



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 7:16 p.m. in Council Chambers immediately following the Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposed amendments to the Solid Waste Management By-law.

Present:

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

Absent:

Gallery: 2

Agenda

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended to include correspondence regarding the Leaders’ Lunch, Remembrance Day schedule, and the Heritage Property Plaque ceremony at 16 Orchard Street.”**

Motion carried.

Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the minutes of the September 26, 2019 regular Council meeting be approved as presented.”**

Motion carried

Consideration of Delegations

Adam Ekins, Deputy Chief – Mahone Bay Fire Department

Deputy Chief Adam Ekins, presented the Mahone Bay District Volunteer Fire Department Quarterly Report to Council.

Deputy Chief Ekins brought to the attention of Council the need for civic numbers to be posted on properties in Town. Town staff will follow up with the Fire Department to discuss enforcement and education of posting civic numbers.

Correspondence – Action Items

1. NSFM – 2019 Resolutions Report to Membership, advising that the previously identified Resolutions will remain unchanged but asking for Council input for the prioritization of Statements of Concern.

A motion by Councillor Carver seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT Council communicate to NSFM their wish for the municipal modernization resolution to be removed from the top five NSFM priority resolutions and for discussion of the next highest priority to be added to the top 5.”** **Motion carried.**

2. The Offshore Alliance with information on the Leaders’ Lunch on November 8, 2019: Canadian and US municipal leaders on offshore drilling and how to register.

3. Mahone Bay Legion Branch 49 with information on the 2019 Remembrance Day events in Mahone Bay.

4. Heritage Advisory Committee with an invitation to attend the Heritage Plaque unveiling on Saturday, October 26, 2019.

Correspondence – Information Items

1. NSFM News – October 2019

2. NSFM Monday Memo – October 7, 2019

3. O’Connor Family – Michael O’Connor Memorial Bandstand

4. Waye Mason, NSFM – Update on the CAP

5. Bill Stewart, Neighbours Speak Up- Short Term Rental Accommodations

5.5.a Neighbours Speak Up – Community Letter

6. Karen Brown – Mayor's Newsletter

7. Mayor Rachel Bailey, Town of Lunenburg – Provincial Regulations of Short-Term Accommodation in NS.

8. Gary Langille, Mahone Bay Area Lions Club – Tree donation program.

9. Executive Summary – Count Us In: Nova Scotia’s Action Plan in Response to the International Decade for People of African Descent 2015 – 2024.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the above items, number 1 to 9, be received and filed.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council send a letter to the Ministers of Housing and Municipal Affairs and the Minister of Business, as well as the MLA supporting the letter from Mayor Rachel Bailey raising concerns about provincial regulation of Short-Term Accommodation in Nova Scotia.”** **Motion carried.**

Staff Reports

Staff Report to Council

Council received the Council Report for October 24, 2019.

Solid Waste Management By-law

Council received a verbal report from the Clerk of the public hearing for the receipt of comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Town of Mahone Bay Solid Waste Management By-law. The amended by-law received first reading on September 26 and was duly advertised according to Municipal Government Act.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council give second reading of the amended Town of Mahone Bay Solid Waste Management By-law.”**

Motion carried.

Special Meeting Policy

Council received a staff report regarding Special Meetings and a draft amended Committees Policy which will go before Council for consideration on the November 12, 2019 agenda.

Committee Reports

Town Representative on the Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation

Council was advised that a new Town representative is required for the Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Councillor O’Neill be appointed to the Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation as a representative for the Town of Mahone Bay.”**

Motion carried.

Expense Policy

Mayor Devenne referenced information from the FCM discussing the need to increase diverse representation in municipal government. Council was asked to consider not only the honouraria for Councillors, but also committee members who incur expenses for committee volunteers who incur expenses for childcare, home care, elder care, etc.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to research expense policy model practices and provincial norms for financial support for family care for committee members.”**

Motion carried.

Temporary Vending

Council was asked for their feedback on the Temporary Vending By-law and Policy in advance of staff presentation of a draft amended Temporary Vending By-law.

Committee Reports

Watershed Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes from the October 7, 2019 meeting of the Watershed Advisory Committee.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council direct staff to contact MODL’s planning department to initiate discussion regarding mandatory land-use planning in the watershed area.”** **Motion carried.**

Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes from the October 9, 2019 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Economic Development Committee

Council was advised that the October 16, 2019 meeting of the Economic Development Committee was not able to obtain quorum.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, at 9:14p.m. to go into Closed Session to discuss acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property as permitted by MGA 22(a). **Motion carried.**

Council returned to open session at 9:22p.m.

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 9:22 p.m.

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