



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

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

Absent: CAO, Dylan Heide (regrets)

Gallery: Online & 7 in person gallery

Public Input Session

Prior to the Council meeting being called to order a Public Input Session was held in Council Chambers. Six members of the public were in attendance. Cathy Andreu of Main Street spoke about concerns regarding a neighbouring commercial property. Reza Ghaffari spoke about his request to have access to the driveway that serves the Town's wastewater treatment plant site in order to be able to subdivide his 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 submitted." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the minutes of the July 28, 2022 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT the minutes of the August 22, 2022 special meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the August 30, 2022 special meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

3. Presentations

3.1 Deryk McGrath – Concerns, Pleasant Street

Council received a presentation from resident Deryk McGrath. Mr. McGrath spoke to his concerns about speeding on Pleasant Street.

3.2 Ashley Nunn-Smith, Chief Librarian – South Shore Public Libraries

Council received a presentation from Chief Librarian Ashley Nunn-Smith. This presentation focused on activities and events provided by South Shore Public Libraries.

4. Correspondence – Action

4.1 Tom Webb – Climate Change

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to write a letter to Mr. Webb explaining council's stand on making proclamations and the Town's response to climate change." Motion carried.

4.2 Michael Brown, President, Mahone Bay Legion Branch 49 – Request to Place Sign at Cenotaph

A motion by Councillor Carver seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council approve the request to place a centennial marker on the cenotaph." Motion carried.

4.3 Cathy & Sebastian Andreu – Follow up to Council Meeting, July 28, 2022

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council direct staff to arrange for feedback from the by-law enforcement officer in whatever manner is possible under the regulations." Motion carried.

4.4 Code of Conduct Working Group and DMAH – Code of Conduct Consultation Survey

Council received information concerning DMAH's request for a survey to be completed by all council members.

4.5 Mary Doig & Peter Redden – Solar Garden Concerns

Council directed staff to reply to Ms. Doig and Mr. Redden with information about the upcoming Solar Garden Open House on October 19, 2022.

4.7 Dr. Reza Ghaffari & Dr. Mojgan Mahmoodi – Request RE Access and Landscaping

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report for the October 11, 2022 regular meeting regarding the request from Dr. Ghaffari and Dr. Mahmoodi regarding the use of the access driveway to the site of the wastewater treatment plant and solar garden, and screening vegetation for the solar garden site.”

Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – July 24, 2022

5.2 NSFM – Monday Memo – August 2, 2022

5.3 NSFM – Monday Memo – August 8, 2022

5.4 NSFM – Monday Memo – August 15, 2022

5.5 Deb LeBoulch, Breaking Barriers Together Association – Lobby for Change in Operation and Structure of RCMP and Military

5.6 NSFM – Monday Memo – August 22, 2022

5.7 Allan MacMaster, Minister of Finance & Treasury Board – Response to Correspondence Concerning Introduction of Non-Resident and Deed Transfer Tax

5.8 NSFM – Monday Memo – September 6, 2022

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT correspondence items number 5.1 to 5.8 be received and filed.”

Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the Staff Report to Council for September 13, 2022.

Councillor Nowe provided a notice of motion that at the next meeting of Council he will make or cause to be made a motion recommending that public works be moved into the old fire station, at least for this winter as a trial period.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT the report be received for information.”

Motion carried.

6.2 Staff Report – Council Vacancy and Special Election

Council received a report providing council with information regarding the requirement for the Town to hold a Special Election due to the recent vacant seat on council.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council set Saturday, November 26, 2022 as ordinary polling day for the 2022 special election."
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council set Tuesday, October 25, 2022 as nomination day for the 2022 special election."
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council set Saturday, November 19, 2022 and Tuesday, November 22, 2022 as advance poll days for the 2022 special election."
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council approve hiring a temporary Returning Officer for the 2022 special election."
Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council resolve to hold a paperless election for the 2022 special election."
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council approve a Special Election budget of \$17,500 to be drawn from Operating Reserves."
Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council accept the resignation of Councillor Burdick with regret and thank her for her contribution to Town Council."
Motion carried.

6.3 Draft Public Engagement Plan – Solar Garden Open House

Council received a draft Public Engagement Plan concerning the upcoming Solar Garden Open House.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council adopt the draft plan as presented."
Motion carried.

6.4 Staff Report – Flag Policy Amendment

Council received a staff report providing an updated Flag Policy.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council adopt the amended Flag Policy as presented."
Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to invite representatives of the Acadia First Nation to the flag raising when the new flagpoles are installed."
Motion carried.

6.5 Financing for Fire Station/Hall

Council received a staff report with information as it relates to the cost and financing for the Mahone Bay & District Fire Department's newly constructed Fire Station and Hall.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council pass the attached pre-approval motion in the sum of \$4,355,146." Motion carried.

6.6 Staff Report – Living Shoreline Protective Barrier

Council received a staff report with an update on the living shoreline demonstration project with Coastal Action.

6.7 Staff Report – Request for Grants

Council received a staff report with a recommendation for the distribution of unallocated Grants to Organizations funding in the 2022-23 annual operating budget.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT council approve Grants to Organizations in the following amounts from the 2022-23 budget: Mahone Bay Kids T-ball - \$500, Canadian Tire Para Hockey Cup at LCLC - \$500." Motion carried.

7. Council Items

7.1 Mayor Devenne – Appointment to Community Logo Steering Team

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT this item be deferred to the September 29, 2022 regular council meeting agenda." Motion carried.

7.2 Councillor Wilson – Public Transportation

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council support the request from Gregg Curwin and Gary Ramey to conduct a privately funded business plan for the development of a public transit system in Lunenburg County." Motion carried.

7.3 Councillor Carver – Ad-hoc Committee to Review Town's Committee Policy

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council revise the agenda of the September 26 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee to remove the committee policy agenda item." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council approve the immediate creation of an ad-hoc committee composed of a member of staff and two members of council for the purpose of preparing a draft revision of the process for selecting citizen members of council committees and that the draft revision

be submitted for consideration to the Policy and Strategy Committee at their October meeting.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council appoint Councillor Carver and Councillor Feeney to the Committee Policy review ad-hoc committee.” Motion carried.

7.4 Councillor Wilson – Noise Regulations and By-laws

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to review the current best practices in the field of bylaws referencing noise, with a view to developing a recommendation to council on how to proceed with the matter of noise regulations.” Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 RCMP Quarterly Update

Council received the quarterly update from the RCMP.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT this update be accepted for information.” Motion carried.

8.2 Accessibility Quarterly Update April – June 2022

Council received the quarterly update from Ellen Johnson, Accessibility Coordinator.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT this update be accepted for information.” Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 10:00pm.

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Deputy Clerk, Kelly Redden