



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, February 24, 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  
Deputy CAO, 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 circulated." **Motion carried.**

**2. Minutes**

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the February 8, 2022 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented." **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT the minutes of the February 15, 2022 special meeting of Council be approved as presented.”**

**Motion carried.**

### **3. Presentations**

No presentations.

### **4. Correspondence – Action**

4.1 George Anderson, Mahone Bay Chamber of Commerce – Appointment of a Council member to liaise with the Chamber.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council appoint Councillor Wilson as the Town’s representative and liaison on the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce.”**

**Motion carried.**

4.2 Heidi Walsh Sampson – Town of Mahone Bay Solar Garden Project.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council defer the discussion of this piece of correspondence to the discussion of the staff report later on the agenda which references this piece of correspondence.”**

**Motion carried.**

4.3 Peter Julian, MP – Request for support of Bill C-229.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **“THAT Council direct staff to provide a recommendation concerning the creation of a bylaw prohibiting the sale of hate symbols in the Town of Mahone Bay, if that is a legal possibility.”**

**Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council defer item 4.3 to a meeting of Council following the April 2022 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.”**

**Motion carried.**

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

5.1 Christopher McCreery, NS Protocol Office – Order of Nova Scotia.

5.2 NSFM – Monday Memo – February 7, 2022

5.3 NSFM – Monday Memo – February 14, 2022

5.4 NSFM – Government Seeks Feedback on 20 Agencies, Boards, and Crown Corporations.

5.5 Mayor Matt Risser, Town of Lunenburg – Anti-Racism Regional Approach.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT correspondence items number 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 24, 2022.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT Council direct staff to prepare a letter to the other municipal units in Lunenburg County citing the recent RFP from the Province for the development of a province-wide housing needs assessment and initiating discussion on the development of a joint housing strategy for Lunenburg County on the basis of this regional needs assessment.**”

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “**THAT Council accept the Staff Report to Council for information.**” Motion carried.

**6.2 Jubilee Park Pond**

Council received a staff report with information on the different levels of service that the Public Works Department could provide to ensure the Jubilee Park Pond is safe to skate on, as well as the costs and liabilities that are associated with these levels.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report on the potential for an outdoor refrigerated ice surface and costs associated to be forwarded to the 2022/23 budget process.**” Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “**THAT Council refer the report on the Jubilee Park Pond to the budget process.**”

Motion defeated.

**6.3 Correspondence: Town of Mahone Bay Solar Garden Project**

Council received a staff report with a summary of correspondence received and sent, regarding the Town’s community solar garden project.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “**THAT Council accept this report for information.**” Motion carried.

#### 6.4 2022-23 ICIP Application

Council received a staff report to provide information and to request Council's direction with respect to the preparation of an application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for fiscal year 2022-23.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council direct staff to obtain updated cost estimates to support a 2022-23 application to the ICIP Green - Environmental Quality Stream including cost estimates for the Main Street Utilities Rehabilitation & Improvement and Waterline Rehabilitation and Wastewater System Extension projects." Motion carried.

#### 6.5 2022-23 Budget Meeting Schedule

Council received a staff report with a recommendation concerning the meeting schedule for the 2022-23 annual budget process and agreed to new budget meeting dates in June and July, replacing those previously scheduled for April.

### 7. Council Items

No Council items.

### 8. Committee Reports

#### 8.1 Hearing - Registration of 493 Main Street as a Municipal Heritage Property

A Heritage Property Hearing was held to provide the opportunity for the owners of the property recommended for Municipal Heritage Property registration. The property in question is 493 Main Street, Town Hall.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council complete the Heritage Property Registration of 493 Main Street." Motion carried.

#### 8.2 Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council defer the heritage grant request from the owners of 77 Edgewater Street to the 2022/23 budget." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council approve the expenditure of \$1,322.50 for the recording of a talk by the Town's Heritage Researcher, Deborah Trask. This amount to come from the committee's budget for the 2021/22 fiscal year." Motion carried.

### 8.3 Asset Management Committee

Council received the draft minutes from the February 17, 2022 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

### 8.4 Audit and Finance Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to produce quarterly financial reports for review of the Audit and Finance Committee within five weeks of the quarter’s end.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council direct staff to schedule the follow-up session with Deloitte as offered in the Management Letter to the 2020-21 Audit.”** **Motion carried.**

### 8.5 SSHAC

Council received the minutes of the December 1, 2021 meeting of South Shore Housing Action Coalition.

### 8.6 Lunenburg County Seniors’ Safety Program

Council received the 2021 Annual Report from the Lunenburg County Seniors’ Safety Program.

### 8.7 Lunenburg County Seniors’ Safety Program

Council received the January 2022 monthly report from the Lunenburg County Seniors’ Safety Program.

## 9. New Business

No new business.

## 10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council go into closed session at 9:00 pm to discuss contract negotiations and personnel matters as permitted by MGA section 22(2)(e) and (c) respectively.”** **Motion carried.**

Council returned to open session at 9:54pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “**THAT Council accept the proposal from MC Advisory in the amount of \$5,000 to conduct a compensation review.**” **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “**THAT Council authorize a one-time honorarium supplement for the Town’s archivist.**” **Motion carried.**

**Council adjourned upon motion at 9:56pm.**

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