

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:10 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

Land Acknowledgement

Let us begin by acknowledging that we are gathered today in Mi'kma'ki. The ancestral, present and future territory of the Mi'kmaw people. Today, we gather with the intent followed by the living Peace and Friendship Treaties - with respect, cooperation and coexistence.

1. Agenda

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

Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the April 29, 2021 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

3. Presentations

John Davis, Clean Ocean Action Committee

Council received a presentation from John Davis of the Clean Ocean Act<mark>ion</mark> Committee, respecting the George's Bank Moratorium.

4. Correspondence - Action

- 4.1 Sue Bookchin and Derek Wentzell Concerns regarding Ernst Brook.
- 4.2 Talking Trees and Concerned Citizens Nursing Home construction site.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council refer both letters to the plan review process (Plan Mahone Bay) for consideration."

Motion carried.

5. Correspondence - Information Items

- 5.1 Mayor Amanda McDougall, NSFM 12 month's notice from the Province.
- 5.2 Erin Donovan Concerns regarding nursing home build.
- 5.3 NSFM Monday Memo May 3, 2021.

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

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the Staff Report for May 11, 2021.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council receive the Staff Report for May 11, 2021 as presented."

Motion carried.

6.2 PAA Pilot Project

Council received an update concerning the Paracetic Acid (PAA) wastewater effluent pilot project.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council accept this report for information."

Motion carried.

6.3 Draft Wildlife Feeding By-law

Council received a staff report to accompany a draft by-law to prohibit feeding wildlife within the Town of Mahone Bay.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council give first reading to the draft Wildlife Feeding By-law as presented." Motion carried.

6.4 Report of the Clerk

Council received the Report of the Clerk in respect to the May 10, 2021 Public Hearing to receive comments from the Public on the draft Town of Mahone Bay 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council direct staff to set Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm for a Special Council meeting to discuss final edits for the Draft Town of Mahone Bay 2021-2025 Strategic Plan." Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to advise the public that anyone who wishes to make further comments on the Draft Town of Mahone Bay 2021 – 2025 Strategic Plan may submit their correspondence or a request to present to the May 27, 2021 meeting of Council no later than May 20, 2021."

6.5 Fairmont Service Extension

Council received a staff report to present Council with requested consideration of a possible water/wastewater service extension on Fairmont Street.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council direct staff to contact all impacted property owners to advise them of the proposed extension and receive their feedback on the proposal."

Motion carried.

6.6 Plan Mahone Bay Engagement Phase 2

Council received a staff report requesting direction regarding anticipated Plan Mahone Bay Public Engagement activities, in consideration of the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in Nova Scotia.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council accept the offer from Upland to postpone Phase II of planned public engagement in the Plan Mahone Bay process until after Labour Day 2021."

Motion carried.

6.7 Water System Losses

Council received a staff report with additional information relating to operation of the Town's water system to support ongoing discussion of water system losses.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council accept this report for information."

Motion carried.

7. Council Items

7.1 Trees at Mahone Nursing Home Build

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson:

"Whereas members of the community have raised questions about the Development Agreement between the Town and the MacLeod Group with respect to the nursing home development, including questions about how the terms of the Agreement are being administered by the Town,

Therefore, be it resolved that Council direct staff to prepare a report for the May 27th Council meeting summarizing the role of the Town in monitoring and administering the Development Agreement with specific reference to management of storm water and landscape buffer zones, and steps taken by the Town while monitoring and enforcing the terms of the Development Agreement."

Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

8.2 Policy & Strategy Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Affordable Housing and Anti-Racism be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee."

Motion carried.

8.3 Police Advisory Board Meeting

Council received the draft minutes of the April 29, 2021 meeting of the Police Advisory Board and the RCMP Quarterly Report.

8.4 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

Council received the April 2021 monthly report from the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program.

9. New Business

No agenda items.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, at 9:30 pm to go into Closed Session to discuss acquisition, sale, lease, and security of municipal property; personnel matters; and contract negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(a)(c) and (e) respectively.

Motion carried.

Council returned to open session at 10:57 pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council approve the change order to remove the sprinkler system from the contract with Roscoe Construction Ltd."

Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 11:00 pm.

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