Town of Mahone Bay March 12, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne (Skype) Acting Mayor, J. Bain

Councillor P. Carver

Councillor J. Feeney

Councillor R. Nowe

Councillor C. O'Neill

Planner, Garth Sturtevant

CAO, D. Heide

Acting Secretary, K. Redden

Regrets:

Deputy Mayor K. Nauss

Gallery: 7

1 Agenda

1.1 A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add 7.1 – United Way and to add a closed session for discussion of contract negotiations as permitted by MGANS Section 22(2)(e)." Motion carried.

2 Minutes

2.1 A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the February 28, 2019 regular council meeting be approved as amended." Motion carried.

3 Consideration of Delegations

3.1 Angela Taylor, Unplug the Litterbug

Council received a presentation from Angela Taylor, Outreach and Compliance officer with the Municipal Joint Services Board (MJSB). The presentation concerned a litter pick-up initiative along Hwy 325 and a new litter prevention initiative.

<u>4 Correspondence – Action Items</u>

4.1 NSFM with a request to complete a survey to assist in shaping Housing Nova Scotia's new action plan. It was noted that Councillors and the CAO could respond individually.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, "THAT item 4.1 be received and filed."

Motion carried.

<u> 5 Correspondence – Information Items</u>

- 5.1 Anne Palfreyman, Chair of the Founders Society with information concerning the recipients of the 2019 Heritage Awards, the Bayview Cemetery project is one of the award recipients.
- 5.2 Karen Mattatall, Mayor of the Town of Shelburne with a letter to all municipal units of Nova Scotia proposing that a portion of the Provincial HST goes back to municipal units.

A notice of motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT staff be directed to draft a letter in support of Mayor Mattatall's letter, proposing that a portion of the Provincial HST goes back to municipal units."

- 5.3 Linda Rideout of the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia with a request that Councillors wear purple ribbons at this council meeting and throughout the month of March in support of Purple Day.
- 5.4 NSFM with an invitation for municipalities to share success stores around economic development.
- 5.5 NSFM with a press release applauding proposed changes giving municipalities more autonomy in spending powers.
- 5.6 NSFM with information about the upcoming South Shore-HRM Area regional meeting on April 18, 2019.
- 5.7 Plastic Free Lunenburg with an update to Lunenburg's businesses and community organizations.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, "THAT correspondence information items 5.1 and 5.3 – 5.7 be received and filed."

Motion carried.

6 Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT the Council Report for March 12, 2019 be received and filed." Motion Carried.

6.2 2019 Strategic Plan Update

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council adopt the revised Town of Mahone Bay Corporate Strategic Plan 2018-21 as amended."

Motion carried.

6.3 Speed Signs and Crosswalk Flags

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, "THAT Council direct staff to develop a deployment plan for ongoing use of the Town's speed signs, in consultation with the RCMP."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the statistical information from the speed signs be forwarded to the next agenda of the Police Advisory Board."

Motion carried.

6.4 Town Centennial Update

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, "THAT Council direct staff to confirm Centennial Program dates and to plan and advertise a Centennial launch event in the last week of March or the first week of April 2019."

Motion carried.

6.5 2018/19 Write Offs

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, "THAT Council approve the write-off of utility accounts totaling \$36,449.21 and that the outstanding accounts be sent to the Provincial Collection Services for collection on behalf of the Town."

Motion carried.

7 Council Items

7.1 United Way

Councillor Carver reminded Council members that they are able to contribute to the United Way through automatic payroll deductions.

Council asked that the United Way be invited to present at a future meeting of Council.

8 Committee Reports

8.1 Draft Planning Advisory Committee Minutes

Council received the draft minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council approve that the draft development agreement with Mahone Bay Brewing Company be amended to allow one static special event date each year on March 17th (St. Patrick's Day), on this date the Tap Room can remain open from 8:00am – 1:00am and 5 other special events dates in each year allowing the Tap Room to be open from 10:00am – 1:00am."

8.2 Staff Report and Revised Development Agreement – Mahone Bay Brewing Co. Council received the revised Development Agreement and set a public hearing date on April 9th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

8.3 NSFM Municipal Matters Newsletter - March 6, 2019

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, "THAT the Newsletter be received and filed."

Motion carried.

10 Accounts

10.1 February 2019

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council approve
February's accounts in the amount of \$125,345.46."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver to enter into closed session at 8:22 p.m. to discussion contract negotiations as permitted by MGANS section 22(2)(e).

Council returned to open session at 8:35 p.m.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council approve and award Collection Contract RFP 2018-005 Part 5 to GE Environmental." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council approve and award General Insurance RFP 2018-004 Part 4 to BFL Canada." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council approve the revisions to the Agreement between the Town of Bridgewater, Town of Mahone Bay and Municipality of the District of Lunenburg dated the 9th of October 2012, for the provision of joint municipal services to add Schedule 3.1 providing for the provision of HR Support Services."

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, "THAT Council approve the REMO budget as presented in the amount of \$106,000, with Mahone Bay's contribution being \$2,639.77."

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned upon motion at 8:38 p.m.

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Acting Town Clerk, Kelly Redden

Acting Mayor, John Bain