



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, February 8, 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  
Deputy CAO, M. Hughes  
Deputy Clerk, K. Redden

**Absent:**

CAO, D. Heide (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 Burdick, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to include the addition of a closed session to discuss contract negotiations."  
**Motion carried.**

**2. Minutes**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the January 24, 2022 special meeting of Council be approved as presented."  
**Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT the minutes of the January 25, 2022 special meeting of Council be approved as presented.**”

**Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT the minutes of the January 27, 2022 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.**”

**Motion carried.**

### **3. Presentations**

No presentations.

### **4. Correspondence – Action**

#### **4.1 Avery Bain, Dynamite Trail Association – Signage Request**

The Deputy CAO informed council that there is already a plan to install this type of signage.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “**THAT Council direct staff to respond to the letter from Dynamite Trail Association to inform them that there is a plan in place to install signs as requested and that signage will be placed at all crossing locations.**”

**Motion carried.**

#### **4.2 Alex Dumaresq, MODL – 2022/23 REMO Operating Budget**

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “**THAT Council approve the REMO Budget for the fiscal year 2022/23 in the amount of \$146,3000 with the Town of Mahone Bay’s share being \$3,686.60.**”

**Motion carried.**

#### **4.3 Janice Wentzell, AMANS – Municipal Engagement Sessions Anti-Racism Legislation.**

#### **4.4 Hon. John A. Lohr, Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Call for Applications.**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “**THAT Council direct staff to prepare a staff report about the proposed application.**”

**Motion carried.**

### **5. Correspondence – Information Items**

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – January 25, 2022.

5.2 NOW Lunenburg County – NOW and THEN.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT council direct staff to write a letter to Elspeth McLean-Wile of NOW Lunenburg County to congratulate them on their work and accomplishments.” Motion carried.

5.3 Hon. Bradley Johns, Minister of Justice and Attorney General – Accessibility Act.

5.4 Connor Veinot, MB Fire Department – MBDFD Elected Officers 2022

5.5 NSFM – Monday Memo – January 31, 2022.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT items 5.1 to 5.5 be received and filed.” Motion carried.

## **6. Staff Reports**

### **6.1 Council Report**

Council received the Staff Report to Council for February 8, 2022.

### **6.2 ACCESS-Ability Application**

Council received a staff report which provided a recommendation concerning application to the 2022 Community ACCESS-Ability Program from the Provincial Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “**THAT Council direct staff to apply to the Provincial Community ACCESS-Ability Program for funding to support accessibility improvements to the Aquatic Gardens Park, Sports Field, and Ballfield.**” Motion carried.

### **6.3 Communities on the Move Application**

Council received a staff report with an overview of the Provincial Communities on the Move Pilot and to outline how Mahone Bay could benefit from this program.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT Council direct staff to apply for the Communities on the Move Pilot Program with the intention of supporting the salary cost of a term employee.**” Motion carried.

### **6.4 Temporary Borrowing Resolution Renewal (Solar Garden)**

Council a staff report with a summary of the requirements to renew the Temporary Borrowing Resolution for the Solar Garden beyond a 12-month period.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson:

**WHEREAS** Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Council of the Town of Mahone Bay subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose as authorized by statute; and,

**WHEREAS** clause 66(4)(b) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Municipality to expend funds for the purpose of paying or retiring debentures;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**

**THAT** under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of the Town of Mahone Bay borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,700,000) for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

**THAT** the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Council of the Town of Mahone Bay to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

**THAT** the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Town borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,700,000) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business Nova Scotia;

**THAT** the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve (12) Months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of this resolution;

**THAT** the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

**THAT** the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council table this motion.”**  
**Motion carried.**

## **7. Council Items**

### **7.1 Federal Government's Ghost Gear Fund**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council direct staff to send the letter included in the meeting package, including optional suggested paragraph, to Honourable Joyce Murray, Minister of Federal Fisheries, requesting the extension of the Ghost Gear Fund program until at least 2027."

**Motion carried.**

### **7.2 Snow Clearing**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report for Council's February 24, 2022 Council meeting concerning the clearing of snow on Jubilee Park Pond."

**Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report for Council's February 24, 2022 Council meeting concerning the clearing of snow around fire hydrants."

**Motion carried.**

### **7.3 Budget Parameters**

Councillor Wilson discussed what information can be provided to the staff who will be arranging 2022/23 budget documents to set budget parameters. It was agreed that the previously scheduled March 29, 2022 budget meeting would be allotted for discussion about expectations for the 2022/23 budget process.

## **8. Committee Reports**

### **8.1 Audit and Finance Committee**

Council received the draft minutes of the January 27, 2022 meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee.

### **8.2 Police Advisory Board**

Council received the draft minutes of the January 27, 2022 meeting of the Police Advisory Board, as well as the RCMP Quarterly Report from September - December 2021.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council direct staff to develop a policy regarding surveillance cameras within the Town of Mahone Bay."

**Motion carried.**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council write to the Department of Justice requesting the ability to recommend and appointment to the Department in place of the Ministerial Appointment which remains vacant."

**Motion carried.**

**9. New Business**

No new business.

**10. Closed Session**

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council go into closed session at 9:00 pm to discuss contract negotiations as permitted by MGA section 22(2)(e)." Motion carried.

Council returned to open session at 10:07pm

Council adjourned upon motion at 10:07pm.

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