



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne

Deputy Mayor K. Nauss

Councillor P. Carver

Councillor C. O'Neill

Councillor J. Feeney

CAO, D. Heide

Deputy Clerk, K. Redden

Absent:

Councillor J. Bain (regrets)

Councillor R. Nowe (regrets)

Gallery:

1. Agenda

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add 7.2 – Councillor O’Neill, Open Pen Fish Farming and to add 10 -Closed Session re: Contracts.”** Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the minutes of the January 9, 2020 special council meeting be approved as amended to add Councillor Feeney as present.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT the minutes of the January 30, 2020 regular council meeting be approved as presented.”** Motion carried.

3. Consideration of Delegations

Fay Patey, ISANS South Shore Region – Newcomer Employment Services

Council received a presentation from Fay Patey, Liaison, ISANS South Shore Region. Ms. Patey provided information on the work of ISANS (Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia), the association helps new immigrants find work and settle in the province.

4. Correspondence – Action Items

4.1 Daisy Foster, AIM, with a request to determine interest in a self-funded MAMP3 Program.

Mr. Heide informed Council that he is still waiting for further information from FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities). This item was deferred to the February 27, 2020 Council meeting.

4.2 Tina Hennigar, NOW Lunenburg County, with a request for funding for the organization's 2020 tour.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **"THAT NOW Lunenburg County's funding request be referred to the budget process."**

Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – January 27, 2020

5.2 NSFM – All Party Committee Reviewing the Capped Assessment Program

5.3 NSFM – January, 2020 Newsletter

5.4 Dave Conrad – Comments on Open Pen Fish Farming

5.5 NSFM – Member Update Re: All-Party Committee

5.6 Juanita Spencer, NSFM – EPR and the SWRM Efficiency and Effectiveness Study

5.7 Glennie Langille, NS Protocol Office – Information on Nomination to the Order of Nova Scotia

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **"THAT Council receive and file the above correspondence, numbered 5.1 to 5.7."**

Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

Council Report

Council received the Staff Report for February 11, 2020.

Staff Report – Travel Expense Policy

Council received a staff report in response to Council's direction to consider an update to the Town's Travel Expense Policy to address the option of providing a caregiver allowance to council and/or committee members and to change the process for travel expense reimbursements.

Staff will draft two policy options to be presented at the February 27, 2020 meeting of Council.

Staff Report – Tax Sale Policy

Council received a staff report on a proposed update to the Town's Tax Sale Policy. This policy will be brought back to the February 27, 2020 meeting of Council.

Staff Report – Western Regional Housing Authority Appointment

Council received a staff report requesting direction concerning the Town's appointment to the Western Regional Housing Authority.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council nominate Hamilton Maguire to the Board of the Western Regional Housing Authority as the representative of the Town of Mahone Bay.”** Motion carried.

Staff Report – Appointment of Building and Fire Inspector

Council received a staff report providing information and requesting the appointment of a new Fire Inspector and Dangerous and Unsightly Administrator to support the Shared Service in Lunenburg County.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **“THAT Council appoint Ryan Whynot for the administration of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises and as a Fire Inspector for the Town of Mahone Bay.”** Motion carried.

Staff Report – Centennial Update

Council received a staff report updating them on centennial projects and activities.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **“THAT this report be accepted for information.”** Motion carried.

Staff Report – Plan Review

Council received a staff report concerning an RFP for the anticipated Plan Review.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT staff be directed to issue the RFP for review of the Town’s Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law.”**

Motion carried.

Staff Report – Flag Flying Policy

Council received a staff report recommending a draft Flag Flying Policy and requesting direction on the placement of a flagpole.

This policy will be brought back to the February 27, 2020 Council Meeting

7 Council Items

Mayor Devenne – Town of Mahone Bay 2020 Representative Volunteer

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council nominate Valerie Hearder as Mahone Bay’s 2020 Representative Volunteer.”**

Motion carried.

Councillor O’Neill – Open-net Fish Farms

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Carver, “BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Mahone Bay unequivocally declares its opposition to the development of any open-net fish farms in or around the waters of Mahone Bay and that the rationale for same be communicated as soon as possible to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Fisheries and Aquaculture, as well as to local MLAs, and to parties who have made presentations to Council on this topic.

Motion carried.

Recorded Vote: Councillor Carver, yes
Mayor Devenne, yes
Councillor Feeney, yes
Deputy Mayor Nauss, yes
Councillor O’Neill, yes

8 Committee Reports

Audit and Finance Committee – Draft Minutes – January 23, 2020 (received at Council January 20, 2020)

Council received the draft minutes of the December 19, 2019 meeting of the Asset Management Committee as well as a report concerning updates to the Town’s Credit Card Use Policy and a report concerning the Town’s Investment Policy.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council adopt the draft Credit Card Use Policy as presented.”**

Motion

carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council adopt the draft Investment Policy as amended.”**

Motion

carried.

Police Advisory Board – Draft Minutes – January 30, 2020

Council received the draft minutes of the January 30, 2020 meeting of the Police Advisory Board and the RCMP’s third quarter report.

Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program – 2019 Annual Report

Council received the annual report of the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program.

Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, to go into closed session at 9:24 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations as permitted by MGANS section 22(2)(e).

Council returned to open session at 9:27 p.m.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council award the tender for Project Management services to Vigilant Management Inc. in the amount of \$57,827.50 plus applicable taxes for pre-construction services as detailed in the RFP, with pricing for post-construction award services to be finalized in accordance with rates provided.”**

Motion

carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned upon motion at 9:29 p.m.

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Deputy Clerk, Kelly Redden