



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

Present:

Mayor Devenne
Deputy Mayor Nauss
Councillor Carver
Councillor Feeney
Councillor Nowe
Councillor O'Neill
Dylan Heide, CAO
Maureen Hughes, Clerk

Absent: Councillor Bain (with regrets)

Gallery: 6

Agenda

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended to include, under New Business the second reading of the amendment to the Land Use By-law, and the Open Shoreline Zone across from Rebecca’s Restaurant.”**

Motion carried.

Minutes

A motion by Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the minutes of the July 9, 2019 regular Council meeting be approved as presented.”**

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the minutes of the July 16, 2019 Special Council meeting be approved as presented.”**

Motion carried.

Consideration of Delegations

Barry Dorey – Classic Car Museum

Council received a presentation from Barry Dorey who discussed his interest in developing an AMC Museum in Mahone Bay and in discussing the possibility of acquiring property in Mahone Bay for such a museum.

Deputy Chief Adam Ekins – Mahone Bay and District Fire Department

Council received the Quarterly Fire Department Report from Deputy Chief Adam Ekins. Deputy Chief Ekins noted that the Fire Department is currently making plans to conduct a variety of training exercise in the old Masonic Lodge in the end of August or early September.

Correspondence – Information Items

1. Debbie Nielsen, Infrastructure and Sustainability Officer, NSFM advising that the Low Carbon Communities and Connect2 Programs are now accepting Expressions of Interest for Funding.
2. Debbie Nielsen, Infrastructure and Sustainability Officer, NSFM with information on the Solar Electricity for Community Buildings Pilot Program.
3. Janine McInnis, Morneau Shepell with a National Pharmacare Update.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the above correspondence, numbered 1 – 3, be received and filed.”** **Motion carried.**

Staff Reports

Council Report for July 25, 2019

Council received the Council report for July 25, 2019.

2019-20 Business Plan

Council received a staff report to accompany a Draft 2019-20 Business Plan

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council approve the 2019-20 Business Plan as amended.”** **Motion carried.**

Donation Meters

Council received a staff report on Donation Meters on Town Property.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council approve the installation of donation meters on Town property based on locations in which the Town has existing relationships with not-for-profit organizations that manage or contribute to that space.”** **Motion carried.**

Transportation Plan

Council received a staff report to accompany a Draft Transportation Plan.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT Council direct staff to apply to the Connect2 program for \$15,000 to support the development of a Town of Mahone Bay Transportation Plan.”** **Motion carried.**

Water Utility Billing Issue

Council received a staff report requesting Council direction in response to a water utility billing issue.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council accept the customer request for relief in amount of \$215 based on the Town’s failure to replace the meter and correct the billing issue in the spring of 2018 as planned.”** Motion carried.

Centennial Update

Council received a staff report with an update on Centennial Activities.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council accept the report for information; and approve the attached Infrastructure Art guidelines and scoring grid; select Saturday, September 14, 2019, with Sunday, September 15, 2019 as the rain date, for the proposed “Mahone Bay Day” picnic; confirm \$1,000 interim centennial funding to the Heritage Boatyard Co-op.”** Motion carried.

Council Items

Consideration of Mik’maq Ancestral Lands

Mayor Devenne asked Council to start a process to consider what is an appropriate way for the Town of Mahone Bay to acknowledge the Mik’maq people who lived in the area of what is now Mahone Bay, prior to European settlement.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council direct staff to research the applicability of land acknowledgements and recognition statements to the Town of Mahone Bay.”** Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Planning Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the July 2, 2019 regular meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee

Economic Development Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the July 3, 2019 meeting of the Economic Development Committee

Audit Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the July 11, 2019 meeting of the Audit Committee

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council direct staff to develop a policy governing use of the Town’s corporate credit cards to present to the Audit Committee’s January meeting.”** **Motion carried**

Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee

Council received a list of requested motions and a draft Terms of Reference for the Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council accept the amendments to the Lunenburg County Joint Accessibility Committee Terms of Reference to include: Lunenburg County Village Commissions; an Election Representative from each Village Commission; and to increase Community Representative from five (5) to six (6).”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT Council appoint the following six (6) Community Members to the Lunenburg County Joint Accessibility Committee and for the following terms: David Outhouse for three (3) years; Louise Hopper for three (3) years; Patricia George-Zwicker for two (2) years; Ellen Johnson for two (2) years; Sue Rushton for one (1) year; and Linda Ann Marie Mills for one (1) year.”** **Motion carried.**

Region 6 Solid Waste Management

Council received the Region 6 Boardroom Brief for Summer 2019.

New Business

Amendment to the Land Use By-law

Council held at Public Hearing on July 25, 2019 for the purpose of receiving comments regarding the intention of the Town of Mahone Bay to amend the Land Use By-law to add the word “existing” to immediately precede the word “buildings” at Part 4.4.6 Residential Conversions.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council give second reading to the housekeeping amendments to the Residential Conversion Clause (4.4.6) of the Land Use By-law to add the word ‘existing’ to immediately precede the word ‘buildings’. This will bring the Land Use By-law into alignment with the policies expressed in the Municipal Planning Strategy.”**

Motion carried.

Temporary Eating Establishment in Open Shoreline Zone on Edgewater Street

Council discussed concerns which had been raised regarding a structure that has been placed in the Open Shoreline Zone on Edgewater Street. Council received a verbal report from the CAO indicating that the property owner has a request for temporary vending pending for the month

of August, pending approval of the mobile eating establishment by the Department of Environment and Health.

While meeting the definition of a mobile eating establishment the structure can be permitted under the Land Use By-law, but if the establishment fails or ceases to meet the requirements of a mobile eating establishment, the structure would fall under the Land Use By-law and a building is not permitted in the Open Shoreline Zone.

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:14 p.m.

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