

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, April 13 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

1. Agenda

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

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT the minutes of the March 25, 2021 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

3. Presentations

No presentation.

4. Correspondence – Action

4.1 Mickey Johnson, Town Logo.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to draft a letter of response to Ms. Johnson thanking her for the correspondence dated March 25, 2021, noting that Council's permission is not required for a survey, and indicating that the Town currently has no intention to revisit the use of the Town's existing corporate logo for corporate purposes." Motion carried.

## 5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – March 22, 2021

5.2 NSFM – Memo Concerning Bill 47

5.3 NSFM – Monday Memo – March 29, 2021

5.4 Wendy Priesnitz – Tree cutting

5.5 Hon. Brendan Maguire – 911 Cost Recovery Fund

5.6 NSFM – Monday Memo – April 6, 2021

5.7 Susan Robertson – Feedback on Council of Canadians Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT the correspondence, numbered 5.1 – 5.7 be received and filed.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to respond to the letters from Wendy Priesnitz and Susan Robertson advising of the references to trees in the draft Town of Mahone Bay 2021 – 2025 Strategic Plan and referring them to the draft Plan on the Town website.”

Motion carried.

## 6. Staff Reports

### 6.1 Council Report

Council received the Staff Report for April 14, 2021.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council receive the Staff Report for April 14, 2021 as presented.” Motion carried.

### 6.2 Town of Mahone Bay Strategic Plan 2021-2025 – Engagement Plan

Council received the Draft Town of Mahone Bay Strategic Plan 2021-2025 and the Strategic Plan Engagement Plan.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council approve the draft Public Engagement Plan: 2021-25 Strategic Plan and direct staff to implement the Engagement Plan.” Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council direct staff to include an in-person component to the public hearing process in the Public Engagement Plan: 2021-25 Strategic Plan.” Motion carried.

### 6.3 Long Term Debenture Refinancing

Council received a staff report with a recommendation relating to the pre-approval of a Long-Term Debenture issuance.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT:

WHEREAS clause 66 (1) of the Municipal Government Act (the “Act”) provides that a municipality may borrow to carry out an authority to expend funds for capital purposes conferred by the Act or another Act of the Legislature;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(1)(a) of the Act provides that where a municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs (the “Minister”), that the sum shall be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures, in one sum or by installments, as determined by the council;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(1)(b) of the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes the council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest, on each debenture, when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on a debenture are to be paid;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* states, that in accordance with the *Municipal Finance Corporation Act*, the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council, by policy, shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

AND WHEREAS the resolution of council to borrow for was approved by the municipal council on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
(council’s TBR approval date)

### BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Town of Mahone Bay borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$92,500, for a period not to exceed 5 years, subject to the approval of the Minister;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town of Mahone Bay in the amount that the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed the rate of 5.5%;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with interest to be paid semi-annually and principal payments made annually;

THAT this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months from the passing of this resolution.

Motion carried.

## 7. Council Items

### 7.1 Budget Meeting Dates

Council set April 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 at 7 pm as budget meeting dates.

### 7.2 Housing Needs Assessment

Council received information on a regional discussion about a housing needs assessment to address wider issues around housing insecurity.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT the issue of regional housing needs assessment be forwarded to the Town of Mahone Bay 2021-22 budget process.”

Motion carried.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.1 Policy & Strategy Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the March 30, 2021 meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT the next meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee be held on April 26, 2021 and that the agenda for this meeting be the draft Local Improvement By-law and discussion of Recreation.”

Motion carried.

### 8.2 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

Council received the March 2021 Monthly Report from the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program.

### 8.3 Region 6 Waste Management

Council received the draft minutes of the March 19, 2021 meeting of Region 6 Waste Management.

## 9. New Business

No agenda items.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Nowe, at 8:26pm to go into Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations; as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(e). Motion carried.

Council returned to open session at 9:20pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

Accessibility MOU

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council approve the draft Intermunicipal Agreement for the Accessibility Coordinator Position as presented." Motion carried.

Develop Nova Scotia Floating Docks Agreement

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council approve the draft floating docks agreement with Develop Nova Scotia as presented." Motion carried.

Nursing Home Water Supply

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council support the alternate proposal from the MacLeod Group for upgrading the water supply to the new nursing home." Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:24pm.

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