



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

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

Absent:

Gallery: 25

1 Agenda

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended, with item 7.2 removed and the addition of legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege as permitted by MGA 22(2)(g), in the Closed Session.”**

Motion carried

2 Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **“THAT the minutes of the January 10, 2020 special council meeting be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the minutes of the January 14, 2020 regular council meeting be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

3 Consideration of Delegations

Centre Scolaire de la Rive Sud.

Council received a presentation from students from the Centre Scolaire de la Rive-Sud about the importance of bees and other pollinators, asking Council to help raise awareness about bees and what residents can do to help, and suggesting the Town create a pollinator action plan.

Twin Bays Coalition

Council received a presentation from the Twin Bays Coalition expressing their opposition to Open-Pen Fish Farming in Mahone Bay and St. Margaret's Bay.

Mahone Bay Fire Department – Quarterly Report

Council received the Third Quarter Report and the annual summary of calls from the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department, as presented by Deputy Chief Adam Ekins.

4 Correspondence – Action Items

4.1 Georgia West, requesting Council assistance regarding repeated building damage due to snow clearance.

This will issue will be addressed by staff.

4.2 Daisy Foster, AIM, with a request to determine Council's interest in self-funded MAMP3 Program for the Nova Scotia Cohort.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the request from the AIM Network be deferred to the next Council meeting.”** **Motion carried.**

5 Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 Municipal Finance Corporation – Quarterly Newsletter – December 2019

5.2 NSFM – Monday Memo – January 13, 2020

5.3 Stacy O'Rourke, CNSOPB – Update on BP Canada's Consolidate Exploration License

5.4 NSFM – Monday Memo – January 21, 2020

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council receive and file the above correspondence, numbered 5.1 to 5.4.”** **Motion carried.**

6 Staff Reports

Council Report

Council received the Council Report for January 30, 2020.

Civic Addressing By-law

Council received a staff report to accompany a draft Town of Mahone Bay Civic Addressing By-law.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council approve first reading of the Town of Mahone Bay Civic Addressing By-law.”** **Motion carried.**

Climate Mitigation

Council received a staff report with updates on Town Climate Mitigation initiatives.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT Council direct staff to issue a letter of support to Neothermal to advance their Sustainable Development Technology Canada application.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council direct staff to issue a Request for Expression of Interest in potential Mahone Bay Electric Vehicle Carshare Program.”** **Motion carried.**

Staff Report – Communications Plan

Council received a staff report on the Communication Plan and Style Guide

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council accept this report for information.”** **Motion carried.**

7 Council Items

Councillor Carver – NSFM Spring and Fall Conference Topics

Council discussed potential topics for the NSFM Spring and Fall Conferences.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council submit a list of three items for potential workshops at the NSFM Spring or Fall Conference: concerns and solutions regarding the disappearance of markets for recycled materials; short term accommodations; and issues, concerns, and responses regarding Open-Pen Fish Farming.”** **Motion carried**

8 Committee Reports

Asset Management Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

Audit Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the January 23, 2020 meeting of the Audit Committee.

South Shore Regional Library Board

Council received the minutes for the September 18, 2019 and November 20, 2019 meetings of the South Shore Regional Library Board.

Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program

Council received the January 2020 Monthly Report from the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program.

REMO

Council received draft REMO guidelines for Comfort Centres and Emergency Shelters.

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council expresses its approval of the draft Comfort Centre and Emergency Shelter procedures.”**

Motion carried

Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting of the Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee, as well as the agenda package and information on funding that was received by the committee at that same meeting.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council approve the Mahone Bay portion of the Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee budget for the 2020/21 fiscal year in the amount of \$800.91.”**

Motion carried.

MJSB – Safety and Procurement

Council received a proposal from the Municipal Joint Services Board (MJSB) for a Safety and Procurement Shared Service.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council support the expansion of the MJSB’s mandate to include the provision of a Safety and Procurement Shared Service.”**

Motion carried.

New Business

Open Pen Fish Farming

Council will invite a representative from the provincial department of Fisheries and Aquaculture to schedule a discussion with Council regarding the province’s position on Open Pen Fish Farming.

Councillor O’Neill provided a notice of motion that at the February 11, 2020 meeting she will move or cause to be moved, a motion that Council put together a sub-committee to gather

information that Council will require to issue a declaration of position on the matter of Open Pen Fish Farming.

Closed Session

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, to go into closed session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations, municipal property and legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege, as permitted by the Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(e)(a) and (f) respectively.

Council returned to open session at 10:26p.m.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, “THAT Council award the tender for the Transportation Plan to CBCL Ltd. in the amount of \$26,043 + HST.”

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned upon motion at 10:27 p.m.

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