



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 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 Burdick, **"THAT the agenda be approved as amended to include infrastructure discussion under Council Items."**
Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **"THAT the minutes of the January 11, 2022 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."**
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the minutes of the January 18, 2022 special meeting of Council be approved as presented.”**

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **“THAT the minutes of the January 21, 2022 special meeting of Council be approved as presented.”**

Motion carried.

3. Presentations

3.1 Titan Maritime

Council received a presentation from Michael Ernst, and Zack Green, CEO of Titan Maritime, regarding their project regarding the location and retrieval of Ghost Gear.

4. Correspondence – Action

4.1 William Kowalski – Parking at Parish and Orchard Street.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council direct staff to communicate with the owner of the business at the Old Station, at the corner of Main Street and Orchard Street, regarding the installation of parking signage and that thereafter the signage shall be enforced by the Town.”**

Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – January 10, 2021.

5.2 NSFM – Monday Memo – January 17, 2022.

5.3 CNSOPB – Exploration Licenses Update

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT items 5.1 to 5.3 be received and filed.”**

Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the Staff Report to Council for January 27, 2022.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **“THAT Council affirm the direction that was given to Staff in September 2020 that staff draft a CAO Performance Review Policy that includes a detailed procedure, or procedure options, for how regular CAO Performance Reviews will be conducted, and to present such policy to**

Council for consideration and that Council would set a target date for the receipt of said policy for the April 28, 2022 Council meeting.” **Motion carried.**

6.2 Draft Public Engagement Plan – Strategic Plan Review

Council received a draft Public Engagement Plan for the 2022 Strategic Plan Review.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **“THAT Council approve the Public Engagement Plan for the Strategic Plan Review with the addition of digital engagement including online polls or surveys with an extension of the engagement timeline until the end of March 2022.”** **Motion carried.**

6.3 Draft Public Engagement Plan

Council received draft Public Engagement Plan for the 2022 Municipal Boundary Review.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council approve the Public Engagement Plan for the Municipal Boundary Review as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

6.4 Appointment of Building Official

Council received a memo from staff regarding the appointment of a new Building Official with the Municipality of Chester.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Jim Holt be appointed as a Building Inspector for the Town of Mahone Bay effective January 27, 2022 and until such time as that appointment is revoked.”** **Motion carried.**

6.5 Solar Garden Project Update

Council received a staff report providing an update on the status of the Community Solar Garden project.

Discussion on the recommendation was deferred to Closed Session.

7. Council Items

7.1 Draft 2020/21 Financial Statements

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council approve the 2020/21 Financial Statements as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

7.2 Comfort Stations and Warming Centres

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “**THAT Council direct staff to develop draft protocols for the new community hall as an emergency shelter.**”
Motion carried.

7.3 Infrastructure for Water Management at Soccer Field

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “**THAT Council direct staff to craft a letter to the Mahone Bay United Soccer Club and the Mahone Bay Centre informing them of Council’s intent to ensure capital funding is allocated within the 2022/23 budget to address the replacement of culvert and other infrastructure required that will address water management of culvert and other infrastructure required that will address water management issues, on and adjacent to the Town land known colloquially as the “soccer field.” This funding is estimated to be approximately \$11,000.**”
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT Council direct staff to complete negotiation and establish terms and conditions whereby the Mahone Bay Soccer Club/Mahone Bay Centre will have a contractual responsibility to provide scheduling, management, and ongoing maintenance of the field and that same be provided to Council for approval.**”
Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “**THAT Council direct staff to provide a report to the February 8, 2022 Council meeting regarding application for 2022/23 ACCESS-Ability Program funding.**”
Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Asset Management Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the January 20, 2022 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “**THAT Council approve the Asset Management Policy as amended.**”
Motion carried.

8.2 Audit and Finance Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the January 20, 2022 meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee.

8.3 Lunenburg County Seniors’ Safety Program

Council received the December 2021 Monthly Report of the Lunenburg County Seniors’ Safety Program.

8.4 REMO

Council received the minutes of the September 20, 2021 meeting of REMO.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata at 9:02 pm seconded by Councillor Burdick, “**THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations, as permitted by the MGA section 22(e).**” **Motion carried.**

Council returned to Open Session at 9:44 pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “**THAT Council direct staff to make application to NSPI for 2023 Back-Up/Top-Up service.**” **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT Council approve service corridor route A for the Community Solar Garden and that staff be directed to write to impacted property owners providing the rationale for this decision and the steps to be followed by the Town for acquisition of the necessary lands.**”

Councillor Feeney requested a roll call vote

Councillor Burdick	yes
Councillor Carver	yes
Mayor Devenne	yes
Councillor Feeney	yes
Deputy Mayor Kangata	no
Councillor Nowe	yes
Councillor Wilson	yes



Council adjourned upon motion at 9:49 pm.

Mayor, David Devenne

Clerk, Maureen Hughes

