



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, December 14, 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 Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to include a closed session item on personnel matters, as permitted by the Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(c)."

Motion carried.

### 2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT the minutes of the November 25, 2021 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

### 3. Presentations

### 3.1 Louis Desgrosseilliers and Jill Johnson, Neothermal Energy Storage

Council received a presentation from Louis Desgrosseilliers of Neothermal Energy Storage regarding the electric thermal storage (ETS) system which Neothermal has developed and for which they have been working with the Town of Mahone Bay on their pilot project.

### 3.2 James Renouf and Kelly Humphries

Council received a presentation from Jamie Renouf and Kelly Humphries regarding their intention to request a zoning amendment to permit a larger commercial building than the current zoning allows, to enable them to build a private child psychology practice on the lot, as well as the necessary parking.

## 4. Correspondence – Action

### 4.1 David Murdoch, Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Partnership Society – Support for Provincial Funding Request.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council write to Hon. Barbara Adams, Minister of Seniors and Long-Term Care, indicating support for the request from the Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Partnership for stable and reliable Provincial funding." Motion carried.

### 4.2 Christine McClare, Region 6 Solid Waste Management – Budget approval

A motion by Wilson, seconded by Nowe, "THAT Council approve Region 6 Solid Waste Management's 2022-23 Budget in the amount of \$130,174.95, with the Town of Mahone Bay's share being \$1,490.85." Motion carried.

## 5. Correspondence – Information Items

### 5.1 David Brumwell – 66 Clairmont Street Development.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT the correspondence from Mr. Brumwell be directed to the Planners and the PAC." Motion carried.

### 5.2 NSFM – Monday Memo – November 23, 2021.

### 5.3 NSFM – Monday Memo – November 30, 2021

### 5.4 Hon. John A. Lohr, Municipal Affairs and Housing – Work Commencing on Municipal and Village Code of Conduct Regulations

### 5.5 NSFM – Monday Memo – December 6, 2021

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT items 5.2 to 5.5 be received and filed.” Motion carried.

## 6. Staff Reports

### 6.1 Council Report

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

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council accept the Staff Report to Council for December 14, 2021 for information.” Motion carried.

### 6.2 Signage Policy

Council received an updated staff report with an amended Signage Policy, as directed by Council at the November 25, 2021 meeting of Council.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council adopt the Signage Policy as presented.” Motion carried.

### 6.3 Vaccination Policy

Council received an updated staff report and draft Vaccination Policy, as directed by Council at the November 25, 2021 meeting of Council.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT Council adopt the draft COVID-19 Vaccination Policy as amended to change the effective date to February 28, 2022.” Motion carried.

### 6.4 Terms of Reference – Climate & Environment Advisory Committee

Council received a staff report with an expanded Terms of Reference for the proposed Climate & Energy Advisory Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council approves the terms of reference for the Climate and Environment Committee as a schedule of the Committee By-law as amended to include language allowing stakeholders from areas of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg abutting the Town, or members of academic or non-profit organizations with an environmental mandate, as public members.”

Motion carried.

### 6.5 Solar Garden Consultations

Council received a report on the Community Solar Open Houses that were held in each AREA community.

### 6.6 Financial Condition Indicators

Council received the Municipal Profile and Financial Condition Indicators Results for 2019 -20 from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT the Financial Conditions Indicators be referred to the February 2022 meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee." Motion carried.

### 6.7 Fire Services Draft By-law

Council received a staff report regarding the process of the development of a Fire Services By-law.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to schedule a second consultation session with the membership of the fire department regarding the drafting of a Fire Services By-law." Motion carried.

### 6.8 Water Treatment Plant Compressors

Council received a staff report with an update and recommendations in relation to the budgeted purchase of compressors for the Town's water treatment plant.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council increase the 2021-22 budget allocation for the purchase of Water Treatment Plant compressors to \$20,000." Motion carried.

### 6.9 Housing Strategy Development

Council received a staff report with information related to the development of a housing strategy, as per Council's 2021-25 Strategic Plan.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to prepare a letter to the Mayors/Wardens and Councils in Lunenburg County requesting their support for a regional housing needs assessment to be carried out in 2022 utilizing 2021 census data, supporting the development of a regional housing strategy, and requesting that they join the Town of Mahone Bay in jointly approaching the provincial Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing to support this initiative." Motion carried.

## 6.10 Fire Services Mutual Aid Agreement

Council received a staff report to accompany the draft fire services mutual aid agreement developed by the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council approve the signing of the draft fire services mutual aid agreement by the Town of Mahone Bay and the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department, pending clarification of the incorporation status of the Fire Department." Motion carried.

## 7. Council Items

### 7.1 Regional Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Committee

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT council direct staff to prepare a letter for the Mayor's signature advising the mayors of the District of Lunenburg, the Town of Lunenburg and the Town of Bridgewater, as well as the Warden of the Municipality of Chester, that the council of the Town of Mahone Bay supports in principle the proposal for a regional anti-racism and anti-discrimination committee and that the Town of Mahone Bay will include consideration of financial support for the implementation of the proposed committee in our 2022-23 budget deliberations." Motion carried.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.1 Policy and Strategy Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the November 22, 2021 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council direct staff to prepare a public engagement plan for the review of the Strategic Plan." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council take the opportunity during the review of the Strategic Plan to review the alignment of the committee structure in relation to that Strategic Plan." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the next agenda of the Policy and Strategy Committee include Transportation Planning 2022 and Environmental Correspondence from Lara Carrigan." Motion carried.

### 8.2 Lunenburg County Seniors Safety Program

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

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson at 9:28 pm seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters, as permitted by the MGA section 22(c)." Motion carried.

Council returned to Open Session at 9:50 pm.

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:52 pm.

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