

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, May 27, 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
Manager of Finance, L. Wentzell

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 Nowe, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to include a Notice of Motion under New Business."

Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the May 6, 2021 special meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the May 11, 2021 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the May 18, 2021 special meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

3. Presentations

No presentations.

4. Correspondence – Action

4.1 Talking Trees Submission.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council refer the submission from Talking Trees with its content and recommendations to the Asset Management committee for consideration for appropriate action."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor, seconded by Councillor Wilson. "THAT Council refer the submission from Talking Trees with its content and recommendations to Plan Mahone Bay for the consideration of elements which could be included in the draft Land Use By-law." Motion defeated.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council refer the submission from Talking Trees submission with its content and recommendations to staff for consideration in the drafting of a proposed urban forest management policy."

Motion defeated.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council refer the submission from Talking Trees with its content and recommendations to staff to consider the feasibility of incorporating the recommendations into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Action Plan, and for staff to provide a report in this regard."

Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council refer the submission from Talking Trees to an agenda of the Policy & Strategy Committee for review of content to provide a recommendation to Council in respect to actions which may be taken in response to the submission." Motion carried.

4.2 Mickey Johnson and Karen Pinsent – Survey Regarding Town of Mahone Bay Logo.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council refer this correspondence to an agenda of the Policy and Strategy Committee for discussion."

Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – May 9, 2021.

5.2 John Bain – Ernst Brook.

5.3 Jeff Frampton – Draft Strategic Plan.

5.4 NSFM – Monday Memo – May 17, 2021

5.5 Gregg Little – Draft Strategic Plan

5.6 Lloyd Westhaver – Draft Wildlife Feeding By-law.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT the correspondence, numbered 5.1 – 5.6 be received and filed and that items number 5.3 and 5.5 be forwarded to the Special Council meeting to discuss the draft Strategic Plan.”

Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the Staff Report for May 27, 2021.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT Council direct staff to look into potential traffic calming measures on Clairmont Street and Kinburn Street and provide a report for Council consideration.”

Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council receive the Staff Report for May 27, 2021, as presented.”

Motion carried.

6.2 Nursing Home Development

Council received a report to summarize the role of the Town in monitoring and administering the Development Agreement for the new Nursing Home Development on Main Street.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council accept this report for information.”

Motion carried.

7. Council Items

7.1 2021/22 Budgets

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council approve the 2021-22 General Operating Budget with expenditures in the amount of \$2,664,231 as presented, with general tax rates set at \$1.115/\$100 Residential and \$3.025/\$100

Commercial, fire tax rates set at \$0.167/\$100, and the infrastructure charge unchanged at \$295/unit.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council approve the 2021-22 Capital Budget with expenditures totaling \$13,447,176 supported by a projected \$6,752,966 in external funding.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council approve the 2021-22 Electric Utility Operating Budget with expenditures in the amount of \$2,039,465 as presented.” Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council approve the 2021-22 Electric Utility Capital Budget with expenditures totaling \$301,000 supported by a projected \$25,000 in external funding.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT Council approve the 2021-22 Water Utility Operating Budget with expenditures in the amount of \$645,460 as presented.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council approve the 2021-22 Water Utility Capital Budget with expenditures totaling \$3,062,390 supported by a projected \$2,104,501 in external funding.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council approve the 2021-22 cemetery budgets, in the amount of \$15,200 for Park Cemetery and \$11,000 for Bayview Cemetery, as presented.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT Council approve the Budget Press Release as presented.” Motion carried.

7.2 Procedural discussion

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council direct staff to write to Valerie Hearder of Talking Trees, and Sue Bookchin and Derek Wentzell in response to their correspondence which was received at the May 11, 2021 Council meeting to advise as to Council direction taken on their correspondence.” Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council register the property located at 342 Main Street as a Municipal Heritage Property."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council approve the grant application from the owners of 77 Edgewater Street." Motion carried.

8.2 Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting of the Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee.

8.3 Municipal Joint Services Board

Council received the minutes of the following meetings of the Municipal Joint Services Board: January 22, 2020; April 1, 2020; April 22, 2020; August 26, 2020; September 23, 2020; October 14, 2020; October 21, 2020; January 27, 2021; and February 24, 2021.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council accept the minutes of the Municipal Joint Service Board as received." Motion carried.

9. New Business

9.1 Notice of Motion

Councillor Burdick provided a notice of motion that she will move, or cause to be moved, a motion to propose the suspension of interest on tax bills.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Nowe, at 8:39 pm to go into Closed Session to discuss acquisition, sale, lease, and security of municipal property; and contract negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(a) and (e) respectively.

Motion carried.

Council returned to open session at 9:46 pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council amend the letter of agreement with the Wooden Boat Society with respect to the DevelopNS floating dock agreement.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT Council direct staff to write to the MBTCC granting permission for the MBTCC to host local artisans within the VIC as requested, to a maximum of 25% of the floor space secondary to the operation of the visitor information centre, for the 2021 season.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to invite the MBTCC to meet with Mahone Bay Town Council to discuss the basis for a potential renewed agreement in respect to the operation of the VIC.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council approve the change orders for the interior accessible entrance ramp and first floor painting at the Town Hall.” Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:53 pm.

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Clerk, Maureen Hughes

