

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, January 28, 2021 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
Climate & Energy Outreach Coordinator, K. Dorey

Gallery: online

1. Agenda

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended to defer item 7.3 to a future agenda and so that item #8.1 follows item #3.3.”**
Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT the minutes of the January 12, 2021 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.”**

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the minutes of the January 18, 2021 special meeting of Council be approved as amended.”**

Motion carried.

3. Presentations

3.1 Gregg Little

Council received a presentation from Gregg Little, presenting his concerns regarding the request received by Council to amend the Town of Mahone Bay Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law to permit a glamorous camping, or “glamping”, site at 994 Main Street.

3.2 Chris Heide

Council received a presentation from Chris Heide, on behalf of the South Shore Chapter of the Council of Canadians, requesting that the Town of Mahone Bay co-host a public session on equality “and a just recovery” this winter/early spring 2021. Included in the request for the Town to co-host this session is a request to use the Town of Mahone Bay’s virtual meeting software, the dedication of staff member Kelly Redden as meeting support and an invitation for Council participation.

4. Correspondence – Action

4.1 Jenny Sandison, Mahone Bay Garden Club – 2020 Activities.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council direct staff to research the possible application of a by-law that would prohibit feeding wildlife within the Town of Mahone Bay.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council direct staff to prepare a letter to the Mahone Bay Garden Club to thank them for the work that they do in Mahone Bay.” Motion carried.

4.2 Patsy Henneberry, Volunteer Awards Community Liaison – 2021 Volunteer Awards.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council direct staff to include information on the process to nominate community members for the 2021 Provincial Volunteer Awards in the next Mayor’s Newsletter.” Motion carried.

4.3 Jeff Phillips, MBTCC – Request RE Local Artisans at the VIC.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to review the MBTCC request and report back to Council with recommendations.” Motion carried.

4.4 Jeff Phillips, MBTCC – Funding Requests.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council direct staff to ascertain the cost of installing secure electrical power outlets and two picnic tables with the intention to include those investments in the overall 2021-22 Edgewater Street Beautification initiative.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT the MBTCC request for improved community washroom facilities as noted in Mr. Phillips’ correspondence be referred to the 2021-22 budget process.”

Motion carried.

4.5 Hobart and Paula Corwin – Additional Concerns Regarding Glamping Proposal 994 Main Street.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – January 11, 2021

5.2 Gregg and Christine Little – Glamping Proposal and Requested Zoning Amendment.

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- 5.3 Hobart and Paula Corwin – Property Owner Concerns RE: Glamping Proposal.
- 5.4 John and Sari Moriarty – Glamping Proposal at 994 Main Street.
- a. SSHPCS – Report to the Community 2019-2020
- 5.5 Marilyn Millett and Lisa Millet Stevens – Proposed Glamping Retreat at 994 Main St.
- 5.6 NSFAM – Monday Memo – January 18, 2021
- 5.7 Geoff Bowlby, Statistics Canada – 2021 Census Population
- 5.8 John Millet – 994 Main Street Campground Concerns for Council

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT the Council of the Town of Mahone Bay supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data supports programs and services that benefit our community.”**

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the correspondence, numbered 5.1 – 5.6 and 5.8 be received and filed and that all letters regarding the request to amend the LUB and MPS for the glamping request be forwarded to Upland.”**

Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

Council Report

Council received the Staff Report for January 28, 2021.

MELG Recommendations

Council received a staff report concerning the applicability to the Town of recommendations from the Municipal Energy Learning Group (MELG) to the Province of Nova Scotia.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **“THAT Council express support for MELG recommendations to the Province, as requested.”**

Motion carried.

Housing Call for Proposals

Council received a staff report with an update concerning the call for housing proposals issued in December 2020.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council invite Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing/Housing Nova Scotia staff**

as a delegation to a meeting of Council, regarding housing in Mahone Bay and the Town's approach to housing." **Motion carried.**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Affordable Housing be added to the agenda for the Policy and Strategy Committee."

Motion carried.

