



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne
Deputy Mayor K. Nauss
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor C. O'Neill
CAO, D. Heide
Deputy Clerk, K. Redden

Absent:

Councillor, J. Bain (Regrets)
Councillor J. Feeney

Gallery: 8

1 Agenda

1.1 A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add item 8.4 - Economic Development Committee and 8.5 - Mahone Bay Fire Department quarterly report.”** Motion carried.

2 Minutes

2.1 A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the minutes of the April 9, 2019 regular council meeting be approved as presented.”** Motion carried.

3 Consideration of Delegations

3.1 Marilyn Keddy and Tom Webb, CPONS

Council received a presentation from Marilyn Keddy and Tom Webb of the CPONS (Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia) requesting that Council pass a resolution in support of a full independent public inquiry into offshore exploration in Nova Scotia and a moratorium on drilling until this inquiry is complete.

A notice of motion by Councillor Carver seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **“THAT Mahone Bay Town Council supports the CPONS’s (Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia) call for a full and independent public inquiry into the pros and cons of oil industry exploration in offshore**

Nova Scotia and to call for a moratorium on all further oil and gas exploration in the offshore pending the completion of that inquiry.”

3.2 Aaron Long, AREA - Community Solar

Council received a presentation from Aaron Long, Director of Business for AREA (Alternative Energy Resource Authority) on future opportunities for the Mahone Bay Electric Utility. The presentation included information on community solar gardens and other ways for the Town to encourage Town residents’ conversion from fossil fuels to clean electricity.

4 Correspondence – Action Items

4.1 Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, Chair of the Lunenburg County Multipurpose Centre Corporation with a request for an operating grant from the Town of Mahone Bay for the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT this item be referred to the 2019-20 budget meeting for consideration.”** **Motion carried.**

4.2 Tim Merry, Town resident, with a request for Council’s support for a soccer club in Mahone Bay.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the Town of Mahone Bay officially support the Town’s new soccer club “Mahone Bay United.”** **Motion carried.**

5 Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM with a press release advising that the Provincial equalization grant to municipalities has been renamed the Municipal Financial Capacity Grant.

5.2 Cheryl Gallant, Provincial MP, with a letter expressing her concern of the possible passing of Bill C-68, which will reverse changes to the Fisheries Act.

5.3 Shannon Bennett of the Department of Municipal Affairs with a letter to CAO’s and Director’s of Finance with AMANS and NSFM, concerning a one time payment under the Federal Gas Tax Program.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the Correspondence number 5.1 – 5.3 be received and filed.”** **Motion carried.**

6 Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the Council Report for April 25, 2019.

Councillor O’Neill excused herself from Council Chambers at 8:25pm. Before she left chambers, items 8.1 and 8.4 were discussed at her request.

6.2 Centennial Update

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to include the following in the draft 2019-2020 budget for consideration: Operating Budget – Centennial Program initiatives: \$15,000 and Capital Budget – Town Bandstand: \$60,000 (anticipated Town contribution of \$29,250).”** Motion carried.

6.3 Water Testing

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council accept the report for information.”** Motion carried.

7 Council Items

7.1 Councillor Carver – Proposed Amendment to Terms of Reference for Heritage Advisory Committee

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council adopt the proposed Terms of Reference for the Heritage Advisory Committee.”** Motion carried.

8 Committee Reports

8.1 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – Draft Minutes

Council received the draft minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Town Council give notice of its intention to enter into a Development Agreement with the Developer to construct one single-unit residential structure at 995 Main Street, Mahone Bay PID 60371291, and that Staff be directed to schedule a public hearing.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council initiate a review of the Municipal Planning Strategy in 2019/2020 fiscal year and that this recommendation be referred to the budget process.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council approve a call for nominations to seek a new member of the Planning Advisory Committee to replace a member who has recently resigned.”** Motion carried.

8.2 Pool Society Meeting – Draft Minutes

Council received the draft minutes of the April 15, 2019 meeting of the Pool Society.

8.3 Municipal Joint Services Board 2019/2020 Budget Approval

Council received the Municipal Joint Service Board’s proposed 2019-2020 Operating Plan and 5-year Capital Program.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the Town of Mahone Bay approve the Municipal Joint Services Board proposed 2019/20 Capital Budget in the amount of \$530,000, and the proposed 2019/20 Operating Budget in the amount of \$4,839,485 with the Town of Mahone Bay’s contribution being \$103,710.”** Motion carried.

8.4 Economic Development Committee

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT, with the support of the Economic Development Committee, Council refer the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce’s request for \$1,500 to hire a consultant to the 2019/20 budget process.”** Motion carried.

8.5 Mahone Bay Fire Department Quarterly Report

Council received the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department’s quarterly report.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the Mahone Bay Fire Department’s quarterly report be received and filed.”** Motion carried.

10 Accounts

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council approve the March 2019 accounts in the amount of \$193,521.18.”** Motion carried.

11 Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe to enter into closed session at 8:48 p.m. to discuss acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property as permitted by MGANS section 22(2)(a).

Council returned to open session at 9:19 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned upon motion at 9:20 p.m.

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