



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, March 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
CAO, D. Heide
Deputy CAO, M. Hughes
Lenta Wright, AREA (9:20)

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.

International Women's Day 2022

Mayor Devenne began the meeting with an acknowledgement that March 8, 2022 is International Women's Day and read the following into the minutes:

To mark International Women's Day 2022 we celebrate the women in municipal government and encourage others to become involved. The Town of Mahone Bay benefits from the experience and perspective of women who sit on committees of Council and two female elected officials: Councillor Alice Burdick and Councillor Penny Carver.

The first woman on Council in Mahone Bay was Councillor Barbara Curry in 1982; the first, and only, female mayor in Mahone Bay was Mayor Virginia Uhlman, elected in 1996. The only time that there have been more than two women on

Council was when Councillors Lila O'Connor(1988-1993; 2000-2012), Cathie Slaughenwhite-Nowe (2000 - 2008), and Virginia Uhlman (1988-2012) were elected for the 2004 - 2008 Council term. Other women who have served on Council have been: Donna Conrad (1985-1998); Margaret Hennigar (1985-1988); Lynn Hennigar (1996-2000; 2012-2018); Simone Chia-Kangata (2016-2017); and Colleen O'Neill (2017-2020).

Anyone who wants to know more about serving on a Committee of Council, or running for a seat on Town Council is encouraged to reach out to Town staff and we would be happy to chat and help connect you with resources and information.

Today, we thank the women who serve the electors of Mahone Bay: Councillor Alice Burdick; Councillor Penny Carver; Susan Maples (Cemetery Committee); Katherine McCarron (Planning Advisory Committee/ Plan Mahone Bay Steering Team); Ann McPhail (Heritage Advisory Committee); Annette St. Onge (Heritage Advisory Committee & Asset Management Committee); Patricia Sharpe (Asset Management Committee); and Kara Turner (South Shore Regional Library Board).

1. Agenda

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.”** **Motion carried.**

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the minutes of the February 24, 2022 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

3. Presentations

No presentations.

4. Correspondence - Action

4.1 Jenny Sandison, President, Mahone Bay Garden Club - Flower Baskets.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council direct staff to respond to the letter from the Garden Society suggesting that they collaborate with the MBTCC on their proposal for flower baskets and that the Society submit a grant application if they wish to request financial support for that project from the Town.”** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to reach out to the recipients of last year’s grants and remind them of the March 31, 2022 grant application deadline to apply for funding under the Grants to Organizations Policy.”**
Motion carried.

4.2 Jenny Sandison, President, Mahone Bay Garden Club – Request for Assistance.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council direct staff to thank Ms. Sandison for the update on the work of the garden club and to work with the Garden Club with upgrades on the Kay Gray Garden at the eastern end of the church parking lots on Edgewater Street.”**
Motion carried.

4.3 Andrew Tanner, Saltbox Brewing Co. – Permanent Patio Expansion.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council refer the request from Saltbox Brewing Co. for a permanent patio expansion to the Planners and copy the correspondence to the members of the Planning Advisory Committee.”**
Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – February 22, 2022.

5.2 NSFM – Monday Memo – February 28, 2022.

5.3 Jenny Sandison, President, Mahone Bay Garden Club – Update.

5.4 Warden Eleanor Roulston, Municipality of East Hants – NSFM dues increase.

5.5 1792 Project Team – 230th anniversary of founding of Freetown.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“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 March 8, 2022.

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

6.2 Public Works Department Relocation

Council received a staff report to present a recommendation about relocating the Public Works department.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council defer the discussion of the former fire hall to a special council meeting to be held before the first Council meeting in April.”** **Motion carried.**

6.3 Public Participation in Planning Policy

Council received a staff report on Bill 58 amending the Municipal Government Act sections regarding the public participation program respecting the presentation of planning documents, as well as a draft amended Public Participation in Planning Policy. The draft policy will appear on the March 24, 2022 regular meeting of Council for the consideration of Council.

6.4 Hydrant Clearing

Council received a staff report in response to Council’s direction to prepare a report concerning the clearing of snow around fire hydrants.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **“THAT Council direct staff to produce a report on the Town’s snow and ice control operations including recommendations to revise the Snow and Ice Control policy, following the conclusion of seasonal operations.”** **Motion carried.**

6.5 Video Surveillance Policy

Council received a staff report with a draft Video Surveillance Policy as requested by Council at the February 8, 2022 meeting of Council. The draft policy will appear on the March 24, 2022 regular meeting of Council for the consideration of Council.

7. Council Items

7.1 Deputy Mayor Kangata - Council support for Ukraine on social media.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council direct staff to post on the Town’s social media page a message of support for the people of the Ukraine in this time of war.”** **Motion carried.**

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Policy and Strategy Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the February 28, 2022 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the transportation project in the 2021-22 budget with the inclusion of the three-way stop at Pleasant Street and Main Street.”

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council refer discussion of a Request for Proposals for engineering services in relation to the intersection of Main Street and Edgewater Street to the 2022/23 Budget Process.”

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Burdick, “THAT Council direct staff to initiate discussions with the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission concerning potential cyclist and pedestrian safety improvements to their property on Main Street.”

Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to forward the letter from Ms. Carrigan to RPS and the appropriate contacts within the Department of the Environment and request a response from the Department of Environment regarding the environmental concerns that have been raised, and advise Ms. Carrigan of the direction of Council.”

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council direct staff to prepare a staff report and a draft amended Solid Waste By-law for the review of Council.”

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT the next agenda of the Policy and Strategy Committee include the Proclamation Policy, the Timing of Closed Sessions, and the Flag Policy.”

Motion carried.

8.2 Electric Utility Resources Sharing Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the March 1, 2022 meeting of the Town of Mahone Bay and Riverport Electric Light Commission Electric Utility Resources Sharing Advisory Committee.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

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

Council returned to open session at 10:44 pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “**THAT Council approve AREA staff to resume discussions with staff at the Department of Municipal Affairs in respect to the ICIP Funding for the community solar gardens to confirm the eligibility of additional assets and the recovery of AREA staff time spent on the projects.**”
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “**THAT Council approve AREA staff to proceed with negotiations with GP Joule on the basis of the solar garden layout presented at the November 4, 2021 Solar Garden Open House and in the January 27, 2022 Solar Garden Update Staff Report.**”
Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 10:46 pm.

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Mayor, David Devenne

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Clerk, Maureen Hughes

