



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, March 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 R. Nowe
Councillor K. Wilson
CAO, D. Heide
Deputy CAO, M. Hughes

Absent: Councillor J. Feeney (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 Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add a notice of motion under New Business."

Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the minutes of the March 7, 2022 special meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

3. Presentations

David Murdoch and S/Sgt Victor Whalen – Seniors’ Safety Advisory Partnership Council received a presentation from Chair David Murdoch of the Lunenburg County Seniors’ Safety Partnership Society and S/Sgt Victor Whalen of the Lunenburg District RCMP. The presentation from Mr. Murdoch and S/Sgt Whalen was given to accompany a request for increased funding from the Seniors’ Safety Advisory Partnership. Councillor Wilson indicated he would provide a notice of motion in this regard, under new business.

4. Correspondence – Action

4.1 Nick Pavlinic – Reoccurring Graffiti Concerns.

4.2 First Responders’ Wellness Symposium – Sponsorship Opportunities.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council defer this discussion until the next meeting of Council and that staff gather more information on this organization and funding request for that discussion.”** Motion carried.

4.3 Chris Pelham, Senior Wheels Association – Request for a letter of support.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council provide a letter of support for the Senior Wheels Association to the Rural Transit Solutions Fund Application.”** Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – March 7, 2022.

5.2 Hon. Kim Masland, Department of Public Works – Request to lower speed limit.

5.3 NSFM – Monday Memo – March 14, 2022.

5.4 Mike Falt – Resignation from the Fire Department.

5.5 Elvis Hirtle – Resignation from the Fire Department.

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

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the correspondence from Hon. Kim Masland be forwarded to the Provincial Traffic Authority and that the Town request a town-wide reduction of the speed limit to 40km/hr.”** Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the Staff Report to Council for March 24, 2022.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, **“THAT Council direct staff to advise MODL of the Town of Mahone Bay’s intent to make Town residents aware of the availability of the ProKIDS program and that this direction replaces prior direction regarding the ProKIDS program.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council accept the Staff Report to Council as presented.”** Motion carried.

6.2 Public Participation in Planning Policy

Council received a staff report to accompany a draft Public Participation in Planning Policy, as amended following the March 8, 2022 regular Council meeting.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council adopt the amended Public Participation in Planning Policy as amended.”** Motion carried.

6.3 Video Surveillance Policy

Council received a staff report and accompanying a draft Video Surveillance Policy, which was first presented at Council on March 8, 2022.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **“THAT the draft Video Surveillance Policy and the letter from Mr. Pavlinic be forwarded to an upcoming agenda of the Policy and Strategy Committee.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council direct staff to reply to Mr. Pavlinic thanking him for his concern and advising that his letter has been forwarded for further discussion.”** Motion carried.

6.4 2021/22 Write Offs

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 Burdick, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council write-off accounts in the amount of \$2,118.49 (\$1,701.87 from the Electric Utility and \$416.62 from the Water Utility) as presented.”** Motion carried.

6.5 Strategic Plan Review - Public Engagement

Council received the Report of the Clerk regarding the March 24, 2022 Hearing to receive comments from the Public on the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan and a staff report with a follow-up on the Strategic Plan Public Engagement Plan.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council set the agenda for the April meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee to be solely focused on the discussion of the Strategic Plan Review and associated public engagement.”** Motion carried.

6.6 Town Owned Electric Vehicle

Council received a staff report with information relating to purchasing an electric vehicle for Town use.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report on an Electric Vehicle car sharing program to be presented to the Climate and Environment Committee.”** Motion carried.

6.7 Town Council Policy Amendment

Council received a staff report regarding changes in the way that virtual meetings are permitted and a draft amended Council Policy for the review of Council. This report will be added to the regular meeting agenda for April 12, 2022.

7. Council Items

7.1 Mayor Devenne - Appointments to Climate and Environment Committee

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **“THAT the Terms of Reference for the Climate and Environment Committee be amended to include six members of the public and that Sam Battaglia, Veryan Haysom, Gregg Little, Jamie Stephen, James Tilley, and Richard Wilson be appointed to the committee.”** Motion carried.

7.2 Councillor Carver - Donation to the Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council approve a \$2,500 donation to the Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal.”** Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Asset Management Committee

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

8.2 Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting of the Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee.

8.3 Cemetery Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the March 4, 2022 meeting of the Cemetery Committee.

8.4 Electric Utility Resource Sharing Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the March 11, 2022 meeting of the Town of Mahone Bay and Riverport Electric Light Commission Electric Utility Resource Sharing Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the Committee Reports be received as submitted.”** **Motion carried.**

9. New Business

Notice of Motion

Councillor Carver provided a notice of motion that at the next regular meeting of Council she will move or cause to be moved a motion in relation to sharing communication from the Lunenburg County Mayors/Wardens, Deputies, and CAOs.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Wilson provided a notice of motion that at the next regular meeting of Council she will move or cause to be moved a motion to authorize a payment to the Seniors Safety Advisory Partnership in the amount of \$1,000.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **“THAT Council go into closed session at 10:16 pm to discuss contract negotiations and personnel matters as permitted by MGA section 22(2)(c) and (e) respectively.”** **Motion carried.**

Council returned to open session at 11:09 pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council approve the Public Works Technician as a five day a week position.”**

Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 11:10 pm.

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Clerk, Maureen Hughes