

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 7:00 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

**Regrets:**

**Gallery:** 10

**Minutes**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the Minutes of the October 10, 2017 regular meeting be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the minutes of the October 10, 2017 public hearing be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

A notation that Council met In Camera on October 10, 2017 to discuss contract negotiations as permitted by the MGA 22(2)(e).

**Delegations and Individuals**

**Kara Turner – Orienteering Map of Jubilee Park**

Kara Turner, a resident of Mahone Bay and a member of Orienteering Nova Scotia, presented to Council the newly completed orienteering map of Jubilee Park. Ms. Turner noted that orienteering provides an outdoor adventure sport which is open to individuals of all ages and that Jubilee Park has been used in recent years for several orienteering events. With the permanent orienteering map of Jubilee Park, Ms. Turner believes that Mahone Bay will see more outdoor enthusiasts and more visitors in the shoulder season as well as an increase in outdoor physical activity opportunities for Mahone Bay.

Ms. Turner will provide a copy of the map to the Town which can then be shared on the Town website as well as other Town venues.

Charles Otter, Mahone Bay Area Tourism and Chamber of Commerce – Father Christmas 2017

Charles Otter, Chair of the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce, discussed the plans for the 2017 Father Christmas Festival. Mr. Otter explained that 2017 is the first of a two-year reorganization of the Festival and outlined some of the changes expected for this year.

New initiatives for 2017 include the Reindeer Flyer road train which will offer festival goers a tour through the streets of Mahone Bay and a proposed 3km Reindeer Fun Run on the evening of December 3, 2017. Mr. Otter, and Nancy Petrie, festival volunteer and coordinator for the proposed fun run, explained the plan and the route for the proposed run. Ms. Petrie advised Council that Festival volunteers, Town Hall staff and the RCMP had discussed the proposed route and logistics.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Chia-Kangata, **“THAT Council approve the partial closure of various streets in the Town as requested by the Mahone Bay and Area Tourism and Chamber of Commerce for the 2017 Father Christmas Festival Reindeer Fun Run to be held at 5:00pm on Saturday, December 2, 2017, subject to the event being coordinated with Town staff and the RCMP.”** Motion carried

Cpl. David Ferguson – RCMP Quarterly Report

Council was introduced to Cpl. David Ferguson, Acting Ops NCO with Lunenburg RCMP Detachment. Cpl. Ferguson presented the RCMP Quarterly Report in the absence of Cpl. Slaunwhite who was unable to attend the Council meeting.

Some of the aspects of the Quarterly Report highlighted by Cpl. Ferguson included information on the annual updating of School Safety Plans in the district, district traffic safety initiatives and the results of a significant undercover operation, Operation Halse, which seized 260kg of cocaine. Cpl. Ferguson advised Council that not only has Operation Halse taken approximately \$50 million worth of cocaine off of the streets, but the drug trade fuels property crime so the RCMP anticipate the benefits of Operation Halse will be seen throughout the community.

Specific to Mahone Bay, Cpl. Ferguson noted that there has been a 270% increase in calls in Mahone Bay as compared to the same quarter in 2016, but explained that most of that can be attributed to RCMP traffic safety initiatives. Council was updated on the multiple break and enters in Mahone Bay in third quarter, including the business break-ins that were the focus on media attention. Cpl. Ferguson advised that RCMP increased their presence in Mahone Bay following the break-ins and that one individual has been arrested but at the time of Cpl. Ferguson’s presentation, no charges had been laid.

### **Correspondence – Information Items**

1. Chuck McKenna, Manager, Resource Management, Department of Environment,
2. Michael Graves, The United Way of Lunenburg County, with information on the 2017 United Way of Lunenburg County Workplace Campaign.
3. Michael Saker, Chairman, Mahone Bay Centre Society, outlining the position of the Mahone Bay Centre in respect to housing the Old School Bell.
4. Robert A. MacKinnon, President and CEO, Nova Scotia Provincial Lotteries and Casino Corporation, sharing the 2016/17 Community Report.
5. William A. Smith, Ombudsman, sharing the Nova Scotia Office of the Ombudsman bilingual Annual Report 2016/17.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the correspondence above, numbered 1-5, be received and filed.”** **Motion carried.**

### **Correspondence – Action Items**

6. Nancy Green, South Shore Housing Action Coalition, requesting Council support of the proposed UNSM Resolution regarding low income housing.

Council will discuss this matter as part of the discussion of the UNSM Resolutions.

### **Committee and Other Reports**

#### Mahone Bay and District Fire Department – Quarterly Report

Council received the Quarterly Report from the Mahone Bay and District Volunteer Fire Department.

#### Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the minutes of the October 11, 2017 regular meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

#### Age Friendly Committee

Council received the minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting of the Age Friendly Committee.

#### Police Advisory Board

Council received the minutes of the October 23, 2017 meeting of the Police Advisory Board (PAB) as well as a staff report concerning the governance of the PAB which was received at that meeting.

