



A Special Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Friday, July 22, 2022 at 9:18 am in Council chambers.

Present:

Mayor D. Devenne
Deputy Mayor F. Kangata
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor K. Wilson
CAO, Dylan Heide
Town Clerk & Deputy CAO, M. Hughes
Manager of Finance, Ashley Yeadon-Wentzell

Absent:

Councillor Alice Burdick (regrets)

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 Wilson, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." Motion carried.

2. Discussion of Draft 2022/23 Annual Budget

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT the budget estimates be updated to reflect a three-cent increase to the commercial tax rate in the 2022-23 Town of Mahone Bay budget." Motion carried.

3. Staff Reports

3.1 Facilities Improvements for 2022-23 Budget (deferred from June 30/22)

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to report back on the operating cost impacts of the proposed electrical heating conversion of Town Hall." Motion carried.

3.2 Recreational Assets for 2022-23 Budget (deferred from June 30/22)

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council direct staff to include an allocation of \$5,000 for the condition assessment of the pool in the draft 2022-23 budget." Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the \$100,000 allocation for capital work on the Mahone Bay Pool be forwarded to the 10 Year Capital Plan for 2023-24 and that budget allocations for construction of a non-refrigerated ice-surface, a splash pad, and an agility park be forwarded to the 10 Year Capital Plan for 2025-26, and that an allocation for a skate park be forwarded to the 10 Year Capital Plan for 2026-27." Motion carried.

3.3 Service Extensions for 2022-23 Budget (deferred from June 30/22)

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council direct staff to include a \$40,000 allocation for the extension of water service on Fairmont Street in the draft 2022-23 budget." Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council direct staff to include a \$12,000 allocation for chip-sealing Stove Pipe Lane in the draft 2022-23 budget." Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT allocations for the chip sealing of Park Street and Fairmont Street be forwarded to the 10 Year Capital Budget for 2023-24." Motion carried.

3.4 Old Firehall

Council received a staff report regarding the old firehall, including information requested by Council by motion at the April 4, 2022 regular Council meeting and the July 14, 2022 special meeting of Council.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council approve the addition of \$8,000 for Survey and Valuation of the Old Fire Hall property and \$12,000 for Pre-design and Estimate for a new Public Works Garage to the 2022-23 budget with corresponding transfer from the Operating Reserve." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council approve the request from the Scarecrow Festival for rental of the community room at the Old Fire Hall for the months of August and September and October, if required, and direct staff to draft the appropriate rental/user agreement for signature.”

Motion carried.

Council took a break at 10:55 am.

Council returned from break at 11:06 am.

Council adjourned upon motion at 1:19pm.

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