

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay, was held on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor C. J. Feeney

Deputy Mayor D. Devenne

Councillor K. Wilson

Councillor J. Bain

Councillor K. Nauss

Councillor L. Hennigar

Councillor P. Carver

C.A.O. J. Wentzell

Gallery: Five

Minutes

A motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Wilson “**THAT the Minutes of the April 8, 2014 regular meeting be approved as circulated.**” **Motion carried.**

Delegations /Individuals

Events Lunenburg County

Mike Smith presented, for approval, the Terms of Reference for Events Lunenburg County, an organization working to create a South Shore meetings and events destination. Mr. Smith also presented a budget and a request for financial support.

A motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “**THAT Council approve the Terms of Reference for Events Lunenburg County and approve a one-time contribution of \$800.00 with the proviso that the other municipal units agree to also participate.**” **Motion carried.**

RCMP

Police Chief, Constable Rob James, presented his report from November 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. Cst. James advised Council that the new annual performance plan in the region identifies traffic as one of the identified priorities and he and his fellow officers will be watching for cellphone use, seatbelts and speeding. Cst. James will follow-up on the repairs to the radar sign to see when it can be in place again.

Mahone Bay and Area Fire Department

Lt. Mark Ekins of the Mahone Bay and Area Fire Department presented the January 1 – March 31, 2014 report to Council on behalf of Chief Jeff Veinotte.

Municipal Proposal

Lynn Hennigar presented a proposed process, called Transformative Scenario Planning for Municipal Collaboration. Ms. Hennigar has been presenting this proposal to local municipal units as a concerned individual in the hopes of identifying possible opportunities for collaboration among the five municipalities in Lunenburg County.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Devenne, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council approve in principle participation of Council in the Transformative Scenario Planning for Municipal Collaboration for the municipal units of Lunenburg County as presented by Lynn Hennigar and wait for details from other Councils to action this item.”**

Motion carried.

Councillor Hennigar declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the vote on this issue.

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from:

1. Keddy, Gerald, MP, in relation to the newly released Building Canada Fund.
2. MacDonald, Karen, Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association, in relation to Saturday Postal Service and the reduction of hours at community postal outlets.
3. Verbeke, Tracy, UNSM, in relation to the Nova Scotia 2014 Provincial Budget.
4. White, Valerie, Department of Seniors, in relation to the Remarkable Senior Award.

A motion by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT the above correspondence, number 1 to 4, be received and filed.”**

Motion carried.

5. Jill Smith, Bay to Bay Trail Association, requesting Town support for the Destination Trail project and a staff person that can be used as a contact for the Association.

A motion by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the bay to Bay Association be advised that our Director of Operations, Derrick MacKenzie, would be the Town’s contact person for any proposed projects and that their request for certain projects be referred to the annual budget process.”**

Motion carried.

Committee and Other Reports

CAO

CAO Jim Wentzell presented and reviewed his monthly report with Council.

Director of Operations

Director of Operations, Derrick MacKenzie, presented and reviewed his monthly report with Council.

Heritage Advisory Committee

The minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting were received, including a recommendation to approve changes to the steps of St. John's Lutheran Church as presented to the Heritage Advisory Committee.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Devenne, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council concur with the recommendation of the Mahone Bay Heritage Advisory Committee and that the Town Council approve the issuing of a building permit for the replacement of steps at St. John's Lutheran Church.”** **Motion carried.**

Motion

Approval of Baby/Family Friendly Policy

A motion by Councillor Hennigar, seconded by Deputy Mayor Devenne, **“THAT Council approve Policy #13, a Baby/Family Friendly Policy for the Town of Mahone Bay as amended.”** **Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business

Municipal Boundary Review-Public Discussion

As the Strategic Planning process may have bearing on the Municipal Boundary Review, Mr. Wentzell will prepare the report for the Municipal Boundary Review following the next Strategic Planning meeting.

Town Entrance Signs

The Town Signage Working Group presented their recommendation for awarding the contract for the three new Town Entrance Signs.

A motion by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council accept the recommendation of the Town Signage Working Group and award a contract to Eye Candy Signs Incorporated for the construction and installation of three Town Entrance Signs at a cost of \$4,920.00 each plus HST, pending the use of the logo after approval from the Mahone Bay and Area Chamber of Commerce.”** **Motion carried.**

New Business

Financial Condition Index (FCI)

Mr. Wentzell presented the Financial Condition Index report card issued to the Town of Mahone Bay. Information was also received about upcoming workshops for municipal elected officials to provide an overview of FCI measures, process, etc. Council agreed that Councillor Nauss attend the Financial Condition Index Workshop, along with the CAO, being held at Old Orchard Inn on May 5, 2014.

Branding/Logo for the Town

Staff will contact the Mahone Bay and Area Chamber of Commerce for approval to use the Three Churches logo, currently used by their organization.

UNSM Conference Resolutions 2014

Information was received regarding the submission of resolutions to the UNSM Fall Conference.

In Camera

A Motion by Deputy Mayor Devenne, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council go In Camera to discuss Section 22 (2)e – REN Contract Negotiations at 8:40 p.m.”** **Motion carried.**

At 9:15 p.m. Council returned to open session and adjourned upon motion.

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J. Wentzell, CAO

C. J. Feeney, Mayor