

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor J. Feeney
Deputy Mayor D. Devenne
Councillor K. Wilson
Councillor J. Bain
Councillor K. Nauss
Councillor P. Carver
CAO, J. Wentzell
Deputy Clerk M. Hughes

Regrets: Councillor L. Hennigar

Gallery: Two

Minutes

A Motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the Minutes of the September 13, 2016 regular meeting be approved as presented.”**

Motion carried.

Delegations and/or Individuals

Helen Annable, Mahone Bay Playground Committee Chair – Final Design

Helen Annable, Chair of the Mahone Bay Playground Committee, advised Council that a final design and budget had been submitted by Cobequid Trail Consulting Ltd. and has been recommended for approval by the design review committee. Ms. Annable informed Council that the final design incorporates seven design features based on budget. As volunteer labour and donations of materials are being sought by members of the Playground Committee, any savings will go toward additional features, or stations, for the playground; the committee has prioritized three additional stations in case budget permits additional design features.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Devenne, **“THAT Council approve the final design of the Natural Playground and construction by Cobequid Trail Consulting Ltd. at a cost of \$68,440 plus HST.”**

Motion carried

The CAO advised Council that money is available in the Town recreation budget for benches and picnic tables and that money would be separate from the project budget.

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from:

1. Linda Gregory, Warden, Municipality of Digby, requesting that other municipal units within the province of Nova Scotia reserve the term “Gateway to the Bay of Fundy” as a designation for the geographic area of Brier Island, Digby County.
2. Robert A. MacKinnon, President and CEO of Nova Scotia Lotteries and Casino Corporation, sharing the Social Responsibility Community Report.

A motion by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the above correspondence, numbered 1 – 2, be received and filed.”** **Motion carried.**

Committee & Other Reports

Cemetery Commission

Council received the minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting of the Cemetery Commission. Councillor Bain advised that a discussion will be held at a future meeting of the Cemetery Commission regarding the posts at the entranceway to Park Cemetery; the current entrance posts are being replaced by the Public Works department.

Age Friendly Committee

Council received the minutes of the September 21, 2016 meeting of the Age Friendly Committee. Councillor Carver noted that members of the Committee expressed strong support for concrete sidewalks and for crosswalk flags. The CAO advised Council that the preference for concrete sidewalks has been noted for future construction but that the material used will ultimately be a decision based on engineering specifications as well as a budget decision at the time. The CAO also noted that the criteria for placement and maintenance of crosswalk flags is now in the process of being finalized before the crosswalk flags approved in the 2016/17 budget are placed.

South Shore Regional Library Board

Council received the minutes of the August 23, 2016 meeting of the South Shore Regional Library Board.

Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Program

Council received the August 2016 and September 2016 Monthly Reports of the Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Program. Councillor Carver advised Council that a new Senior Safety Coordinator, Chris Acomb, has been hired to replace Alica van de Sandt.

Municipal Finance Corporation

Council received the Municipal Finance Corporation September 2016 Quarterly Newsletter.

South Shore Regional Enterprise Network

Council received the October 2016 update of the South Shore Regional Enterprise Network.

South Shore Housing Action Coalition

Councillor Carver advised Council that a representative of the South Shore Housing Action Coalition will be visiting local Councils to report on the results of the assessment when the results are available.

AREA Update

Mayor Feeney reported that representatives from AREA met with representatives from FCM Municipal Green Fund, representatives from the office of the federal minister of Infrastructure and Communities and the three MPs for the AREA partners. Representatives from the Minister's Office have asked for further information, which has been provided.

Unfinished Business

10 Year Capital Budgets 2016/17 – 2025/26

The CAO presented the completed 10 Year Capital Budget Plan for 2016/17-2025/26 and advised that it is a document which is being continually revised and updated but is required for eligibility for gas tax funding.

A motion by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council approve the 10 Year Capital Budget for 2016/17-2025/26 for the Town of Mahone Bay in the amount of \$22,745,342 and that a copy be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs.”**

Motion carried.

Kinburn Street Bridge

The CAO advised Council that the Kinburn Street Bridge project has been delayed; while the bridge was expected to be opened on October 7th, it is now expected to be open on October 14, 2016.

Status of Planning Appeal

Council received the decision of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, dismissing the appeal by a number of Mahone Bay residents of the decision of the Mahone Bay Town Council which approved a development agreement with Dover Holdings Inc for the construction of a five-unit residential dwelling with one commercial unit at 629 Main Street.

Election 2016

The CAO provided Council with an update on the 2016 Municipal and School Board Election. The first Advance Poll was held on October 8, 2016 and the second on October 11, 2016. Regular polling day is October 15, 2016 and two polls will be held at the Mahone Bay Fire Hall; a special poll will be held at the Mahone Nursing Home for residents of the facility.

Mahone Bay Nursing Home – Public Meeting

A public meeting was held on September 27, 2016 at the Mahone Bay Fire Hall for residents of Mahone Bay and the surrounding area to discuss proposed sites for the development of a new nursing home for Mahone Bay. Ramsay Duff, CEO of the MacLeod Group, discussed the characteristics needed for a development site and described a few potential sites in detail. Mr. Duff advised attendees that no site had been chosen at that time.

New Business

Flu Vaccine Clinic

The Town of Mahone Bay is partnering with Kinburn Pharmasave to provide a flu vaccine clinic at the Mahone Bay Fire Hall on Tuesday, October 25th from 4:00pm – 7:30pm. A notice will be circulated to Town residents advising of the date and time of the clinic and including information on how to register.

Tender results

Council received the results of the call for tenders to resurface the Mahone Bay Tennis Courts.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council award a tender to Town and Country Property Improvements for the resurfacing of the Mahone Bay Tennis Court at a cost of \$77,468.76 plus HST.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nauss, **“THAT Council approve the budget for the Mahone Bay Tennis Court project in the amount of \$96,000 plus HST and that Council approve enhancements that include a gravel parking lot, a new fence entrance and conversion of the court lighting to LED lights.”** **Motion carried.**

Accounts

A motion by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the accounts in the amount of \$253,953.87 be paid as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

Council adjourned upon motion at 8:09 p.m.

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CAO, James A. Wentzell

Mayor C.J. Feeney