

A meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Monday, May 31, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via video conferencing.

Present:

Mayor David Devenne
Deputy Mayor Francis Kangata
Councillor Alice Burdick
Councillor Penny Carver
Councillor Feeney
Councillor Richard Nowe
Councillor Kelly Wilson
CAO, Dylan Heide
Clerk, Maureen Hughes

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.

And tonight we are particularly mindful of the 215 children whose remains were found on the grounds of the former residential school in Kamloops.

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended.”** **Motion carried.**

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

3. Affordable Housing

Council discussed the subject of affordable housing, including the *Charting a New Course for Affordable Housing in Nova Scotia* report which had been released by the Nova Scotia Affordable Housing Commission earlier in the day. Discussion focused on questions to the Province which would help clarify the Provincial position on affordable housing in the aftermath of this new report, options to support ideas that come from the community about ways to support affordable housing.

4. Anti-Racism

Committee members discussed ways in which aspects of life in Mahone Bay could be seen as off-putting to people of colour, and steps the Town could take to help address systemic/unconscious racism in Mahone Bay while being mindful of changes that would make Mahone Bay a community in which a diverse population feels welcome.

5. Next meeting

5.1 Agenda items

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the committee recommend that Council set the agenda for the June 28, 2021 meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee to include the submission from Talking Trees which was received at the May 27, 2021 regular meeting of Council, and the draft Local Improvement By-law.”** **Motion carried.**

5.2 Date and Time

The next meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee will be held on June 28, 2021 at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned by motion at 9:21 pm.

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