

**TOWN OF MAHONE BAY**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**August 6, 2019**

9:00am

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**Call to Order**

**1 Approval of Agenda**

**2 Correspondence – Action Items**

- 2.1 Ramsay Duff, MacLeod Group – Request to enter into Development Agreement.
- 2.2 Claudette Levesque, Canadian Heritage – Legacy Funding Program.
- 2.3 Audrey Muir, CBCL Ltd. – Regional Transportation.

**3 Council Items**

- 3.1 Mayor Devenne – Town of Mahone Bay 2019/20 Business Plan

**4 New Business**

**Closed Session**

**Adjournment**



July 29, 2019

Dylan Heide  
CAO, Town of Mahone Bay  
PO Box 530  
493 Main Street  
Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia  
B0J 2E0

**Re: Request to enter into Development Agreement**

Dear Mr. Heide;

On behalf of MacLeod Group Health Services Ltd, please accept this letter as our formal request to enter into a Development Agreement with the Town of Mahone Bay for the construction of a new 96-bed nursing home.

The proposed project will be located on a consolidated land holding, the main parcels being Lot 1000 and Lot 4-A-B, Main Street. Adjacent parcels may be included subject to further negotiations with current landowners.

We anticipate significant social and economic benefits to the Town of Mahone Bay resulting from the construction and on-going operation of the new home. Increased local employment, demand for electricity from the Town utility, and property taxes will be direct benefits to the Town and the citizens of Mahone Bay.

Our company is ready to begin the process and proceed with a Public Information Meeting scheduled at your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ramsay Duff", is written over a large, stylized flourish that extends across the signature line and slightly below it.

Ramsay Duff  
Chief Executive Officer



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Mr. Dylan Heide  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Mahone Bay  
493 Main Street  
Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia  
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Title of Project: Town of Mahone Bay Centennial Heritage Project

Dear Mr. Heide:

On behalf of the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism, it is my pleasure to inform you that your application for funding has been approved.

A grant in the amount of \$32,200 will be awarded to help your organization carry out its activities, under the Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Program, Legacy Fund Component. This funding will be allocated over one government fiscal year 2019 – 2020 and will be subject to certain terms and conditions, the appropriation of funds by Parliament, and the budget levels of the Program.

One of our program representatives may be in contact with you in the near future to review the terms and conditions related to this funding. As you may already know, the Government of Canada is committed to promoting workplaces free from harassment, abuse and discrimination. I would like to seize this opportunity to remind you of your responsibility to provide a work environment where harassment, abuse and discrimination are not tolerated.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and the members of your organization the greatest success in your endeavours.

Sincerely,

Claudette Lévesque  
Director General  
Citizen Participation Branch



**From:** Muir, Audrey <[amuir@cbcl.ca](mailto:amuir@cbcl.ca)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2019 10:25 AM

**To:** David Devenne

**Subject:** 191063.00 CPT Transit Feasibility Study - Discussion of creating a regional system

Good morning Mayor Devenne,

I hope you are well.

My name is Audrey Muir and I am a Senior Transportation Consultant with CBCL Limited. We undertook the feasibility study for the Town of Bridgewater Public Transit system in 2016 and 2017.

I wanted to contact you by email instead of cold-calling you. I believe that you are already aware that CBCL is undertaking a feasibility study of a regional public transit system on behalf of Citizens for Public Transit (CPT). The study is looking at the possibility of a transit system for Lunenburg County, including the towns of Mahone Bay, Bridgewater, Lunenburg and the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. We have already undertaken three open houses in the area, and we ran a project website with a survey, and participatory mapping as part of the study.

What we've been hearing from our open houses, survey responses and consultation is that there is a demand for a regional service connecting the three towns with MODL. There are people trying to get into the towns from the surrounding areas to access employment, services, leisure etc. According to the latest Census data, the majority of people appear to work within their town of residence, or at least within Lunenburg County.

As you know, there is also a seasonal demand due to tourist activity and the desire to travel around the County.

We have a number of suggested transit loops around the County passing through Bridgewater, essentially using the town as a hub, and we would like to propose offering a transfer point, or points, with the existing Town of Bridgewater transit service.

We are very conscious of not disrupting what the Town of Bridgewater has already developed, and the issue we always had was if we took the service outside of the town limits, then the UARB would need to be involved. Our research and discussions have brought us to looking at some kind of inter-municipal service agreement, possibly setting up a transit authority as it's own incorporation, but equally shared by each of the three towns and MODL. This is very similar to the Kings Transit Authority model, where each of the three towns and the municipality are equal partners and all have representatives on a Board of Directors.

My questions to you are, what would your thoughts be on participating in a service like this? Have you given any consideration to this concept in general?

I will also be reaching out to your counterparts in Bridgewater, Lunenburg and MODL to try and gauge whether there is a collective appetite for such an agreement, and at some point it may be helpful to have all parties in a room together.

If you would like to discuss this over the phone, please let me know a day or time that would work for you.

Thank you for your time in reading this email, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,

Audrey



**Audrey Muir, MITE** | Senior Transportation Consultant

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