



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Acting Mayor, J. Bain
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor C. O'Neill
CAO, D. Heide
Acting Secretary, K. Redden

Regrets:

Mayor D. Devenne
Deputy Mayor K. Nauss

Gallery: 4

Agenda

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add 9.1 – Meter Readings and 9.2 - ICIP Funding.”** Motion carried.

Minutes

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the minutes of the February 12, 2019 regular council meeting be approved as amended.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“That the minutes of the February 21, 2019 special council meeting be approved as amended.”** Motion carried.

Consideration of Delegations

Jennifer Constable – Plastic Free Lunenburg

Council received a presentation from Plastic Free Lunenburg, a community-based project led by a group of concerned citizens.

Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation

Yvonne Mosley, a member of a group of people who have joined forces with the Lyme Disease Foundation, presented to Council.

Correspondence – Action Items

1. Juanita Spencer, CAO of the NSFM with a request for feedback on the Resolution Process.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **"THAT staff write a letter to NSFM with two issues of concern 1) The conduct of the regional meetings to discuss potential resolutions and 2) The process of nominations to NSFM committees at conventions."**

Motion carried.

2. Fran O'Hagan, Chair of the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce with a request for the Town to approve a program of seasonal Town beautification.

A motion by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Carver, **"THAT staff obtain a cost report on reinstating the hanging flower basket and Christmas wreath program for the 2019-20 budget process."**

Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Remuneration Policy

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **"THAT having received notice at the February 12, 2019 meeting of Town Council, that Council adopt the Remuneration Policy as presented. The policy will take effect on April 1, 2019 and will be retroactive to January 1, 2019 with retroactive payments being made after April 1, 2019."** Motion carried.

Public Participation in Planning Policy

A motion by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **"THAT having received notice at the February 12, 2019 meeting of Town Council, that Council adopt the Public Participation in Planning Policy as amended."** Motion carried.

**Councillor Nowe excused himself from the Council table at 8:18pm to respond to a fire call.*

Council Items

NOW Lunenburg County

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **"THAT in recognition and support for the important work being done by NOW Lunenburg County to reach out to prospective physicians and to promote Lunenburg County as a desirable place to live and practice medicine and, in recognition that the province has encouraged municipalities to play a role in physician recruitment, I move that the Town of Mahone Bay include two hundred dollars (\$200) in the 2019-2020 budget planning process as a contribution to the NOW Lunenburg County physician recruitment project.**

Councillor Carver withdrew her motion in anticipation of NOW Lunenburg County applying for a Town of Mahone Bay grant for the 2019/20 fiscal year, the grant process being governed by the Town's Grants to Organizations Policy.

Committee Reports

Draft Age Friendly Community Committee Minutes

Council received the draft minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting of the Age Friendly Community Committee.

Draft Economic Development Committee Minutes

Council received the draft minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

Draft Audit Committee Minutes

Council received the draft minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting of the Audit Committee.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O’Neill **“THAT staff be directed to review applicable policies and banking products and bring a recommendation in this regard to the Committee’s July meeting.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O’Neill **“THAT staff be directed to reflect requirements for detailed invoicing in RFP contracts for major capital works in the future.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O’Neill **“THAT staff be directed to investigate the issue of its practices concerning property taxes on newly/partially constructed buildings and bring a recommendation in this regard to the Committee’s July meeting.”** **Motion carried.**

Action Plan Update – Quarterly Report

Council received the quarterly report of the Town’s action plan.

NSFM Municipal Matters Newsletter

Council received the February 6, 2019 edition of the NSFM’s Municipal Matters Newsletter.

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Council received the February 20, 2019 edition of the NSFM’s Municipal Matters Newsletter.

Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program Monthly Report

Council received the February 2019 report of the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the committee reports be received and filed.”** **Motion carried.**

New Business

Meter Reading

Acting Mayor John Bain discussed with Council some Town of Mahone Bay resident’s power bill concerns.

9.2 ICIP Phasing

** Councillor Nowe returned to the Council table at 9:19pm.*

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT Council approves the phasing of the priority #1 ICIP project (Main Street Utilities Rehabilitation and Improvement) into two phases as follows:**

Phase 1 – Town Reservoir to Long Hill Rd.

Phase 2 – Long Hill Rd. to Cherry Lane

Should such be necessary to secure federal/provincial project funding.”

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned upon motion at 9:29 p.m.

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Acting Town Clerk, Kelly Redden

Acting Mayor, John Bain