The staff report referenced the infrequency with which the PAB has met, due to lack of agenda items other than to receive the RCMP Quarterly Report. The report also referenced the strong relationship and communication that the Town of Mahone Bay enjoys with the RCMP, which could be at least partially attributed to the regular presence of RCMP at Council meetings; this was presented as a reason to continue the practice of RCMP reports being presented directly to Council rather than having a presentation only at Council. The PAB passed a motion recommending to Council that staff be directed to seek approval from the Minister of Justice to establish an alternative Police Governance model for the Town of Mahone Bay.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carvery, **“THAT Council accept the recommendation from the Police Advisory Board and that staff be directed to seek approval from the Minister of Justice to establish an alternative Police Governance model under Section 57(8) of the Police Act which would include a Police Advisory Component to Council on quarterly basis.”** **Motion carried**

#### Lunenburg County Senior Safety Advisory

Council received the Terms of Reference of the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Advisory and minutes of their June 28, 2017 meeting.

#### South Shore Regional Library

Council received the minutes of the August 16, 2017 meeting of the South Shore Regional Library.

#### Region 6 Solid Waste Management

Council received the Region 6 Board Room Brief of October 2017. Councillor Nowe advised that the letter regarding Transparency and Accountability from the Town of Mahone Bay was received favourably and a motion was made to have staff review and offer suggestions as to how to implement the suggestions contained therein. Council was also advised that Councillor Michael Ernst (MODL) has been named Chair of Region 6 Solid Waste Management.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### Pleasant Street and Clairmont Street Road Reconstruction 2017

Council received a verbal report from the Deputy Clerk on the progress of the reconstruction project on Pleasant Street and Clairmont Street. Council was advised that crews are working on finishing landscaping, grading and driveway blending and that the final layer of paving will be completed following the remaining curb work which must be completed by hand.

#### Clearway Street Paving Update

Council received a verbal report from the Deputy Clerk advising that the paving of Clearway Street was completed and that shouldering was expected to be completed the next day (October 27<sup>th</sup>). Line painting was expected to be completed the following week.

### Municipal Awareness Week

Council received a report from the Deputy Clerk regarding plans for Municipal Awareness Week 2017. The report referenced Mayor Devenne's planned participation in the Bayview Community School Career Fair to discuss municipal government, the role of a Councillor and the process of a municipal election.

Council were also advised that plans are underway to host an Open House as an opportunity for members of the public to meet Council and to ask questions of municipal representatives.

### UNSM Resolutions Priorities

The proposed UNSM Resolutions for 2017 were circulated to Council at an earlier meeting of Council and members of Council had been asked to forward their priority resolutions to staff in advance of the October 26, 2017 Council meeting. Having reviewed the priority listings of individual Council members, Council discussed identifying the five priority resolutions for the Town of Mahone Bay.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council advise UNSM that the five top resolutions that Council would like to see discussed at the UNSM Annual Conference are: Affordable Housing; Municipal Funding Formula; Building Inspectors; Doctor Shortage and Recruitment; and Capped Assessment Program.”**

**Motion carried (6 in favour, 1 opposed)**

### New Business

#### Age Friendly Committee

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Heidi Lauckner be appointed to the Age Friendly Committee as a representative of the Dalhousie University School of Occupational Therapy for 2017/18.”**

**Motion carried**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Chia-Kangata, **“THAT Council accept the resignation of Ted Hobson and Stephen Kristenson from the Age Friendly Committee and that a letter of thanks be sent to each of them.”**

**Motion carried.**

#### Fire, Building and Unsightly Premises Inspection

Council received information regarding the proposed Building, Fire and Unsightly Inspection Shared Service, as well as a report from the CAO recommending the proposed shared service. The CAO noted that the proposed service has the potential to increase the service to all five of the municipalities in Lunenburg County, to provide consistent service and to ensure similar interpretation of applicable legislation among officials in Lunenburg County.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council approve in principle the development and implementation of a Joint Municipal Partnership (Lunenburg County) in the delivery of Building Inspection, Fire Inspection and Dangerous and Unsightly Services, and that this approval be subject to receipt of a Memorandum of Understanding that is satisfactory to all parties for the development of a joint service delivery model for the said services.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Chia-Kangata, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Town Council appoint two members to a Joint Municipal Committee to oversee the development of a Memorandum of Understanding for the development and implementation of a Joint Service Delivery Model for Building Inspection, Fire Inspection and Dangerous and Unsightly Services.”** **Motion carried.**

Deputy Mayor Nauss and Councillor Bain volunteered to serve on this committee and Council agreed by consensus.

Energize Nova Scotia Discovery Fair

Council received an invitation to join in the Energize Nova Scotia Discovery Fair, focusing on energy issues for businesses and organizations, which will be held in Bridgewater on October 27 and 28, 2017.

**The meeting adjourned upon motion at 9:01 p.m.**

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Mayor, David Devenne