

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, March 9, 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

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<u>1. Agenda</u>

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

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **"THAT the minutes** of the February 25, 2021 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **"THAT the minutes of the** March 3, 2021 special meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

3. Presentations

Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program

Council received a presentation from Chris Acomb, Seniors Safety Coordinator, and Carol Hipwell from the Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program (LCSSP), and S/Sgt Paul Coughlin from the Lunenburg District RCMP. Presenters provided Council with an overview of the services provided by the LCSSP and asked that Council continue to provide Council with funding for their program.

4. Correspondence - Action

4.1 Alex Dumarseq, MODL – 2021/22 REMO Operating Budget.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council approve the 2021/22 REMO budget in the amount of \$135,200 with the Town's portion being \$3,389.45." Motion carried.

4.2 Valerie Hearder, Talking Trees – Trees and Urban forest in Strategic Plan.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council forward the request to the strategic plan process." Motion carried.

4.3 John Davis, Clean Ocean Action Committee – Review of Georges Bank Moratorium.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council write a letter to the NSFM to express support for renewing the offshore drilling moratorium for George's Bank." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council direct staff to draft a letter to John Davis of the Clean Ocean Action Committee, inviting the Committee to present to Council regarding this issue." Motion carried.

4.4 Valerie Hearder, Talking Trees – Cenotaph Beautification Project.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "**THAT Council refer** the request regarding cenotaph beautification to the 2021/22 Budget process." Motion carried.

5. Correspondence - Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – February 22, 2021 5.2 Chris Heide – Support for request to include urban forest in Strategic Plan. 5.3 NSFM – Monday Memo – March 1, 2021

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT the correspondence, numbered 5.1 – 5.3 be received and filed." Motion carried.

<u>6. Staff Reports</u> <u>6.1 Council Report</u> Council received the Staff Report for March 9, 2021.

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A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **"THAT Council** accept the March 9, 2021 Staff Report to Council." Motion carried.

6.2 Town Council Policy

Council received a staff report with draft amendments to the Town Council Policy, which was previously received at the February 25, 2021 meeting of Council.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council approve the amended Town Council Policy as presented." Motion carried.

6.3 Supportive Workplace Committee Policy

Council received a staff report with draft amendments to the Supportive Workplace Committee Policy, which was previously received at the February 25, 2021 meeting of Council.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **"THAT Council approve** the amended Supportive Workplace Committee Policy as presented."

Motion carried.

7. Council Items

No agenda items.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program Monthly Report Council received the Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program Monthly Report for February 2021.

8.2 South Shore Housing Action Coalition

Council received the meeting notes from the February 3, 2021 meeting of the South Shore Housing Action Coalition.

9. New Business

No agenda items.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, at 8:08 pm to go into Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations; acquisition, sale, lease, and security of municipal property; and personnel matters as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(e)(a) and (c) respectively. Motion carried.

Council returned to open session at 10:38 pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **"THAT Council approve** Change Order #1 as presented regarding window inserts in Town Hall."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **"THAT Council** approve Change Order #2 with the exception of the Town Hall floor plan change." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **"THAT Council approve** the Fire Station Change Order (Vehicle Exhaust System) in the amount of \$26,853.75." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council provide relief in the amount of \$1,500 for costs incurred in relation to a water service issue rectified by the Town in 2019." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **"THAT Council provide** relief in the amount of \$8,463.51 for charges resulting from a 2020 water leak which has been addressed." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council approve the Climate and Energy Program Manager position for a two-year term extension." Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 10:46 pm.

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