

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, July 14, 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 J. Feeney
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor C. O'Neill
CAO, D. Heide
Town Clerk, M. Hughes

Gallery: online

1. Agenda

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

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the minutes of the June 25, 2020 regular council meeting be approved as presented.”**

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT the minutes of the July 3, 2020 special council meeting be approved as presented.”**

Motion carried.

4 Correspondence – Action Items

- 4.1 Valerie Hearder – Cenotaph Garden as a beautification project.
- 4.2 Cathy Gregoire, MB Garden Club – Proposed Cenotaph garden.
- 4.3 Helen Whitehouse, President – Branch 49RCL – Cenotaph garden.



A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the correspondence concerning the cenotaph proposal be deferred to the July 30, 2020 Council meeting agenda and that staff prepare a report and recommendation on the proposal." Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – June 22, 2020.

5.2 NSFM – Monday Memo – June 29, 2020

5.3 Carolyn Lohnes – Town Map concerns.

5.4 Joe Rogers, Office of the Fire Marshall – Changes to Building Code Proposed

5.4.a Schedule A – Amendments to 1.2.1.1. (11&12) and 1.2.1.4. (1, 2 &3)

5.4.b Notice of Building Code Amendments to come into effect

5.4.c Question and Answer Guide – Restaurants

5.5 NSFM – Monday Memo – July 7, 2020

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, "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 July 14, 2020.

Temporary Vending and Events By-laws

Council received a staff report to accompany revised draft versions of the Temporary Vending and Events by-laws, following Council direction at the June 25, 2020 meeting.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor, "THAT Council give first reading to the attached Temporary Vending By-law as amended and schedule a Public Hearing to receive questions and comments from the Public about the proposed by-law." Motion carried.



A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council give first reading to the attached Events By-law as presented and schedule a Public Hearing to receive questions and comments from the Public about the proposed by-law.”**

Motion carried.

2020-21 Transportation Project

Council received a staff report with an update on the proposed 2020-21 Transportation Project on the basis of direction received at the June 25, 2020 regular Council meeting.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Bain, **“THAT Council direct staff to submit an application to this Nova Scotia Department of Energy’s Connect2 Program for the Town’s 2020-21 Transportation Project.”**

Motion carried.

2020-21 Low Carbon Communities Application

Council received a staff report with an update on the Town’s planned application to the Nova Scotia Department of Energy’s Low Carbon Communities (LCC) program for funding in association with continued GHG reduction efforts in 2020-21.

A motion by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, **“THAT Council direct staff to submit an application to the Nova Scotia Department of Energy’s Low Carbon Communities Program for the Town’s 2020-21 GHG Reduction and Energy Initiatives Project.”**

Motion carried

Councillor O’Neill recused herself from the discussion at 7:36pm.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council approve AREA staff to submit an application to the Nova Scotia Department of Energy for funding to support Electric Vehicle (EV) adoption/exploration of EV carshare opportunities in the three AREA partner units, and direct Town staff to support this application.”**

Motion carried

Councillor O’Neill returned to the conversation at 7:38pm.



Utility Reclosers

Council received a staff report with an update concerning the Electrical Reclosers project in the Town's 2020-21 budget.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council increase the approved budget for the Electrical Reclosers project to \$45,000 and direct staff to proceed with the project." Motion carried.

Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Fire Station

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss:

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Municipality of the TOWN OF MAHONE BAY, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose as authorized by statute;

WHEREAS the Municipality of the TOWN OF MAHONE BAY has adopted a capital budget for this fiscal year as required by Section 65 of the Municipal Government Act and are so authorized to expend funds for a capital purpose as identified in their capital budget; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of the TOWN OF MAHONE BAY has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of Four Million Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,456,600) for the purposes of Fire Station.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipality of the TOWN OF MAHONE BAY borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Four Million Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,456,600) for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;



THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debenture of the Municipality of the TOWN OF MAHONE BAY to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Town borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Four Million Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,456,600) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve (12) Months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold. Motion carried.

Public Engagement Policy

Council received a staff report to accompany a draft Public Engagement Policy.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT staff provide a revised version of Public Engagement Policy for consideration at the July 30, 2020 regular meeting of Council." Motion carried.

7 Council Items

7.1 COVID-19

Council discussed the decision by the Mahone Bay and Area Pool Society to remain closed for the summer, the continued closure of the Canadian border and the effect on the tourism industry, and recent community discussion about whether or not municipalities should make wearing masks mandatory.



7.2 Staff Appreciation Day

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “**THAT Council designate August 14, 2020 as “Staff Appreciation Day”, a holiday for Town staff, in accordance with the Human Resources policies of the Town for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.**” **Motion carried.**

7.3 Violence in the Workplace Policy

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Bain, “**BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct staff to prepare a report and recommendation to Council about adopting a Violence in the Workplace Policy similar to the one currently in place in the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth.**” **Motion carried.**

8 Committee Reports

Age Friendly Community Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the June 29, 2020 meeting of the Age Friendly Community Committee.

Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

Council received the June 2020 monthly report from the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program as well as the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program Helping Tree.

Council adjourned upon motion at 8:16 p.m.

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Mayor, David Devenne

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Clerk, Maureen Hughes