

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, September 24, 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

Absent: Councillor C. O'Neill (regrets)

Gallery: online

1. Agenda

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, "THAT the minutes of the September 8, 2020 regular council meeting be approved as amended."

Motion carried.

3. Delegations and Individuals

Lenta Wright, AREA – Heat Pump Options Made Easy (HOME)

Council received a presentation from Lenta Wright from AREA about the Heat Pump Options Made Easy (HOME) Program which will be available to the customers of the Mahone Bay Electric Utility as of October 1, 2020.

The HOME Program provides financing, installation, and maintenance of Heat Pumps at a low monthly cost to provide an accessible option for those who want to install a heat pump in their home, but may have been prevented from doing so by concerns

regarding up-front costs, technical know-how, or time to invest in the initial research of heat pump options.

4 Correspondence – Action Items

4.1 Jeff Frampton – Request RE Compostainer collection.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council direct staff to review Mr. Frampton’s request to consider extending the annual collection of Green Compost bins weekly later in the year through mid or end of September, and report back to Council with information about feasibility and associated costs.”

Motion carried.

4.2 Kristen Martell – Funding Request.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council approve a \$300 grant for the financial request received from Ms. Martell, to support a free public performance at the Michael O’Connor Memorial Bandstand from 2 to 4 PM on October 3rd.”

Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – September 8, 2020

5.2 NSFM – Monday Memo – September 14, 2020

5.3 NSFM – Monday Memo – September 16, 2020

5.4 Municipal Finance Corporation – Quarterly Newsletter – September 2020.

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

Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

Council Report

Council received the Staff Report for September 24, 2020.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, “THAT Council direct staff prepare a letter to the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL) Council regarding the request to include residents of Mahone Bay in MODL Pro-Kids grant program.”

Motion carried

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council direct staff to report back with information about costs for permanent speed signs for consideration in the 2021/22 budget process.”

Motion carried

Election Update

Council received a staff report with an update on preparations for the 2020 Municipal and School Board Election.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss, “THAT Council appoint Joan Durnford as the town of Mahone Bay’s Assistant Returning Officer for the 2020 Municipal Election.” Motion carried.

Wayfinding Signage Project Update

Council received a staff report to accompany a revised Violence in the Workplace Policy.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council award the contract for wayfinding signage design to Pierre Tabbiner Design and Illustration for the sum of \$5,500 + HST.” Motion carried.

Town Hall Renovations

Council received a staff report regarding the renovation of the Town Hall included in the 2020-21 annual budget.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bain, “THAT Council accept the report for information.” Motion carried.

Solar Connectivity Policy

Council received a staff report with a recommended update to the Town’s Solar Connectivity Policy.

7 Council Items

7.1 COVID-19

Council discussed the upcoming September 30, 2020 extended deadline for the Municipal Property Tax Financing Program for those who are having difficulties paying their property taxes due to financial difficulty as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

8 Committee Reports

Age Friendly Community Committee

Council received the draft Age Friendly Community Committee 2020 Action Plan.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council accept the Age Friendly Community Committee 2020 Action Plan as presented."

Motion carried.

Economic Development Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the August 6, 2020 meeting of the Police Advisory Board.

A motion by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to investigate the viability of purchasing the available lots on Hawthorn Hill for possible development of housing to attract new residents." Motion carried.

Asset Management Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

Audit and Finance Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the September 21, 2020 meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "That Council approve the 2019/20 draft financial statements from Deloitte as presented." Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 8:34 p.m.

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Clerk, Maureen Hughes