Community GHG Action Plan

Council received a staff report to introduce the draft Community GHG Reduction Action Plan to Council and to provide a recommendation concerning the process for adoption.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council direct staff to produce a Public Engagement Plan in preparation for the presenting of the final draft Community GHG Reduction Plan to Council for consideration."

Motion carried.

Transportation Project Update

Council received a staff report with an update concerning the 2020-21 Transportation Project.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council direct staff to proceed with engineering designs and update associated cost estimates for 2020-21 Transportation Project, for consideration in 2021-22 budget process."

Motion carried.

2021-25 Strategic Plan Engagement Plan

Council received a draft Public Engagement Plan for the 2021-25 Strategic Engagement Plan.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council defer consideration of the 2021-25 Strategic Plan Engagement Plan until Council is further along in the Strategic Planning process."

Motion carried.

First Nations Traditional Land Acknowledgement Engagement Plan

Council received a draft Public Engagement Plan for First Nations Engagement in respect to the Town of Mahone Bay's Traditional Land Acknowledgement.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council approve the First Nations Traditional Land Acknowledgement Engagement Plan as amended."

Motion carried.

Community-Wide Bicycle Route Engagement Plan

Council received a draft Public Engagement Plan for community engagement in respect to the proposed Community-Wide Bicycle Route.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT consideration of the Community-Wide Bicycle Route Engagement Plan be deferred to the next meeting of Council.”** **Motion carried.**

Plan Mahone Bay - Amended Documents

Council received a staff report to provide Council with draft amendments to the Plan Mahone Bay documents as directed by Council on January 12, 2021.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council approve the amended Background Report, What We Heard Report, and draft statement of Principles, Vision, and Goals for the Plan Mahone Bay process as amended.”** **Motion carried.**

Mahone Bay Volunteer Fire Department

Council received the regular report from the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department covering the period from July 1 - December 31, 2020.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council send correspondence to congratulate the newly elected officers of the Mahone Bay Fire Department.”** **Motion carried.**

RCMP - Quarterly Reports

Council received the RCMP Quarterly Reports for the periods July - September 2020, and October - December 2020.

7. Council Items

2020-2022 Citizen Committee Appointments

A motion by Councillor Carver, Seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council appoint Darryl Dawson and Angus Smith to the Police Advisory Board.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Kara Turner be nominated as the Town of Mahone Bay representative to the South Shore Regional Library Board.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council appoint Susan Maples to the Cemetery Committee.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **“THAT Council appoint Michael Blair, Lynn Hennigar, Dean Waterfield and Bill Lewis to the Asset Management Committee.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Bill DeGrace be appointed to the Heritage Advisory Committee as the representative from the Mahone Bay Founders’ Society.”** **Motion carried.**

Motion by Councillor Carver, seconded Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council direct staff to issue a second call for community volunteers for the Heritage Advisory Committee and the Asset Management Committee.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT the citizen appointment procedure be reviewed by the Policy and Strategy Committee prior to the next round of Citizen Appointments.”** **Motion carried.**

Lunenburg County Housing Plan

Council discussed an upcoming opportunity for representatives from the Lunenburg County municipalities to come together to share the information that they have gathered about housing issues in their respective municipalities.

Crossing Guards

Council discussed what would be involved with engaging crossing guards as a temporary measure at the intersection of Main Street and Clearway Street

8. Committee Reports

3.3 Planning Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee along with supporting documentation (a staff report on a request to amend the Town of Mahone Bay Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law and correspondence received at the meeting).

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **“THAT Town Council reject the request to amend the Mahone Bay Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law to permit a Commercial Use (glamping) within the Residential Unserviced Zone, and also that the Planning Advisory Committee recommend that Council refer the amendment request submitted by Rae Kraushar, and all correspondence received in**

respect to the proposed development, for consideration, as public input, as part of the ongoing Plan Mahone Bay review conducted by UPLAND Planning Design.”

Motion carried.

8.2 Audit and Finance Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Nowe at 10:13 pm to go into Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(c). Motion carried.

Council returned to open session at 10:36 pm

Council adjourned upon motion at 10:36 pm.

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