

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne
Deputy Mayor F. Kangata
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor K. Wilson
Councillor J. Feeney
CAO, D. Heide
Town Clerk and Deputy CAO, M. Hughes

Absent: Councillor Burdick (regrets)

Gallery: online

Public Input Session

Prior to the Council meeting being called to order a Public Input Session was held via virtual meeting platform. Two members of the public were in attendance; one member of the public, Heidi Walsh Sampson of Main Street, spoke about concerns regarding storm water management from the site of the future Community Solar Garden as it affects her property.

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 Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to move item 4.1 to be item 5.3 (for information) and to reflect that item 6.3, the staff report regarding Solar Garden Grading, be deferred to the next regularly scheduled meeting."
Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the minutes of the April 26, 2022 special meeting of Council be approved as presented.”**

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT the minutes of the April 28, 2022 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.”**

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the minutes of the May 2, 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 May 3, 2022 special meeting of Council be approved as presented.”**

Motion carried.

3. Presentations

No presentations.

4. Correspondence - Action

4.1 Glenn Patscha - Architectural Heritage Zone within Mahone Bay.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by, Deputy Mayor Kangata, **“THAT a response be sent to Mr. Patscha acknowledging his correspondence and updating him on the current disposition of this issue.”**

Motion carried.

4.2 Tom Ernst - Request to Fly German Flag.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by, Councillor Carver, **“THAT the correspondence from Mr. Ernst be received and filed and that a letter be sent to Mr. Ernst to advise of Council’s decision not to grant his request as presented.”**

Motion carried.

5. Correspondence - Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – April 25, 2022.

5.2 NSFM – Monday Memo – May 2, 2022

5.3 Peter Julian – Request to support Bill C-229

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT correspondence items number 5.1 to 5.3 be received and filed.”**

Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the Staff Report to Council for May 10, 2022.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council receive the staff report for information.”** **Motion carried.**

6.2 CAO Performance Review Policy

Council received a staff report and amended draft CAO Performance Review Policy for consideration.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council approve the CAO Performance Review Policy as presented on May 10, 2022.”** **Motion carried.**

6.3 Solar Garden Grading

This item was deferred to the May 26, 2022 meeting of Council.

6.4 2022/23 Grant Applications

Council received a staff report with a summary of applications received under the Town’s annual Grants to Organizations program.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, **“THAT Council approve the grant requests that have been received in the amount of \$9,360, to be reflected in the 2022-23 annual budget, and that the Grants to Organizations Policy be referred to the Policy and Strategy Committee for discussion.”** **Motion carried.**

6.5 Updated Council Meeting Schedule

Council received an updated Council and committee meeting schedule following the amendments made to the budget schedule and the addition of a standing date for a special Council meeting as needed, on the third Friday of each month.

7. Council Items

7.1 Mayor Devenne - 2022 Representative Volunteer

Having received nominations for the Town of Mahone Bay Representative Volunteer, Council named Cara Muldoon the Town of Mahone Bay’s 2022 Representative Volunteer.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT Council direct staff to investigate the potential for a volunteer recognition event.”** **Motion carried.**

7.2 Mayor Devenne – Request for Leave of Absence

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT Council grant Councillor Burdick a leave of absence for two-months.**” **Motion carried.**

7.3 Mayor Devenne - Application for Founders’ Society Representative on HAC

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “**THAT Bryan Palfreyman be appointed as the representative of the Mahone Bay Founders’ Society on the Town of Mahone Bay Heritage Advisory Committee.**” **Motion carried.**

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Policy and Strategy Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the April 25, 2022 meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT Council add the following strategic action to the Town’s 2021-2025 Strategic Plan Section 2.1: Develop and implement policies that will enhance and protect the Town’s built heritage and historic atmosphere.**” **Motion carried.**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “**THAT Council direct staff to provide a report on the next steps to develop a housing plan for Mahone Bay.**” **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT Council set the agenda for the May 30, 2022 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee to include the low income property tax exemption and HR Management Policy Development.**” **Motion carried.**

8.2 Police Advisory Board

Council received the draft minutes of the April 28, 2022 meeting of the Police Advisory Board.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT one of the items for the June 27, 2022 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee meeting be the issue of vandalism and graffiti in Mahone Bay and that the RCMP be invited to join that meeting.**” **Motion carried.**

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT Council go into closed session at 8:50 pm to discuss acquisition, sale, lease, and security of municipal property and litigation or potential litigation as permitted by MGA section 22(2)(a) and (f) respectively.**” **Motion carried.**

Council returned to open session at 10:09 pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “**THAT Council approve Mayor Devenne to sign the Visitor Information Centre lease with the Mahone Bay Tourism Chamber of Commerce, as amended.**” **Motion carried.**

Council adjourned upon motion at 10:10 pm.

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