



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne
Councillor C. O'Neill
Councillor J. Bain
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor J. Feeney
Dylan Heide, CAO
Maureen Hughes, Clerk

Regrets: Deputy Mayor K. Nauss

Gallery: Five

Agenda

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended to include Item 6.1.a Recommendation on EV Chargers.”** Motion carried.

Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the minutes of the July 25, 2019 regular Council meeting be approved as amended.”** Motion carried

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **“THAT the minutes of August 6, 2019 Special Council meeting be approved.”** Motion carried

Consideration of Delegations

Aaron Long - AREA

Aaron Long, Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA) Director of Business Services, presented to Council a proposal for how the Town of Mahone Bay, as an AREA partner, might best promote electric vehicles as part of the Town's efforts to decarbonize our community.

Siew Secord

Siew Secord, MJSB COO, presented proposed amendments to the Town of Mahone Bay Solid Waste By-law prompted by the latest solid waste collection contract.

Correspondence – Action Items

1. Ian MacDonnell, with a request for the Town to pave the gravel road at the end of the Freeman Veinotte Road.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council support the request by referring it to the 2020/21 Budget.”** **Motion carried.**

2. NSFM, with information about the Ken Simpson Memorial Award 2019.

3. Keith Pomeroy, Mahone Bay Civic Marina, sharing the 2019 Marina Business Plan.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council accept the 2019 Marina Business Plan as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

4. Gregory Flinn, Lunenburg County Sport Heritage Society, with an invitation to purchase advertising space in the souvenir brochure for the 2019 Lunenburg County Sport Heritage Society Wall of Fame.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT staff respond to the request from Mr. Flinn with information on how to apply for a grant from the Town of Mahone Bay.”** **Motion carried.**

5. Charles Uhlman, Mahone Bay and Area Lions Club, with an invitation to sponsor the booklet for the Lion’s Club Charter Night on November 16, 2019.

Councillor Nowe withdrew from discussion of the request from the Mahone Bay and Area Lions Club, citing a conflict of interest.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council contribute \$500 to the Mahone Bay Area Lions Club Charter Night for the purchase of an outside back cover ad for the Charter Night booklet.”** **Motion carried.**

Councillor Nowe returned to participation in the meeting.

Correspondence – Information Items

1. Hon. Mark Furey, Department of Justice, with information on the revitalization of the Additional Officer Program.

2. NSFM, sharing the August 13, 2019 Newsletter.

3. Stacey O’Rourke, Director of Communications, CNSOPB, with an announcement from the Board of the CNSOPB regarding the retirement of their Chief Executive Officer.

4. Amy Pugsley-Fraser, NSFM, with information on the Atlantic Idea Camp to be held on October 16, 2019 in Mount Pearl, NL.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the above items, number 1 to 4, be received and filed.”** **Motion carried.**

Staff Reports

Electric Vehicle Chargers

Having received information from Mr. Long from AREA regarding providing Municipal Electric Vehicle Chargers for Mahone Bay, Council was asked for their direction regarding the proposal.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT the Town of Mahone Bay Council confirm its commitment to the Pan Maritime Provinces Municipal Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Initiative submission to NRCAN’s ZEVIP RFP and further confirms that funds are available for 50% of the \$70,000 budget in 2020/21 for 8 publicly-available level two electric vehicle charging stations located within the Town’s municipal electric utility territory as described in the NRCAN RFP submission.”** **Motion carried.**

Staff Report to Council

Council received the Council Report for September 10, 2019.

CodeRED Policy

Council received a staff report and a draft CodeRED policy for approval September 26, 2019.

Centennial Budget Update

Council received a Centennial Budget Update.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council accept the Centennial Budget Update for information.”** **Motion carried.**

Low-Carbon Communities

Council received a staff report on the 2019-20 Low-Carbon Communities Program from the Nova Scotia Department of Energy and Mines.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to apply to the Department of Energy and Mines’ Low Carbon Communities Program 2019-20 to implement an engagement program to support the Council’s commitment to set targets and develop strategies for community GHG emissions reduction, as reflected by the Town of Mahone Bay’s participation in the FCM’s Transition 2050 initiative.”** **Motion carried.**

Flag Pole Donation

Council received a report regarding an offer from the Mahone Bay Centre for the donation of a flagpole.

