

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, June 8, 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 Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add the correspondence from Lara Carrigan to the Council agenda as item 4.3 under Correspondence Action Items."

Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT the minutes of the May 27, 2021 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT the minutes of the June 3, 2021 special meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

3. Presentations

No presentations.

4. Correspondence - Action

4.1 Veryan Haysom – Council Policy Questions.

4.2 Katie Iyoupe – Concern for our beautiful Town and its abundant wildlife.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council refer the correspondence from Ms. Iyoupe to the next meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee at which time the issue of trees in Mahone Bay will be discussed and direct staff to advise Ms. Iyoupe of this course of action. Motion carried.

4.3 Lara Carrigan – Feeding Wildlife and Environmental concerns
A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT the
correspondence from Lara Carrigan be referred to a future meeting of the Policy and
Strategy Committee."

Motion carried.

5. Correspondence - Information Items

5.1 NSFM - Monday Memo - May 25, 2021.

5.2 Joan Parks-Hubley – Concerns about Tree Cutting.

5.3 NSFM - Monday Memo - May 31, 2021

5.5 Talking Trees - Owl Habitat

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT the correspondence, numbered 5.1 – 5.5 be received and filed." Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the Staff Report for June 8, 2021.

6.2 Council Chambers Furniture

Council received a report with an update on the procurement of furniture and equipment for Council Chambers.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council approve the purchase of new desks and chairs for Council Chambers as quoted."

Motion carried.

6.3 Bandstand Phase 3 Funding Application

Council received a report with an update concerning the Bandstand Phase 3 project, included in the 2021/22 annual budget approved May 27, 2021.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to apply to the Canada Healthy Communities initiative and the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund to sponsor Phase 3 improvements to the Michael O'Connor Memorial Bandstand."

6.4 Report of the Clerk

Council received the Report of the Clerk following the June 8, 2021 Public Hearing to receive submissions and comments from the public concerning the draft Town of Mahone Bay Wildlife Feeding By-law.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council give second and final reading to the Town of Mahone Bay Wildlife Feeding By-law as presented."

Motion defeated.

7. Council Items

7.1 Property Taxes

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council direct staff to waive interest fees on overdue payments on past due commercial and residential property taxes until the end of August, to alleviate stress caused by the impact of COVID-19."

Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Asset Management Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

8.2 Policy and Strategy Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 31, 2021 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "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.

8.3 Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received a memo concerning a motion of Council that is required to begin the process to register a Municipal Heritage Property, as directed by motion of Council at the May 27, 2021 meeting of Council.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council direct staff to give 30 days' notice to the homeowner(s) of 342 main Street, Mahone Bay, that Council intends to register their home as a Municipal Heritage Property and that a hearing will take place at the July 29, 2021 meeting of Town Council."

Motion carried.

8.4 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

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

8.5 South Shore Housing Association Coalition

Council received the minutes of the April 7, 2021 meeting of the South Shore Housing Association Coalition.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Nowe, at 9:06 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 10:02 pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council approve the change order from Roscoe Construction Ltd. for the proposed addition to the Mahone Bay Fire Station in the amount of \$970,455 +HST." Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 10:03 pm.

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