



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. 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

Absent:

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 presented." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT the minutes of the October 28, 2021 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

3. Presentations

Coastal Action Foundation

Council received a presentation from Samantha Batallia, of Coastal Action Foundation, with an update on the Mahone Bay Living Shoreline Project.

4. Correspondence – Action

No Correspondence Action items.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 Tait MacDonald – Short Term Rental Concerns

5.2 Jeff Phillips, MBTCC – Concerns

5.3 Media Release – Province Takes Action to Increase Housing, Protect Tenants

5.4 Chris and Katie Iyoupe – Concerns regarding proposed development for 66 Clairmont Street.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council receive and file correspondence items 5.1 – 5.4.; that the letter from Chris and Katie Iyoupe be referred to the Planners, that a letter be sent to Chris and Katie Iyoupe to thank them for their letter and advise that their letter is being forwarded to the Planning staff, and that the letter from Tait MacDonald be referred to the Plan Mahone Bay project.”

Motion carried

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the Staff Report to Council for October 28, 2021.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council accept the Staff Report to Council for October 28, 2021 for information.” Motion carried.

6.2 Signage Policy

Council received a staff report with a requested recommendation concerning the regulation of temporary signage, including election signage. The policy will be added to the next Council agenda for Council’s consideration and possible adoption.

6.3 Transportation Update

Council received a staff report with an update on the status of transportation projects and related directives.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT Council direct staff to install three traffic calming devices, speed humps at appropriate locations on Clairmont and Kinburn.”

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council direct staff to reach out to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to evaluate the potential for speed reduction below 50km/h.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT a letter be sent from the Mayor to our MLA, Hon. Susan Corkum-Greek, to advise that the Town is submitting a request to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for a speed reduction to lower than 50km/h and that we are aware that a private member’s bill has been proposed that would allow municipalities to make this change themselves.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council defer discussion concerning the issuance of an RFP for the engagement of engineering services and direction to staff regarding the development of an engagement plan for transportation and infrastructure improvements south of Clairmont Street to a later meeting of Council.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT Council refer Transportation Planning 2022 and Onward to a future meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.” Motion carried.

6.4 Report of the Clerk

Council received the Report of the Clerk following the Public Hearing to receive comments from the Public on the Town of Mahone Bay By-law to Repeal the Dangerous/Unsightly Buildings By-law which was held at 6:30pm on October 28, 2021.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council provide second and final reading of the Town of Mahone Bay By-law to Repeal the Town of Mahone Bay Dangerous/Unsightly Buildings By-law.” Motion carried.

6.5 Fire Department Quarterly Report

Council received the Quarterly Report from the Mahone Bay and District Volunteer Fire Department.

6.6 Occupational Health and Safety Policy

Council received a staff report to accompany a draft Occupational Health and Safety Policy.

6.7 Electric Vehicle Chargers

Council received a staff report with an update on the plan to install electric vehicle chargers in the Town of Mahone Bay and to suggest an additional alternate location for Council's approval.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council approve the Clearway/Main parking spot as an additional alternate Electric Vehicle charger location." Motion carried.

6.8 Town Hall Renovations

Council received a staff report on the conclusion of the Town Hall Renovation Project.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report for Council on future capital investment in the Town Hall ahead of the 2022-23 budget process." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council direct staff to fund any difference between the budget allocation for the Town Hall Renovation Project and the final cost of the project from Capital Reserve." Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT further discussion of the Town Hall Renovation be referred to a special meeting of Council." Motion carried.

7. Council Items

7.1 Mayor Devenne – Committee Application

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council appoint David Lesiuk to the Police Advisory Board." Motion carried.

7.2 Councillor Wilson – Vaccination Policy

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council direct staff to prepare a draft COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, requiring full immunization of all Town employees, including Councillors, to be presented to Council no later than the November 25, 2021 Council meeting and implemented no later than January 31, 2022." Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the October 13, 2021 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

8.2 Asset Management Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the October 21, 2021 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

8.3 South Shore Housing Action Coalition

Council received the draft minutes of the October 6, 2021 meeting of the South Shore Housing Action Coalition.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the committee reports be accepted for information." Motion carried.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson at 9:58 pm seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss the contract negotiations, and litigation or potential litigation, as permitted by the MGA sections 22(2)(e) and (f) respectively." Motion carried.

Council returned to Open Session at 10:50 pm.

Business Arising From Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council approve the reimbursement to Mr. Todd Nickerson in the amount of \$51,282.19 and direct staff to undertake the necessary steps to conduct a joint tax sale with the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg." Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to issue an RFP for legal services." Motion carried

Council adjourned upon motion at 10:50 pm.

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