



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor Devenne
Deputy Mayor Nauss
Councillor Feeney
Councillor Nowe
Councillor Carver
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Bain
Dylan Heide, CAO
Maureen Hughes, Clerk
Samuel Lamey, Solicitor (8:00 pm)

Gallery: 10

Agenda

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **"THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add 100 Trees: 100 Years under New Business, item 9.1."**

Motion carried.

Minutes

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **"THAT the minutes of the April 23, 2019 Special Council meeting be approved as presented."**

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **"THAT the minutes of the April 25, 2019 regular Council meeting be approved as presented."**

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **"THAT the minutes of the April 30, 2019 Special Council meeting be approved as presented."**

Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **"THAT the minutes of the May 3, 2019 Special Council meeting be approved as presented."**

Motion carried.

Consideration of Delegations

Glenn Patscha and Darryl Haley – AirBnBs in Mahone Bay

Glen Patscha and Darryl Haley provided Council with a presentation on their concerns regarding the proposed addition of a third short-term rental on the property at 51 Pond Street.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Mr. Haley be permitted an additional ten minutes, including time for questions, for his presentation.”**

Motion carried.

Correspondence – Action Items

1. Stewart Franck, Citizens for Public Transit, with information about a Transportation Market Survey and Feasibility Study as well as a request for the support of Council.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT Council direct staff to comply with the request of the Citizens for Public Transit and provide hard copies of the survey at the main reception area and to receive completed surveys; to add a link to the online survey to the Town website; to put up posters about the project; and to allow a CBCL project team member to contact senior planning staff and/or the CAO for information for the project.”**

Motion carried

Correspondence – Information Items

1. NSFAM Municipal Matters Newsletter for April 23, 2019.
2. NSFAM – Information on the How we THRIVE Conference which will be held from June 2 – 5, 2019 at the
3. Al Mosher, with a letter expressing his concerns about the proposed development at 51 Pond Street.
4. Justin Andrews and Coco Harris, with information on the Community Garden call to action.
5. Andrea Bezanson, Department of Municipal Affairs, informing the Town that Bill 92 has received Royal Assent.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the above correspondence, numbered 1-5, be received and filed.”**

Motion carried

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council request Operations staff to review the list of requested donation items issued by the CHANGE Garden and that if the Town has any surplus items on the list that they be shared with the CHANGE Garden planners.”**

Motion carried

Staff Reports

Council Report for May 14, 2019

Council received the Council report for May 14, 2019.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council accept the Council report for May 14, 2019 as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

Request Cash-in-lieu of Parking and LUB Housekeeping Amendment

Council received a report from Planning Staff regarding a request to provide cash-in-lieu of parking for a proposed development at 51 Pond Street; the report also recommended a housekeeping amendment to the Land Use By-law.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council reject the request for cash-in-lieu of two parking spaces at 51 Pond Street.”** **Motion defeated.**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT Council accept the request for cash-in-lieu of two parking spaces at 51 Pond Street.”** **Motion defeated.**

Staff Report – Social Media Policy

Council received a staff report and a draft Social Media Policy. Council agreed to defer discussion to the June 11, 2019 meeting of Council.

Staff Report – 2019 PCAP Application

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council direct staff to submit an application to the 2019 Provincial Capital Assistance Program in the amount of \$109,782, requesting \$54,891 in funding assistance for water/wastewater projects.”** **Motion carried.**

Staff Report – Low Income Property Tax Exemption

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council adopt the Low-Income Property Tax Exemption Policy as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

Council Items

NSFM Spring Conference Update

Mayor Devenne and Councillor Carver requested that the discussion of the NSFM Spring Conference be deferred to the next Council agenda.

Budget 2019/20

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council approve the 2019-20 General Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,203,383 as presented, with tax rates**

at \$1.25/\$100 Residential and \$3.16/\$100 Commercial, infrastructure charges at \$275/unit, and the deed transfer tax at 1.5% (effective August 1, 2019)." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **"THAT Council approve the 2019-20 Capital Budget with expenditures totalling \$6,715,768 supported by a projected \$5,299,700 in external funding."** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **"THAT Council approve the 2019-20 Electric Utility Budget in the amount of \$2,092,200 as presented."** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **"THAT Council approve the 2019-20 Electric Utility Capital Budget with expenditures totalling \$301,500 supported by a projected \$135,000 in external funding."** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **"THAT Council approve the 2019-20 Water Utility Budget in the amount of \$674,350 as presented."** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **"THAT Council approve the 2019-20 Water Utility Capital Budget with expenditures totalling \$3,598,740 supported by a projected \$2,063,584 in external funding."** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Bain, **"THAT Council approve the 2019-20 cemetery budgets, in the amounts of \$24,450 for Park Cemetery and \$9,400 for Bayview Cemetery, as presented."** Motion carried.

CPONS Resolution

A 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."** Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Economic Development Committee

Council received the minutes of the April 24, 2019 meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

Age Friendly Committee

Council received the minutes of the April 29, 2019 meeting of the Age Friendly Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council appoint Joan Parks-Hubley and Francis Kangata to the Age Friendly Committee.”** Motion carried.

Lunenburg County Seniors’ Safety Partnership

Council received the April 2019 monthly report of the Lunenburg County Seniors’ Safety Partnership.

100 Trees: 100 Years Project

Councillor Carver informed Council of the May 23, 2019 talk at the Mahone Bay Legion at 2:00pm which will launch the 100 Trees: 100 Project, part of the Town’s Centennial Program.

Accounts

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the accounts be paid in the amount of \$246,103.26”** Motion carried.

Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councilor Nowe, to go into a closed session at 8:56pm to discuss legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege, as permitted by the MGA section 22(2)(g). Motion carried.

Mr. Lamey remained for the Closed Session.

Council returned to Open Session at 9:55pm

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:55pm

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

Mayor, David Devenne

Clerk, Maureen Hughes