

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, September 11, 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:** Four

Introduction of New CAO

Mayor Devenne introduced Dylan Heide, the new CAO, to the Town of Mahone Bay and extended a welcome on behalf of Council.

**Minutes**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the minutes of the July 26, 2018 regular meeting be approved as amended.”** **Motion carried.**

**Delegations and Individuals**

Nancy Petrie and Bill Roblee – Father Christmas Festival Reindeer Run

Nancy Petrie and Bill Roblee presented the proposed route change and time change for the 2018 Father Christmas Festival Reindeer Run. Ms. Petrie provided Council with highlights from the first Reindeer Run in 2017 and noted that the Father Christmas Festival organizers would like to make the run an annual event.

Mr. Roblee described the requested route change, which would involve runners using a two-way course on Main Street, from the Town Wharf then turning back just prior to the intersection of Wye Street at Main Street. The proposed route change would provide a more well-lit route for runners and clear detour options for vehicular traffic. Festival organizers also feel that the runners in the commercial core with antlers, flashing reindeer noses and even some costumes are a way to encourage shoppers and visitors to Town. The proposed road closure is expected to be for approximately 40 minutes and Ms. Petrie advised Council that they have received only positive comments from the Main Street business owners about the suggested route change.

**A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, "That Council permit the street closure of Main Street on December 1, 2018 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Father Christmas Reindeer Run, for a 6:00pm race start time, with the understanding that route marshals will be on-hand to direct detour traffic."** **Motion carried**

### **Correspondence – Information Items**

1. Robert A. MacKinnon, President and CEO, Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation, advising that the 2017-18 Summary of Results for the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation are now available on their website.
2. Jimmy MacAlpine, Chair, PVSC Board of Directors, sharing the link to view the PVSC 2018-18 Annual Report.
3. Trudy LeBlanc, Senior Advisory, Municipal Client Relations, advising that while PVSC will continue to occupy a full-time space at the LCLC during the 31 day inquiry period, meetings with assessors can be made at an alternate location.
4. Province of Nova Scotia, sharing an internet fact sheet from DevelopNS.
5. Lindsay Nickerson, Warden, Municipality of the District of Barrington, copying the Town of Mahone Bay on a letter to The Minister of Environment and Climate Change to express Council's concerns with respect to Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board's decision to allow oil and gas drilling approximately 300kms off shore.
6. Brian Brennan (Assistant Commissioner), Commanding Officer RCMP, with a cover letter to accompany the 2017 report of the RCMP.
7. Jenny Sandison, President, Mahone Bay Garden Society, with an update on the completion of the garden by the Town flag pole.

**A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, "THAT the correspondence numbered 1-7 be received and filed."** **Motion carried.**

**A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT a letter of appreciation be sent to the Mahone Bay Garden Society."** **Motion carried.**

### **Correspondence – Action Items**

1. Lynn Hennigar, Chair, Mahone Bay Centre Society, with a request that the Bell from the Mahone Bay School be placed in the bell tower of the Mahone Bay Centre.

**A motion by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Bain, "THAT Council direct staff to research and report back to Council in response to the request to move the Mahone Bay School bell."** **Motion carried.**

2. Betty MacDonald, Executive Director, seeking expressions of interest to serve on three committees: Joint Municipal/Provincial Housing Committee; Nova Scotia Joint Municipal Roads Committee; and the Farm Practices Board.

3. Rosemary MacEachern, Clearway Street resident, expressing concern at the speeds on Clairmont Street and requesting that the Town reduce the speed limit on Clearway Street.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council direct staff to write back to Ms. MacEachern indicating that the Town will be monitoring traffic on Clairmont Street and will evaluate options to improve traffic safety.” Motion carried**

### **Committee and Other Reports**

#### Department Report – Director of Operations

Council received the Department Report from Derrick MacKenzie, Director of Operations. Mr. MacKenzie highlighted that a number of projects were accomplished over the month of August, in particular the planned 2018 road work in Park Cemetery.

In addition to his report, Mr. MacKenzie advised that following the clearing of the sewer line on Main Street, it was discovered that there is a damaged section of the sewer line; the repair is scheduled for the week of September 17, 2018. Mr. MacKenzie also reported that following the RFP process for the restoration work on the gazebo may have to wait until the spring of 2018.

#### Audit Committee

Council received the minutes from the August 2, 2018 meeting of the Audit Committee.

#### REMO

Council received the minutes from the May 22, 2018 and the July 16, 2018 meetings of REMO.

#### Rural Health Care Crisis Working Group

Council received the meeting notes from the July 10, 2018 meeting of the Rural Health Care Crisis Working Group. Councillor Carver noted that the Health Care Crisis Group was initiated out of Shelburne and continues to be quite Shelburne-focused; examples given included a current initiative to hold a rally in the Shelburne area, though it was noted that there is discussion of organizing a similar type of rally in the area.

#### South Shore Regional Library

Council received the minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting of the South Shore Regional Library Board.

#### NSFM (Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities)

Council received a Board Report and a Board Initiatives Report from NSFM.

#### Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Advisory Partnership

Councillor Carver provided an update on the Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Partnership, advising that Chris Acomb has returned to her position as Senior Safety Coordinator and that the organization will be doing a presentation on the Seniors Safety Program on September 13, 2018 to the Nova Scotia Police Chiefs and Police Advisory Board Conference.

## Unfinished Business

### Heritage Property Registration

Council was advised that the expected consideration of Heritage Property status for the dwelling at 24 Pleasant Street has been delayed due to administrative matters in respect to notice requirements. Council will be advised when the matter is rescheduled for Council consideration.

## New Business

### Enforcement Officer Appointment

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Alan McMullin be appointed the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the Town of Mahone Bay to enforce the Bylaws of the Town of Mahone Bay and sections of the Motor Vehicle Act.”**

**Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Brent Haase be appointed the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the Dangerous and Unsightly Bylaw.”**

**Motion carried.**

### EconoUs Conference

Council received information about the EconoUs Conference scheduled in Moncton from September 24 – 26, 2018.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Nauss, **“THAT the Town of Mahone Bay sponsor Councillor O’Neill to attend the EconoUs Conference.”**

**Motion carried.**

### Signing Authority

With the installation of the new CAO for the Town of Mahone Bay, Council reviewed signing authority for the Town of Mahone Bay.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Mayor David Devenne or Deputy Mayor Karl Nauss or Councillor John Bain, along with the CAO, Dylan Heide, or Manager of Finance, Luke Wentzell, be the signing authorities for the Town of Mahone Bay in respect to financial matters for the Town of Mahone Bay.”**

**Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Mayor David Devenne or Deputy Mayor Karl Nauss or Councillor John Bain, along with the CAO, Dylan Heide, or the Town Clerk, Maureen Hughes, be the signing authorities for the Town of Mahone Bay in respect to administrative matters for the Town of Mahone Bay.”**

**Motion carried.**

**Accounts**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the accounts in the amount of \$246,336.83 be paid as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nauss, **“THAT the accounts for August 2018, in the amount of \$204, 689.38.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe to go in camera at 8:09 p.m., to discuss personnel matters as permitted by the MGA 22(2)(c). **Motion carried.**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney to return to open session at 8:20 p.m. **Motion carried.**

**The meeting adjourned upon motion at 8:21 p.m.**

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Town Clerk, Maureen Hughes

Mayor, David Devenne