
The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne

Deputy Mayor F. Kangata

Councillor P. Carver

Councillor R. Nowe

Councillor K. Wilson

Town Clerk and Deputy CAO, M. Hughes

Deputy Clerk, K. Redden

Absent: Councillor J. Feeney

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.

Mayor Devenne, on behalf of Council, congratulated Park View Education 2022 graduating student Jack Lohnes, a resident of Mahone Bay, who is this year's recipient of the Wilfred Gordon and Dora Hirtle Scholarship.

1. Agenda

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the May 26, 2022 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the minutes of the May 31, 2022 special meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

3. Presentations

No presentations.

4. Correspondence – Action

4.1 Pastor Brooklynn, St. John’s Lutheran Church – Request for a PRIDE Crosswalk

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct Staff to arrange for the painting of the new crosswalk in front of St. John’s Lutheran Church as a PRIDE crosswalk.” Motion carried.

4.2 Heidi Walsh Sampson, Proposal to Settle

This item has been referred to the Town’s Solicitor.

4.3 Moira Devereaux, Fluid Motion Physiotherapy – Old Fire Station Building

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council direct Staff to follow up with Ms. Devereaux and discuss her proposal in more detail.” Motion carried.

4.4 Susan Seltzer – Peace and Good Order By-law

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Francis Kangata, “THAT Council direct Staff to monitor the effectiveness of the Town of Lunenburg’s updated Noise By-law and report back to council in the fall.” Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct Staff to write to Ms. Seltzer to explain the steps that Council is taking to address her concerns.” Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – May 23, 2022

5.2 NSFM – Monday Memo – May 30, 2022

5.3 Patty Livingstone – Thank-you to Council and Staff

5.4 NSFM – Monday Memo – June 6, 2022

5.5 Letter from Planning Staff RE 66 Clairmont St Rezoning Request

5.6 Letter from Planning Staff RE 66 Clairmont St Request for Development Agreement

5.7 Jennifer MacIntyre – DMAH – NS Housing Needs Assessment

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Francis Kangata, “THAT correspondence items number 5.1 to 5.7 be received and filed and that council direct staff to write a letter of thank you to Patty Livingstone for her letter.” Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the Staff Report to Council for June 14, 2022.

6.2 Signing Authority

Council received a staff memo regarding signing authority now that Ashley Yeadon-Wentzell has been named the Town's new Manager of Finance.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Mayor David Devenne, or Deputy Mayor Francis Kangata, or Councillor Penny Carver, along with CAO Dylan Heide, or Deputy CAO Maureen Hughes, or Manager of Finance Ashley Yeadon-Wentzell be the signing authorities for the Town of Mahone Bay in respect to financial matters for the Town of Mahone Bay." Motion carried.

6.3 Appointment of Treasurer

Council received a staff memo regarding the appointment of the Town's new Treasurer.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council appoint Ashley Yeadon-Wentzell as Treasurer of the Town of Mahone Bay effective May 30, 2022 and until such time as this appointment is revoked." Motion carried.

7. Council Items

7.1 Mayor Devenne – Letter of Support for Events Levy

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council direct the Mayor to sign the letter of support for the Lunenburg County Events Promotion Levy." Motion carried.

7.2 Mayor Devenne – Letter of Support for MacLeod Group

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct Staff to draft a letter of reference for the MacLeod Group for the Mayor's signature, including Council's appreciation of the willingness of the MacLeod Group to meet with members of the public." Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Cemetery Committee Minutes – May 20, 2022

Council received the draft minutes of the May 20, 2022 meeting of the Cemetery Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council approve the cost of \$3,400 to install wood gate posts at Bayview Cemetery as part of the cemetery upgrade project." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council give first reading to the amended Cemetery By-law and that a Public Hearing be scheduled for July 12th just prior the regular meeting of Council." Motion carried.

8.2 Policy and Strategy Committee Minutes – May 30, 2022

Council received the draft minutes of the May 30, 2022 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to investigate the net cost of a change in the low-income property tax subsidy to \$1000 rebate for household incomes \$30,000 or less; \$500 for \$30,001 to \$35,000; and \$250 for \$35,001 to \$40,000; with no rebate for a household income of more than \$40,000.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council set the agenda for the June 27, 2022 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee to include Graffiti and Vandalism.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council set the agenda for the July 25, 2022 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee to include review of the Council Policy and the Committee Policy.” Motion carried.

8.3 Climate & Environment Advisory Committee Minutes – June 1, 2022

Council received the draft minutes of the June 1, 2022 meeting of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council go into closed session at 8:39pm to discuss litigation or potential litigation and contract negotiations as permitted by MGA section 22(2)(e) and (f) respectively.” Motion carried.

Council returned to open session at 9:43pm.

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:43pm.

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