



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

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

Regrets:

Gallery:

Agenda

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended to remove item 4.3 at the request of the property owner, to add item 8.5 Cemetery Committee Volunteer Recognition and add PAC Membership to item 8.2.”**

Motion carried.

Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the minutes of the September 10, 2019 regular Council meeting be approved as presented.”**

Motion carried

Consideration of Delegations

Alexander Grabowski

Alexander Grabowski shared a presentation with Council on the City of Lueneburg, Germany. Mr. Grabowski suggested that the Town of Mahone Bay and the City of Lueneburg would be good partners for a cultural exchange.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT the CAO connect with the CAO of the Town of Lunenburg to determine what the Town of Lunenburg has found in their research regarding a cultural exchange with the City of Lueneburg, Germany, and report back to Council.”**

Motion carried.

Correspondence – Action Items

1. Andrew Tanner, Saltbox Brewing Co., with a request to install several “More Shops Ahead” signs while waiting for news on Wayfinding signage.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council direct staff to respond to Mr. Tanner and encourage him to follow-up with the MBTCC Wayfinding Signage committee.”**
Motion carried.

2. Kathleen Fischback, Mahone Bay Legion Swing Band, with an invitation to the Town to partner for a Centennial Fall or Winter Dance.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council direct staff to contact the MB Legion Swing Band to discuss the possibility partnering with the Mahone Bay Legion Swing Band of adding a Fall or Winter Dance as part of the Centennial celebrations.”**
Motion carried.

3. Karen Pinsent, Father Christmas Festival, with a request to plant a Town Christmas Tree.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council approve the request from the Father Christmas Festival to plant a Town Christmas Tree.”**
Motion carried.

4. Karen Pinsent and Nancy Petrie, Father Christmas Festival, request to hold the 3rd Annual Mahone Bay Reindeer Run Fun Run on Saturday, December 7, 2019.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council approve the request to hold the 3rd Annual Mahone Bay Reindeer Run Fun Run on Saturday, December 7, 2019.”**
Motion carried.

6. Robert J. Weld, Mahone Bay Legion Swing Band, with a request to name the Town bandstand “The Michael O’Connor Memorial Bandstand”.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council approve the request to name the Town bandstand The Michael O’Connor Memorial Bandstand.”**
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT an appropriate memorial plaque be budgeted for within the bandstand restoration project part of the Town’s 1919-2019 Centennial Program.”**
Motion carried.

7. Mayor Rachel Bailey, Town of Lunenburg, expressing support to advance road improvements.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **"THAT Council express support to advance road improvements on Trunk 3 from Mahone Bay to Martin's River from the scheduled 2022/23 project year of the Five-Year Highway Improvement."**

Motion carried.

Correspondence – Information Items

1. FCM – A Rural and Northern Lens on our Housing Call.
2. NSFM Monday Memo from September 9, 2019 as well as the 2019 Interim Resolutions Report, information on NSFM Board Roles and Responsibilities, and the UNSM Elections Policy.
3. Municipal Finance Corporation Quarterly Newsletter – September 2019.
4. Hon. Chuck Porter, Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing, advising of approval of the Town of Mahone Bay PCAP Funding Application.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **"THAT the above items, number 1 to 4, be received and filed."**

Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Staff Report to Council

Council received the Council Report for September 26, 2019.

Amendments to Solid Waste By-law

Council received a staff report to support a draft amended Solid Waste By-law.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **"THAT Council give first reading of the amended Town of Mahone Bay Solid Waste By-law as presented."**

Motion carried.

Bandstand Project

Council received a staff report on the progress of the centennial bandstand project.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **"THAT Council approve phase two of the centennial bandstand project to proceed as presented with the Town's share of total project costs estimated at \$37,237."**

Motion carried.

CodeRED and Draft Policy

Council received the staff report and accompanying draft Mass Notification System Policy, which was originally introduced at Council on September 10, 2019.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **"THAT Council adopt the Mass Notification Policy as presented."** **Motion carried.**

Clearland Road Project

Council received a staff report regarding the Clearland Road chip-seal project.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **"THAT Council increase the approved budget of the Clearland Road double chip-seal project to \$72,000 and direct staff to proceed with the project."** **Motion carried.**

Council Items

LCSSP 2019 Conference

Councillor Carver provided Council with information on the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program 2019 Conference, including the report on Conference Summary and Recommendations.

Committee Reports

Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes from the September 11, 2019 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Planning Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes from the September 17, 2019 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee. Council was also advised that Chuck Barr has submitted his resignation from the Planning Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Bain, **"THAT Council direct staff to advertise the vacancy on the Planning Advisory Committee."** **Motion carried.**

Economic Development Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the September 18, 2019 meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

A motion by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **"THAT Council approve the proposal from Ferne Swinamer to decorate the wooden bench adjacent to the Comfort Station on Edgewater Street to recognize the Town's 1919-2019 Centennial."**

Motion carried.

Audit Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting of the Audit Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT Council approve the 2018-19 Water Utility Financial Statements as presented.”** **Motion withdrawn**

The approval of Financial Statements will be deferred to the October 8, 2019 regular Council meeting pending the circulation of the final statements by the Auditors.

Cemetery Committee

Council was advised that the Cemetery Committee met on September 16, 2019 at which Bayview Cemetery volunteers were recognized for their contribution to the online Bayview Cemetery project.

New Business

Climate Change Emergency

It was noted that Mahone Bay’s Three Churches will be ringing their bells in unison at noon on Friday, September 27, 2019, in support of the global climate strikes.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, at 9:15p.m. to go into Closed Session to discuss tax sale as permitted by MGA 22(2)(b).

Council returned to open session at 9:39p.m.

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 9:40 p.m.

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