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council accept the donation of a flagpole from the Mahone Bay Centre and direct staff to prepare a report on potential location and a policy concerning the flying of flags.”** **Motion carried.**

Refunding Parking Tickets

Council received a report requesting direction concerning the practice of refunding parking tickets following a change in signage.

Council confirmed by consensus that staff are to continue to enforce tickets which have been issued correctly in compliance with existing signage.

Public Works Storage

Council received a report regarding additional temporary storage for the Public Works Department following the demolition of the previous structure which had been determined to be in poor condition and no longer safe to use.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council authorize the purchase a storage container at a cost of \$6,000 with funds to be drawn from those allocated for capital spending in the 2019-20 budget.”** **Motion carried.**

Council Items

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

Mayor Devenne referenced recent vandalism at the Tennis Courts as well as other acts of vandalism and discussed successes that other organizations have had in reducing vandalism with the installation of security cameras.

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT Council investigate the costs and equipment needed to install surveillance cameras at Town facilities.”** **Motion carried.**

Mayor Devenne – Vending By-law Review

Ask that Council consider a review of the current Temporary Vending By-law.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council refer the Temporary Vending Bylaw to an upcoming meeting of Council for review at a time that allows for appropriate discussion.”** **Motion carried.**

Councillor O’Neill – Backyard Chickens and Bees

Councillor O’Neill asked that Council revisit the existing regulations regarding backyard chickens and bees, particularly in light of anecdotal accounts of chickens as a way of reducing the amount of Lyme-bearing ticks.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council refer the matter of backyard chickens and bees to staff for inclusion in the review of the Municipal Planning Strategy.”** **Motion carried.**

Councillor Carver – CPT Transit Meeting

Councillor Carver provided a verbal report of the August 29, 2019 meeting of the Citizens for Public Transit. Following a lengthy discussion, Council agreed by consensus to invite representatives from CPT to discuss their proposal and the results of their recent study at a special meeting to would allow for extra time for Councillors to ask questions.

Committee Reports

Police Advisory Committee

Council received the minutes of the July 25, 2019 meeting of the Police Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to undertake to contract for an Assessment on Pedestrian Safety on the Streets in Mahone Bay and prepare a plan for the consideration of Council for the implementation of the recommendations which result.”** **Motion carried**

Economic Development Committee

Council received the minutes of the July 31, 2019 meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

Heritage Registration Hearing

Council revisited the recommendation for registering the property at 16 Orchard Street as a Municipal Heritage Property, as discussed at the June 27,2019 regular meeting of Council. A notice of Heritage Registration Hearing was sent to the owners of the property at 16 Orchard Street advising that they would be given the opportunity to speak to the proposed registration at the regular meeting of Council on September 10, 2019. No property owners were present at the meeting.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the property at 16 Orchard Street be registered as a municipal heritage property.”** **Motion carried.**

Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Partnership

Council received a July 2019 report of the Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Partnership which provides an overview of the program from January to July 2019.

SSHAC – Short Term Accommodations

Council received a status report on Short Term Accommodations from the South Shore Housing Action Coalition. At the request of the Mayor and Council, Councillors Carver and O’Neill will prepare an agenda for a special meeting of Council to discuss Short Term Accommodations, the implications of same on low-income housing, and the ways in which Council might approach housing to ensure the stability of the community.

Cost-Sharing Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the July 22, 2019 meeting of the Cost Sharing Advisory Committee.

Accounts

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council approve the accounts in the amount of \$528,219.33.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe to go into closed session at 9:56pm to discuss contract negotiations as permitted by MGA section 22(2)(e).

Motion carried

Council returned to open session at 10:31pm.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT pursuant to the communications services request for proposals that Council award the 12-month communications services contract to the successful proponent Skysail Brand Marketing and Design in the amount of \$60,000 plus HST.”** **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 10:34 p.m.

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