a scoping document for a potential 2D/3D seismic program that could potentially be carried out in the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore area.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council receive and file the correspondence from the Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board.”** **Motion carried.**

2. Karen Pinsent, Mahone Bay Chamber of Commerce, requesting financial support for replacement lights for the Town Christmas Tree as the lights and tree were destroyed in a storm in 2017.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council contribute \$855 toward the purchase of new lights for the Town Christmas tree, in response to the request for funding received from the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce.”**
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, motion not seconded, “TO amend the motion under discussion to an amount of \$500.”
Motion failed.

Committee and Other Reports

Mahone Bay and District Fire Department

Council received the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department Quarterly Report for June – September 2018.

Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the minutes of the October 10, 2018 regular meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee. Councillor Feeney noted that the Heritage Advisory Committee is mourning the recent death of long-time committee member, Dell Macomber.

Mahone Bay Pool Society

Council received the minutes of the September 16, 2018 meeting of the Mahone Bay Pool Society.

South Shore Regional Library Board

Council received the minutes of the August 15, 2018 meeting of the South Shore Library Board.

NSFM – Board Report

Council received September 28, 2018 Board Report from the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM).

NSFM – Municipal Matters

Council received the October 10, 2018 edition of Municipal Matters from the NSFM. A question was asked regarding the possibility of hosting a Free Tax Clinic in partnership with the CRA; the CAO advised that staff will research the possibility of hosting a Free Tax Clinic in Mahone Bay and will report back to Council if hosting requires additional resources.

NSFM – Resolutions Report

Council received the October 19, 2018 Final Resolutions Report from the NSFM.

Notice of Motions

Draft Town Council Policy

Council received a staff report and a draft Town Council Policy from the CAO, Dylan Heide.

Draft Committee Policy

Council received a staff report and a draft Committee Policy from the CAO, Dylan Heide.

Draft Heritage Property Grant Fund Policy

Council received a staff report and a draft Heritage Property Grant Fund Policy from the CAO, Dylan Heide.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council schedule a Special Council meeting for November 5, 2018 at 5:00pm for consideration of the draft Town Council Policy, the draft Committees Policy, and the draft Heritage Property Grant Fund Policy.”** **Motion carried.**

Unfinished Buisness

Mahone Bay School Bell

Council received a staff report from Town Clerk, Maureen Hughes, regarding the request received by Council from the Mahone Bay Centre Society to return the School Bell to the tower at the former Mahone Bay School.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council direct staff to respond to Ms. Hennigar that the Old School Bell may be loaned to the Mahone Bay Centre Society as part of the fundraising campaign, but that it may not be returned to the bell tower.”** **Motion carried.**

New Business

Municipal Awareness Week 2018

Council received a staff report from Town Clerk, Maureen Hughes, regarding staff planning for Municipal Awareness Week 2018.

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council accept the staff report on Municipal Awareness Week 2018 for information.”** **Motion carried.**

Questions

Suzanne Lohnes-Croft, a resident of Mahone Bay, expressed her appreciation of Council's decision regarding the Mahone Bay School Bell and spoke of the importance of the bell as a Town artifact.

In Camera

**A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor O'Neill to go In Camera at 7:50pm to discuss sale or lease of municipal property as permitted by the MGA section 22(2)(a).
Motion carried.**

Council returned to open session at 8:15 p.m.
There was no business arising from the In Camera session.

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 8:16 p.m.

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