



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via video conference and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

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

Gallery: online

1. Agenda

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to defer the delegation from AREA to a later date, to reorganize the order in which staff reports are received, as well as adding a notice of motion under New Business." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, "THAT the minutes of the May 28, 2020 regular council meeting be approved as presented." Motion carried.

4 Correspondence – Action Items

4.1 Cathie Slaughenwhite-Nowe and Richard Nowe – Request to Purchase Property

Councillor Nowe declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the meeting at 7:05 pm while Agenda Item 4.1 was discussed.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, "THAT Council direct staff to evaluate the property referenced in the letter received from Cathie Slaughenwhite-Nowe and Richard Nowe, and report back to Council."

Motion carried

Councillor Nowe rejoined the meeting at 7:11 pm.

4.2 Andrew Tanner, Saltbox Brewing – Request for Temporary Patio Size Increase

Council was advised that immediate neighbours, those within a 30m distance from the property boundary of the Saltbox Brewery property at 363 Main Street, were sent a notice advising them that Council would be receiving this correspondence and inviting them to submit any comments or questions regarding the request from Saltbox Brewery to temporarily expand their patio so that they may operate in accordance with Provincial guidelines for COVID-19. No comments or questions were received.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, "THAT Council direct staff to temporarily suspend enforcement of the relevant provisions of the Development Agreement for 363 Main Street so as to permit the temporary expansion of the patio for Saltbox Brewery until the Order by the Medical Officer of Health, issued in response to COVID-19, is rescinded or amended so as to no longer obligate Saltbox Brewing Company to adhere to physical distancing requirements."

Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 Tamara Ballard, LPN, - Changes to the Lunenburg County Senior's Safety Program

5.2 NSFM Monday Memo – May 25, 2020

5.3 NSFM Monday Memo – June 1, 2020

5.4 Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin, MLA – Thank you Letter to Nova Scotia Municipalities

5.5 Rebecca Atkinson, Resident – Concerns, Power Poles and Tree Trimming

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council receive and file the above correspondence, numbered 5.1 to 5.5."

Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

Council Report

Council received the Staff Report for June 9, 2020.

Council Policy

Council received a staff report to accompany an amended Council Policy, incorporating amendments following Council discussion on the draft at the May 28, 2020 Council meeting.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, **"THAT Council approve the Council Policy as amended to include a provision that when it is the norm that Council meetings are held in person, electronic participation by a member will be permitted for a maximum of two (2) consecutive regular meetings of Council without leave of Council.** Motion carried.

Property Tax Financing Policy

Council received a staff report to accompany an amended Property Tax Financing Policy, incorporating amendments following Council discussion on the draft at the May 28, 2020 Council meeting.

A motion by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Carver, **"THAT Council adopt the COVID-19 Property Tax Financing Program Policy as presented."** Motion carried.

Election Update

Council received a staff report with an update on plans for the 2020 Municipal Election and an accompanying draft Alternative Voting By-law.

A motion by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **"THAT Council give first reading to the Alternative Voting By-law as presented."** Motion carried

Employee Donation and Volunteerism Program Policy

Council received a staff report to accompany the amended Draft Employee Donation and Volunteerism Policy.

This policy will be on the agenda of the June 25, 2020 meeting of Council.

Fire Station Project Update

Council received a staff report with an update on the progress of the Fire Station Project.

Councillor Nowe declared a conflict of interest at 7:30 pm and removed himself from the vote.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to issue a Request for Proposal for design-build services in relation to the Fire Station project.”** Motion carried.

Councillor Nowe returned to the Council meeting at 7:32 pm.

2020/21 Business Plan

Council received a staff report with a draft 2020/21 Business Plan for the Town of Mahone Bay.

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council approve the 2020/21 Business Plan as presented.”** Motion carried.

Temporary Vending By-law and Special Events By-law

Council received a staff report accompanied by a Draft Temporary Vending By-law and a Draft Special Events By-law.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council defer the staff report regarding the Temporary Vending By-law and Special Events By-law to the June 25, 2020 meeting of Council.”** Motion carried.

7 Council Items

7.1 COVID-19

Council discussed the re-opening of businesses in Mahone Bay as COVID-19 public safety guidelines are eased. The Town plans to reopen the Edgewater St. comfort station for the season on June 15, the Main St. (Mahone Bay Marina) location will reopen June 19.

8 Committee Reports

Age Friendly Community Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 25, 2020 meeting of the Age Friendly Community Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council appoint Katherine McCarron to the Age Friendly Community Committee.”**

Motion carried.

Planning Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the June 2, 2020 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council appoint Annie Morrison to the Planning Advisory Committee.”**

Motion carried.

Lunenburg County Senior’s Safety Program

Council received the May 2020 monthly report from the Lunenburg County Seniors’ Safety Program.

9 New Business

9.1 Notice of Motion

Council Carver provided a notice that she will make or cause to be made a motion regarding stewardship and preservation of trees in Mahone Bay at the June 25, 2020 regular meeting of Council.

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:00 p.m.

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Clerk, Maureen Hughes