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The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:06 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 K. Wilson  
CAO, D. Heide  
Town Clerk, M. Hughes

Absent: Councillor Nowe (regrets)

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 amended to include the letter from Talking Trees to be added as item 4.2." Motion carried.

### 2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the July 28, 2021 special meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT the minutes of the July 29 regular meeting of Council be approved as amended." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council direct staff to send correspondence to Lynn Hennigar and Michael Blair to thank them

for their service to the Town in their roles as volunteers on the Town of Mahone Bay Asset Management Committee.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT the minutes of the August 9, 2021 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.” Motion carried.

### 3. Presentations

No presentations.

### 4. Correspondence – Action

4.1 Michael Brown, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #49 – Town Cenotaph Enhancement.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT the Town of Mahone Bay support the request from the Royal Canadian Legion to pursue funding for a footstone project for the base of the town cenotaph.” Motion carried.

4.2 Talking Trees – Request for correspondence to be forwarded to Plan Mahone Bay Steering Team.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT Council direct staff to forward the letter from Talking Trees to the members of the Steering Team for the Plan Mahone Bay project.” Motion carried.

### 5. Correspondence – Information Items

- 5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – July 26, 2021
- 5.2 NSFM – Monday Memo – August 3, 2021
- 5.3 NSFM – Monday Memo – August 9, 2021
- 5.4 Captain R.L. Boudreau – Concerns, Main Street
- 5.5 NSFM – Monday Memo – August 16, 2021
- 5.6 NSFM – Monday Memo – August 23, 2021
- 5.7 NSFM – Monday Memo – August 30, 2021
- 5.8 Carolyn Lohnes – Low income tax exemption
- 5.9 NSFM – Monday Memo – September 7, 2021
- 5.10 NSFM – Interim Resolutions Report

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council receive and file correspondence items 5.1 – 5.10.” Motion carried

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to respond to Captain Boudreau referencing the upcoming staff report regarding traffic issues.”

Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council refer the issue of eligibility for Low Income Tax Exemption to the Strategy and Policy Committee when the new census data is available.”

Motion carried.

## 6. Staff Reports

### 6.1 Council Report

Council received the Staff Report to Council for September 14, 2021.

### 6.2 2021/22 Business Plan

Council received a staff report and accompanying draft 2021/22 Business Plan, which had been deferred from the July 29, 2021 regular Council meeting.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT Council approve the 2021/22 Business Plan as amended to reflect the personnel change in the role of Climate and Energy Project Manager, to add document links to the annual budget and strategic plan, to add a reference to Human Resource Management to the Staff Management Core Function for the CAO, and to add social media specifically to the Communications and Public Engagement Core Function for the Administration Department.”

Motion carried.

### 6.3 Coastal Protection Act Consultation

Council received a staff report to provide a summary of the proposed Coastal Protection Act Regulations and suggested consultation recommendations to submit to the Province on behalf of the Town.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT the regular September 30, 2021 Council Meeting be rescheduled to Monday September 27, 2021 in deference to Truth and Reconciliation Day.”

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT this item will be deferred to the next regular meeting of Council, to be held on September 27, 2021.”

Motion carried

### 6.4 Report of the Clerk – Public Hearing

Council received the Report of the Clerk following the September 14, 2021 Public Hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the draft Local Improvement By-law which was given first reading at the July 13, 2021 meeting of Town Council.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council provide second and final reading for the Local Improvement By-law." Motion defeated.

#### 6.5 Fire Department Helmet Procurement

Council received a staff report regarding an unbudgeted Capital expense in respect to purchase new and replace expired Personal Protective Equipment for the Fire Department.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council approve the unbudgeted purchase of 10 firefighting helmets at a total cost of \$6,776.68 to be funded from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve." Motion carried.

#### 6.6 Town Hall Renovation Funding

Council received a staff report providing an overview on the Town Hall Renovation Project, including a discussion on various financing options available for the project.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council accept the report as presented." Motion carried.

#### 6.7 Bicycle Route Engagement

Council received a staff report providing a summary of the active transportation and Community-Wide Bicycle Route engagement.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to apply for Connect2 provincial funding and to also apply to the Federal Active Transportation Fund to improve active transportation infrastructure, and active transportation safety within the Town of Mahone Bay." Motion carried.

#### 6.8 Long Hill Road Culvert Replacement

Council received a staff report with an update on the progress of the Long Hill Road ditching project and request guidance in respect to five deteriorated culverts discovered during this project.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council approve the installation of five (5) driveway culverts on Long Hill Road at a cost of \$10,638." Motion carried.

## 7. Council Items

No Council items.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.1 Policy and Strategy Committee

Council received the draft minutes from the July 26, 2021 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council repeal the Dangerous/Unsightly Buildings By-law." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT minimum standards for housing be reflected in any housing strategy that the Town may develop." Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council consider reviewing the Town logo and request that staff prepare a report on an RFP process to develop a new logo for the Town of Mahone Bay." Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council set the agenda for the October 25, 2021 meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee to include the Committee Policy (Age Friendly Community Committee and Economic Development Committee) and Council/CAO Relationship." Motion carried.

### 8.2 Police Advisory Board

Council received the draft minutes of the July 29, 2021 meeting of the Police Advisory Board.

### 8.3 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

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

### 8.4 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program Helping Tree

Council received the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program Helping Tree.

## 9. New Business

No New Business.

## 10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson at 9:02pm seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss the acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property as well as contract negotiations, as permitted by the MGA sections 22(2)(a) and (e) respectively." Motion carried.

Council returned to Open Session at 9:55 pm.

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:55 pm.

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