

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 7:09 p.m.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne
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
Director of Community Development, T. Maguire
Planning Assistant, P. Nightingale

Regrets:

Gallery: 1

Minutes

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the Minutes of the September 28, 2017 regular meeting be approved as presented.”** Motion carried.

Consideration of Proposed Amending Development Agreement

The Clerk reported that a Public Hearing was held immediately preceding the Council meeting to receive verbal and written submissions regarding Council’s intention to enter into an Amending Development Agreement with M.A.D.E. for Mahone Bay Ltd, to permit the developer to retain ownership of a sewage pumping station serving properties at PID 60374493, 60691631, and 60691623, rather than turning the sewage pumping station over to the Town for ownership and maintenance. Council had received at the Public Hearing the Report of the Clerk, the Planners Report and a report on the public participation process. There were no submission received at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed amendment.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council enter into an Amending Development Agreement with M.A.D.E. for Mahone Bay Ltd., for PID 60374493, 60691623, and 60374493 to permit the developer to retain ownership of a sewage pumping station serving the apartment buildings on PID 60374493, 60691623, and 60374493.”** Motion carried.

Committee and Other Reports

Lunenburg County All Councils

Council received the minutes received of the October 4, 2017 Lunenburg County All Councils meeting.

Lunenburg County Seniors Safety

Council received the September 2017 monthly report from Lunenburg County Seniors Safety.

Unfinished Business

Pleasant Street and Clairmont Street Road Reconstruction 2017

Council received an update from the Deputy Clerk on the status of the Pleasant and Clairmont Street Road Reconstruction Project. Council was informed that the first layer of asphalt has been laid down on Pleasant Street and Clairmont Street, with the exception of a few specific location which require additional curb work or grading. Ms. Hughes reported that all water utility customers have been returned to the regular water service and the temporary water mains will be dismantled and removed as part of the general project clean-up which is now underway; driveway repair and landscaping are also expected as part of the clean-up before the final layer of asphalt.

UNSM Resolutions Update

Council received an update on the UNSM Resolutions Process feedback sessions and a listing of the resolutions which have been proposed to the UNSM. Council agreed that they would individually rank the proposed resolutions and forward their ranking to staff to prepare for a Council discussion so that Council can forward their recommendation to UNSM.

2018 Meeting Schedule

Members of Council received a request for dates of any extended absences in 2018 as staff prepare the 2018 Town of Mahone Bay Meeting Schedule.

Municipal Awareness Week

Council received an update on the discussions regarding 2017 Municipal Awareness Week. At the September 28, 2017 discussion of Municipal Awareness Week, Council discussion focused on two main themes: connecting with students at Bayview Community School and hosting a community event. Council was advised that the Mayor has been asked to speak about municipal government, the role of Council and municipal elections at an upcoming event at Bayview Community School. Staff advised Council that they are planning a casual community event at which community members can meet the members of Council and have an opportunity to discuss a variety of issues.

New Business

Flu Vaccine Clinic

Council received notification that the Town of Mahone Bay is once again partnering with Kinburn Pharmasave to offer a free Flu Vaccine Clinic which has been scheduled for October 25, 2017 at the Mahone Bay Fire Hall. Notification of the vaccine clinic has been sent to Town residents via Canada Post.

Appointment of Fire Inspectors

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Brent Haase and Bruce Blackwood be appointed Fire Inspectors for the Town of Mahone Bay, effective October 10, 2017.”**
Motion carried

Engage Nova Scotia Grant Request

Council received a request from Engage Nova Scotia for a grant to support the work of Engage Nova Scotia in advance of a workshop on community engagement for members of Council and municipal staff.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council grant \$300 to Engage Nova Scotia toward the cost of the workshop being held in Mahone Bay on October 11, 2017.”**
Motion carried

Transparency and Accountability

Council received a report from the CAO in respect to upcoming changes that would be imposed on municipal governments regarding transparency and accountability. On reflection on the proposed changes, the CAO noted that Mahone Bay Town Council has been proactive in improving accountability with the passage of a new Travel Expense Policy, public posting of expense claims on the Town website and the adoption of a new Audit Committee Policy.

The CAO also noted in his report that a shortcoming in the legislation regarding municipal accountability is that, at this time, it does not explicitly apply to bodies created by municipalities. Mr. Wentzell noted that he has brought this issue to the attention of the Department of Municipal Affairs, but the committee to review this process is currently adjourned. In light of this legislative shortcoming, Mr. Wentzell recommended that Council declare their belief in the importance of transparency and accountability to all municipal bodies with which the Town of Mahone Bay is associated.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT a letter be written to various municipal based operations that the Town participated in and request that they adopt the same principles of openness and transparency expected of municipalities and that they be requested to adopt policies similar to those of the Town.”**

Motion carried

FCM Climate Change Staff Grant

Council received information from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) regarding grant funding available to supplement the salary of a new or existing employee who will work on initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions or improve adaptation to local climate impacts. Council asked that the CAO review the guidelines for the funding and report back to Council.

Accounts

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT the accounts in the amount of \$1,010,866.06 be paid as presented.”** **Motion carried**

Questions

Council received questions from Deryk McGrath, a resident of Pleasant Street, regarding the paving project on Pleasant Street, specifically in relation to his property, storm water runoff and whether curbs had been recommended for both sides of Pleasant Street.

A motion at 8:07pm by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss **“THAT Council go In Camera to discuss contract negotiations regarding Building and Fire Inspection Services as permitted by the MGA Section 22(2)(e).”** **Motion carried.**

Council returned to open session at 8.27

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 8:28p.m.

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CAO, James A. Wentzell

Mayor, David Devenne