

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

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, M. Hughes

Absent:

Gallery: Online & 4 in-person gallery

Public Input Session

Prior to the Council meeting, three people spoke to Council members in the Public Input Session: Dave Stephens, Chair of the Mahone Bay Centre Society, requested that when Council makes a decision about renting space at the new firehall that rental prices are set at a fair market rate to avoid damaging the fundraising abilities of those organizations in town that rent space; and Rosemary MacEachern and Lynn Fleck, of the Bay to Bay Trail Association, spoke to Council to request improved signage and public education to support safe usage and community support of the crosswalk at the trail crossing at Main Street and Longhill Road.

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 Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to include item #8.6 Policy and Strategy Committee, and Closed

Session item #10.2 Contract Negotiations and Personnel Matters as permitted by MGA section 22(2)(e) and (c) respectively. Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the minutes of the October 11, 2022 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

3. Presentations

3.1 Chief Adam Ekins, MBDFD

Council received a presentation from Chief Adam Ekins, of the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department, with the July – September 2022 Quarterly Report. Chief Ekins highlighted the appreciation of the Fire Department for the rescue truck that has been received by the Fire Department, and the anticipation of the response to the Request for Proposals which has been issued for a new pumper truck.

4. Correspondence – Action

4.1 Michael Brown, Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 49 – Request for donation.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to forward a donation of \$200 to the RCL in support of their Remembrance Day celebration."

Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – October 11, 2022

5.2 NSFM – Monday Memo – October 17, 2022

5.3 Bryan Palfreyman – Built Heritage Town of Mahone Bay

5.4 Mark Peck, DMAH – Housing Governance Restructuring

5.5 Wendy Priesnitz – Serious Concerns RE crosswalk at Main St and Longhill Rd.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council direct staff to thank Mr. Palfreyman for his correspondence." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Staff direct the Traffic Authority review signage at Longhill Road and Main Street to improve safety at the crosswalk at that trail crossing." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council receive and file correspondence items #5.1, 5.2, and 5.4." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to respond to Ms. Priesnitz thanking her for her letter and advising her that the Traffic

Authority will investigate alternative signage to improve safety at the trail crossing crosswalk at Main Street and Longhill Road.” Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the Staff Report to Council for October 27, 2022.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council accept the report for information.” Motion carried.

6.2 Snow and Ice Control Policy

Council received a staff report to accompany a draft Amended Snow and Ice Control Policy. This report and the draft policy will appear on the meeting agenda for November 8, 2022.

6.3 Potential Disposal of Old Firehall

Council received a staff report to present requested information to inform Council’s decision regarding disposal of the old firehall at 184 Kinburn Street.

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

6.4 Staff Report – Housing Strategy Update

Council received a staff report with an update on the planned development of a housing strategy for Mahone Bay.

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

6.5 Fire Station Community Bookings

Council received a staff report to present key considerations for the community use of spaces in the new Fire Station, to inform policy development.

6.6 Appointment of Building Official

Council received a memo from staff requesting the appointment of a new Building Official who has been hired by MODL and for whose services may be available for the Town of Mahone Bay.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Amanda Esterbrooks be appointed as a Building Official, Fire Inspector, and Dangerous and

Unightly Premises Administrator, effective November 14, 2022 and until such time as that appointment is revoked.” Motion carried.

7. Council Items

7.1 Public Works Department use of the old firehall

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council approve the Public Works Department move to the old firehall at 184 Kinburn Street, until April 2023, to assess the feasibility of a permanent move to that location.”

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT the motion regarding moving the Public Works Department to the old firehall at 184 Kinburn Street be tabled until following the closed session discussion later in this meeting.”

Motion carried.

7.2 Rails to Trails Parking Lots

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to include in the snow plowing schedule, the plowing of parking lots associated with the rails to trails sites in Mahone Bay, specifically the parking lot on Clearland Road, the corner of Longhill Road and Main Street, the trail head on Hawthorn Road, and the parking lot of Fauxburg Road.”

Motion carried.

7.3 Appointments to the Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council appoint the following members to the Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee: Reappointment of Louise Hopper for a term expiring December 31, 2023 and Peggy McCalla for a term ending September 30, 2025; and appoint Dylan Robar and Teresa Alexander-Arab for terms ending September 30, 2025.”

Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the October 12, 2022 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council accept the resignation of Ann MacPhail and direct staff to write a letter thanking Ms. MacPhail for serving on the Heritage Advisory Committee.”

Motion carried

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council approve the plan of the committee for the 2022 annual plaquing ceremony at Town Hall on the afternoon of December 2, 2022.”

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct the Plan Mahone Bay Steering Team that the subject of heritage and built heritage be

considered in the planning strategy process and specifically in the public consultations held concerning the municipal planning Strategy.” Motion carried.

8.2 Cemetery Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the October 14, 2022 meeting of the Cemetery Committee.

8.3 Asset Management Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the October 20, 2022 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

8.4 Accessibility Quarterly Update

Council received the July – September 2022 quarterly update of the Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee.

8.5 Assignment of Scotia Recycling Contract to MJSB

Council received a memo from Municipal Joint Services Board COO Lesley McFarlane, to request Council approval of the assignment of the rights and responsibilities of the December 7, 2012 Operating Agreement with Scotia Recycling to the Municipal Joint Services Board.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council assign the rights and responsibilities of the Town of Mahone Bay pursuant to the December 7, 2012 Operating Agreement with Scotia Recycling Limited to the Municipal Joint Services Board.” Motion carried.

8.6 Policy and Strategy Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the October 24, 2022 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee. Council also received a draft amendment to the Committee Policy which will return to the Council agenda for consideration for adoption at the November 8, 2022 regular Council meeting.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, second by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council set the agenda for the November 28, 2022 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee to include the Council Policy.” Motion carried.

8.7 Senior Safety Advisory Program

Councillor Carver provided a verbal update to Council to advise that a Senior Safety Coordinator has been hired and that Lisa Bennet has already been working in this position.

9. New Business

No new business.

Questions from the Gallery

Rosemary MacEachern, of Clairmont Street, commented that it was a very pleasurable experience to attend a Council meeting and expressed her thanks for the Town’s support of traffic calming measures on Clairmont Street and active transportation initiatives in Mahone Bay

Dave Stephens, Chair of the Mahone Bay Centre Society, thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the Council meeting.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, at 8:46 pm, seconded by Councillor Nowe, to go into Closed Session to discuss acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal properties; contract negotiations; and personnel matters as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2) sections (a), (e), and (c) respectively. Motion carried.

Council returned to Open Session at 10:14 pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council approve the Public Works Department move to the old firehall at 184 Kinburn Street, until April 2023, to assess the feasibility of a permanent move to that location.” Motion defeated.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council direct staff to seek proposals from commercial real estate agents for the potential divestiture of the old firehall.” Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 10:17 pm.

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