



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, April 12, 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
Councillor J. Feeney
CAO, D. Heide
Deputy Clerk, K. Redden

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 Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to defer items 6.5, 6.8 and 7.3 to the next council meeting."

Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT the minutes of the March 24, 2022 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the minutes of the March 29, 2022 special meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the minutes of the April 4, 2022 special meeting of Council be approved as presented.”** Motion carried.

3. Presentations

4. Correspondence – Action

4.1 John Davis, Clean Ocean Committee – Regulatory Oversight for Upcoming Offshore Renewable Energy Projects.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe **“THAT item 4.1 be received and filed.”** Motion carried.

4.2 First Responders’ Wellness Symposium – Sponsorship Opportunities.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council defer this item to the 2022/23 budget deliberation process to be evaluated under grants.”** Motion carried.

4.3 Rachel Whynot, Autism Support Coordinator – Request to Share Information about Autism Acceptance Month.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to hang the poster provided in town hall and promote Autism Acceptance Month on the Town’s Facebook page.”** Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 John Somers, Environment and Climate Change – Coastal Protection Public Consultation Report

5.2 NSFM – Monday Memo – March 21, 2022

5.3 Nick Barr, DMAH – Extended Fire Fighter Presumptive Coverage

5.4 NSFM – Monday Memo – March 28, 2022

5.5 NSFM – Monday Memo – April 4, 2022

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“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 April 12, 2022.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by the Deputy Mayor Francis Kangata, **“THAT staff only include ‘Council Assignments to Staff’ in the first Staff Report to Council of each month.”** **Motion carried.**

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

6.2 Solid Waste Management By-law Amendment

Council received a staff report with suggested amendments to the Town of Mahone Bay’s Solid Waste Management By-law.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT Council provide first reading to the amended Solid Waste Management By-law as presented and schedule a Public Hearing in advance of the second reading of the by-law.”** **Motion carried.**

6.3 Council Policy Amendment

Council received a staff report with suggested amendments to the Town of Mahone Bay’s Council Policy.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council adopt the Town Council Policy as amended.”** **Motion carried.**

6.4 Fire Services By-law Process

Council received a staff report providing an update on the progress of the development of a Fire Services By-law.

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

6.5 Town Logo - Deferred to Apr 28, 2022

6.6 Vaccination Policy Update

Council received a staff report with a recommended amendment of the Town’s Vaccination Policy in consideration of the end of the Provincial state of emergency for COVID-19.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council direct staff to amend the draft amended COVID-19 Vaccination Policy maintain the vaccination**

requirement for Mahone Bay & District Fire Department members.”

Motion carried.

6.7 Electric Utility Rate Study

Council received a staff report that provided Council with an update concerning the planned electric utility rate study.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by the Councillor Wilson, “**THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the electrical utility rate study as proposed by AREA with BDR, in collaboration with MEU partners, at a cost of \$16,000, to be reflected in the draft 2022-23 annual budget.**”

Motion carried.

6.8 Comfort Stations Update - Deferred to Apr 28, 2022

6.9 Power Lines at Sports Field

Council received a staff report that provided Council with options in relation to the anticipated upgrade of power lines located at the Town’s sports field.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by the Councillor Nowe, “**THAT Council direct staff to proceed with Option 3, running the upgraded line under the Sports Field.**”

Motion carried.

7. Council Items

7.1 Mayor Devenne - Appointments to Climate and Environment Committee Chair

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “**THAT Council appoint Councillor Carver as Chair of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee.**”

Motion carried.

7.2 Mayor Devenne - Appointment to the Lun. County Accessibility Advisory Committee

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT Council supports the Lunenburg County Accessibility Nominating Committee in appointing Sheila Landry and Bruce Walsh to the Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term of three years and to appoint Peggy McCalla to the Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee with a term expiring September 1, 2022.**”

Motion carried.

7.3 Councillor Carver - Communication from Mayors/Wardens, Deputies & CAOs - Deferred to Apr 28, 2022

7.4 Councillor Wilson – Funding for Seniors’ Safety Advisory Partnership

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council contribute \$1,000 to the Lunenburg County Seniors’ Safety Program and that the contribution be made annually unless changed by motion.”** Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Policy and Strategy Committee

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

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by the Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to present Council with an amended flag policy stipulating that the Town fly the Acadia First Nations Flag on a permanent Town pole, that when applicable the Town follow the federal practice of flying the flag at half mast, that the African Nova Scotian flag be flown in the month of February, that requests from individuals will be considered, and that Council be permitted to fly specific flags at their discretion in which case the Town will assume the associated costs.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Burdick, seconded by the Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to present Council with a proposed schedule for fixed special meeting dates for the 2022 calendar year.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by the Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council direct staff to present Council with a revised budget meeting schedule, to include one meeting for budget presentation and two daytime sessions for deliberations.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by the Councillor Burdick, **“THAT Council set the April meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee to April 25th, to discuss the review of the Strategic Plan.”** Motion carried.

8.2 Planning Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the April 5, 2022 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by the Deputy Mayor Francis Kangata, **“THAT Council amend the Land Use By-law to rezone the property at 66 Clairmont Street (PID 60374063) to Residential.”** Motion carried.

8.3 Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the April 4, 2022 meeting of the Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to write to Municipality of the District of Lunenburg planning staff, as a submission to their consultative process concerning Drinking Water Protection and Zoning, that Land-Use provisions for the Oakland Lake Watershed should:

- provide clarity as to whether regulations governing property partially within the Watershed would only apply to the portion of the property that is within the Watershed zone; and,
- ensure the Town is notified when a property sells within the Oakland Lake Watershed or when a Development Permit application for a property within the Watershed is received.

Motion carried.

8.4 Municipal Joint Services Board

Council received the minutes of the November 24, 2021 meeting of the Municipal Joint Services Board.

9. New Business

CAO Dylan Heide informed council that many councils in Nova Scotia are going back to meeting remotely as a result of rising COVID-19 case numbers.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Burdick, "THAT Council go into closed session at 9:12pm to discuss contract negotiations, personnel matters and litigation or potential litigation as permitted by MGA section 22(2)(c) (e) and (f) respectively."

Motion carried.

Council returned to open session at 10:17pm.

Council adjourned upon motion at 10:17pm.

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