



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via video conference and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne
Deputy Mayor F. Kangata
Councillor A. Burdick
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor K. Wilson
CAO, D. Heide
Town Clerk, M. Hughes

Gallery: online

The Mayor opened the meeting with a Territorial Land Acknowledgement
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.

1. Agenda

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." **Motion carried.**

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting of Council be approved as presented." **Motion carried.**

4. Correspondence - Action

4.1 Nick Francis - Storage container.

Deputy Mayor Kangata declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the discussion at 7:04 p.m.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council suspend enforcement of the provisions of the Land Use By-law until June 1, 2021 as a recognition of the restrictions imposed by COVID-19 safety precautions.”**

Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Kangata returned to the Council discussion at 7:19 p.m.

4.2 Quest - Policy Brief: Enabling Meaningful Local Climate Action Across Nova Scotia.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report on the 14 recommendations of the Municipal Energy Learning Group and their applicability to the Town and it’s electric utility.”**

Motion carried.

5. Correspondence - Information Items

5.1 NSFM - Report of the 2020-21 NSFM Nominating Committee

a. NSFM Elections Policy

b. Report of the 2020-21 NSFM Nominating Committee

5.2 NSFM - Monday Memo - November 16, 2020.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council receive and file the above correspondence, numbered 5.1 and 5.2.”**

Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

Council Report

Council received the Staff Report for November 26, 2020.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to develop an engagement plan in accordance with the Town’s Public Engagement Policy to seek feedback from the local First Nations Community regarding the Town of Mahone Bay territorial acknowledgement.”**

Motion carried.

Council Policy and Committee Policy

Council received a staff report to introduce the Council Policy and Committee Policy for regular review of these policies with the start of a new Council term. This report will appear on the next Council meeting agenda.

Wayfinding Signage Project Update

Council received a staff report with an update on the Wayfinding Project and a recommendation for Council.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to issue a voluntary survey regarding Wayfinding Signage design options, closing just prior to Council’s December 8, 2020 meeting.”** **Motion carried.**

COVID-19 Financial Update

Council received a staff report with updated financial estimates and recommendations in relation to COVID-19.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council accept this report for information.”** **Motion carried.**

2020-21 Transportation Project Update

Council received a staff report with an update on the status of the 2020-21 Transportation Project.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council direct staff to commence work on the 3-way stop at the intersection of Clearway and Main as soon as possible.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council direct staff to produce a Public Engagement Plan concerning the establishment of a community-wide, all-ages bicycle route in accordance with the Town’s Public Engagement Policy.”** **Motion carried.**

Solid Waste Hauling Contract

Council received a staff report with a recommendation regarding the Town’s solid waste hauling contract with G.E.’s All Trucking Ltd.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council approve the addition of a Route Supervisor to the Town of Mahone Bay’s contract with G.E.’s All Trucking at an annual cost of \$3,714.87 plus a 2.25% annual increase.”** **Motion carried.**

7. Council Items

Council Appointments

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council appoint Councillor Carver as the Chair of the Age Friendly Community Committee and Councillor Burdick as the Vice Chair.”
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council appoint Mayor Devenne as the Chair of the Asset Management Committee, Councillor Nowe as the Vice Chair, and Deputy Mayor Kangata as the Alternate.”
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council appoint Councillor Feeney (Chair), Deputy Mayor Kangata (Vice Chair), and Mayor Devenne to the Cemetery Committee.”
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT Council appoint Councillor Feeney (Chair), Councillor Burdick (Vice Chair), to the Heritage Advisory Committee with Councillor Carver as Alternate.”
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council appoint Councillor Nowe (Chair), Deputy Mayor Kangata (Vice Chair) to the Planning Advisory Committee.”
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council appoint Mayor Devenne (Chair), Deputy Mayor Kangata (Vice Chair), and Councillor Wilson (Alternate) to the Police Advisory Board, and Mr. Richard Nowe as the provincial appointee to that same committee.”
Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Councillor Nowe (Chair) and Councillor Carver (Vice Chair) to the Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee.”
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council appoint Councillor Carver to the Joint Accessibility Committee with Deputy Mayor Kangata as Alternate.”
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Councillor Burdick and Councillor Wilson be appointed to the Joint Transportation Committee.”
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council appoint Mayor Devenne, Councillor Wilson, and Councillor Feeney as Alternate to the Riverport Electric Light Commission Shared Service Committee.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT Council appoint Mayor Devenne and Councillor Nowe to REMO and Councillor Carver as Alternate.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council appoint Councillor Nowe to Region 6 and Councillor Wilson as Alternate.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT Council appoint Councillor Burdick to the South Shore Housing Action Coalition with Councillor Carver as Alternate.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Councillor Wilson be appointed to the Shared Building and Fire Inspection Committee and Deputy Mayor Kangata as Alternate.” Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Councillor Feeney be appointed to the Mahone Bay and Area Pool Society.” Motion carried.

CMHC Rapid Housing Initiative

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT staff are directed to put out a call to the community for ideas that may be put forward for the Rapid Housing Initiative or plans for affordable housing in Mahone Bay.” Motion carried.

Housing Motion

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick:

Whereas the Town of Mahone Bay is currently engaged in a process to develop a new Municipal Planning Strategy, and

Whereas the MGA requires that new municipal planning documents must be reasonably consistent with the Provincial Statement of Interest on Housing, and

Whereas the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg has initiated an Assessment of Housing Supply and Demand that will serve as a basis for policy recommendations for the pending review of the MODL Planning Strategy, and

Whereas the Statement of Interest encourages the preparation of intermunicipal planning strategies where possible,

Therefore, be it resolved that Council direct staff to initiate discussion with MODL Planning staff and to prepare a report for Council about the possibility of intermunicipal collaboration between the Town of Mahone Bay and MODL on the topic of housing in the preparation of their respective planning documents.

Motion carried.

8. Council Reports

8.1 Economic Development Committee

Council received the draft meeting minutes of the October 8, 2020 meeting of the Economic Development Committee, as well as a draft Action Plan for 2021.

8.2 Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

8.3 Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program

Council received the October 2020 monthly report from the Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program.

8.4 Physician Recruitment and Retention Working Group

Council received a report on the NOW Lunenburg County Physician Recruitment and Retention Working Group.

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:47 p.m.

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Mayor, David Devenne

Clerk, Maureen Hughes