



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via YouTube live.

Present:

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

Absent:

Gallery: online

1. Agenda

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”** Motion carried.

2. Minutes

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

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the minutes of the March 19, 2020 special council meeting be approved as presented.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the minutes of the April 2, 2020 special council meeting be approved as presented.”** Motion carried.

3. Consideration of Delegations

Michele Johnson and Jane Smith – Mahone Bay Logo

Council received a presentation from Michele Johnson and Jane Smith, at which time they presented Council with a petition asking the Town to restore the three churches to the Town logo.

4. Correspondence – Action Items

4.1 Daisy Foster, AIM, with a request to determine the Town’s interest in participating in a self-funded MAMP3 program (deferred from January 30, 2020).

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the request be forwarded to the budget process.”** Motion carried

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 Hon. Keith Colwell – Response to Fish Farming Letter.

5.2 Jeff Phillips, MBTCC – COVID-19 Support for Local Business.

5.3 John Campbell, Western Regional Housing Authority – Response to COVID-19.

5.4 AIM Network – Spring 2020 Newsletter.

5.5 Irene (Westhaver) Ungar – New Town Logo.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council receive and file the above correspondence, numbered 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, and 5.5.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council send a letter of response to the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce with an update of steps taken by Council to date in respect to the financial hardships to businesses due to the COVID-19 situation, and referencing the government supports now in place.”** Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

Council Report

Council received the Staff Report for April 14, 2020.

Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Council received a staff report with recommendations regarding land acknowledgement and recognition statements.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councilor Feeney, “THAT Council adopt the following acknowledgement that the Town of Mahone Bay sits on the traditional **lands of the Mi’kma’ki:**

SHORT: Let me begin with our deep thanks to the Mi’kmaw people. We are gathered today in the traditional land of Mi’kma’ki, and we are grateful.

LONG: I wish to begin by acknowledging that Mahone Bay is in the traditional land of Mi’kma’ki. The municipality and all the peoples here are beneficiaries of the peace and friendship treaties with the Mi’kmaq. I extend to the Mi’kmaw people my respect and desire to build stronger relationships in the spirit and intent of these treaties. “

Motion carried

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council request a review of the territorial acknowledgement in December 2020 to ensure that the local indigenous community has an opportunity to offer feedback.” Motion carried

Draft Amended Outdoor Burning By-law

Council received a staff report to accompany a draft amended Outdoor Burning By-law.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, “THAT Council provide first reading of the amended Outdoor Burning By-law as presented, and that a Public Hearing be scheduled to receive comments from the public on the draft amended Outdoor Burning By-law.” Motion carried

Expense Policy

Council received a report with a draft amended Expense Policy.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “**THAT Section 6.0(b) be removed from the draft Expense Policy as presented.**”

Recorded vote (requested by Councillor Carver)

Councillor Bain	yes	Councillor Nowe	yes
Councillor Carver	no	Councillor O’Neill	no
Councillor Feeney	yes	Mayor Devenne	no
Deputy Mayor Nauss	yes		

Motion carried

Motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the draft Amended Expense Policy be amended to include a sentence specifying overnight stay for incidentals and to change the rate for lunch to be \$25.”** Motion carried

The amended draft policy will be on the agenda for the April 30, 2020 meeting of Council.

Proposed New Private Road Name

Council received a staff report regarding a proposed new private road name.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council approve the private road name request as presented.”** Motion carried

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT the Council meeting continue until 9:10pm then defer any remaining agenda items to the agenda for the April 30, 2020 regular Council meeting.”** Motion carried.

2020/21 Budget Meeting Schedule

Council received a staff report with an update concerning the proposed 2020/21 budget meeting schedule.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council set the following dates/times for special budget meetings: 7:00pm, Tuesday, April 21st; 7:00pm, Thursday, April 23rd; 7:00pm, Tuesday, April 28th; and 7:00pm, Tuesday, May 5th.”** Motion carried.

Supportive Workplace Policies

Council received a staff report to accompany draft supportive workplace policies for consideration.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor O’Neill, **“THAT the Supportive Workplace Policies staff report be deferred to the agenda for the April 30, 2020 regular Council meeting.”** Motion carried

Ellershouse Windfarm 2019/20 Board Report

Council received the Ellershouse Windfarm Operations Report for fiscal year 2019/20.

7 Council Items

7.1 COVID-19

There was nothing to add to this agenda item at this meeting.

7.2 Town Logo

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor O'Neill,

WHEREAS at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Mahone Bay Council on December 10, 2019 a motion was passed approving a new corporate logo, known as the Three Diamonds design; and

WHEREAS Council has heard expressions of concern about the design of Town's new corporate logo; and

WHEREAS some of these concerns indicate dissatisfaction that the process leading to Council's decision did not include public consultation; and

WHEREAS the Town has communicated to the public that the corporate logo will not replace the Three Churches logo on community signage; and

WHEREAS there will be opportunities for public engagement during the Wayfinding Consultation and the Municipal Plan Review which are scheduled to take place during 2020; and

WHEREAS Town officials will have an opportunity during the Wayfinding Consultation and the Municipal Review to highlight differences between place or community branding and corporate branding for a municipality; and

WHEREAS the Town of Mahone Bay's core values require us to be honest, accountable, fair, transparent and responsive,

THEREFORE be it resolved that, following the "community branding" public engagement component of the Wayfinding project and the "community vision" public engagement component of the Municipal Plan Review, Council will formally revisit its commitment to the use of the current Three Diamonds design as its corporate logo, with the understanding that the current Three Diamonds logo will continue to be used for corporate purposes in the meantime, while community signage will continue to feature the three churches.

Bain – yes
Carver – yes
Feeney – yes
O’Neill – yes

Nauss – yes
Nowe – yes
Devenne - yes

Motion carried

7.3 Federal and Provincial COVID-19 Funding

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to write a letter to federal and provincial representatives urging infrastructure funding to municipalities as an effective form of economic stimulus in response to the economic impacts of COVID-19.”**

Motion carried

8 Committee Reports

Cemetery Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting of the Cemetery Committee.

Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee as well as a Heritage Property Grant Fund Application.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council approve a plaquing ceremony event for the property at 53 Edgewater Street, to be held on May 13, 2020 with the Mayor officiating.”**

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council approve the Heritage Grant Application from the owners of 17 Aberdeen Lane.**

Motion carried.

Economic Development Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the March 12, 2020 meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to undertake all recommendations in the Invitational Survey for the Business Community.”**

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, "THAT Council refer the grant request from NOW Lunenburg County, supported by the Economic Development Committee, **to the 2020/21 budget process.**" Motion carried.

Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program

Council received the Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program monthly report for the month of March 2020.

9 New Business

Councillor Feeney provided a notice of motion that he will present, or cause to be presented, a motion at the April 30, 2020 meeting of Council to invite Skysail to present to Council regarding public feedback on the Town's logo.

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:07p.m.

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Mayor, David Devenne

Clerk, Maureen Hughes