



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, November 8, 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

Absent: 0

Gallery: Online & 2 in-person gallery

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 include item #10.3 personnel matters under MGA 22(2)(c).

Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the minutes of the October 21, 2022 special meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the October 27, 2022 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

3. Presentations

No presentations (presentation cancelled)

4. Correspondence – Action

No correspondence action items.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 NSFM – Monday Memo – October 24, 2022

5.2 Heather Hughes, Department of Agriculture – Proposed changes to Agricultural Weed Control Act.

5.3 Christopher McCreery, Protocol & Honours Secretariat – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Medal Program: Invitation to submit nominations.

5.4 Norman and Doreen Mossman – Proposed Solar Garden Access Corridor.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council ask the CAO to put forward the names of the two longest-serving current employees to the Protocol & Honours Secretariat for nomination for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Medal.”
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council receive and file correspondence items #5.1, 5.2, to 5.4.”
Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the Staff Report to Council for November 8, 2022.

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

6.2 Fire Official Appointment

Council received a staff memo requesting that Council appoint as Fire Inspector a newly hired member of the Municipality of the District of Chester building team.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Brendan Mosher be appointed as a Fire Inspector, effective November 14, 2022 and until such time as that appointment is revoked.”
Motion carried.

6.3 Fire Station Signage

Council received a staff report with a recommendation concerning signage for the new fire station on Hawthorn Road.

A motion Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council approve the requested signage for the new fire station.”
Motion carried.

6.4 Snow and Ice Control Policy

Council received a memo outlining updates which have been made to the draft Snow and Ice Control Policy which was received at the October 27, 2022 meeting of Council, to accompany the amended Policy.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council adopt the amended Snow and Ice Control Policy as amended.” Motion carried.

6.5 Fire Services By-law

Council received a staff report with an update on the progress of the development of a Fire Services By-law and present a draft by-law for consideration.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council direct staff to coordinate with the Fire Chief to present the draft by-law to the Fire Department to obtain specific stakeholder feedback to be presented to Council.” Motion carried.

6.6 Committee Policy Amendment

Council received a memo from staff outlining updates that had been made to the Committee Policy following the discussion of the Policy at the October 24, 2022 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee and the October 27, 2022 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council approve the amended Committee Policy as amended.” Motion carried.

6.7 AREA Monthly Solar Update

Council received the monthly AREA update regarding the progress of the Community Solar Garden Project.

6.8 Special Election 2022 Update

Council received a staff report with an update regarding the 2022 Special Election.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council appoint Maureen Hughes as the Assistant Returning Officer for the 2022 Town of Mahone Bay Special Election.” Motion carried.

7. Council Items

7.1 Mayor Devenne

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council appoint Councillor Carver and Councillor Wilson to the Nominating Committee until the end of the Council term." Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Police Advisory Board

Council received the draft minutes of the October 27, 2022 meeting of the Police Advisory Board.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to consider the recommendation of the Police Advisory Board respecting the right turn onto Main Street from Edgewater Street in the preparation of the anticipated future report with that staff has already been asked to prepare." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council accept the RCMP quarterly report as submitted." Motion carried.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, at 8:20 pm, seconded by Councillor Wilson, 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 9:44 pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council direct the CAO to engage the Town Solicitor to file the necessary paperwork to establish the required easements for properties PID #60683810 and PID #60371416." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council authorize staff to finalize arrangements to establish the required easements with the owners of PID #60371523 and PID #60371499." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council instruct Instruct the CAO to increase the salary of the Deputy Clerk and Records Administrator to the top of the applicable salary range and to develop a salary protocol that allows more flexibility, for presentation to Council ahead of the 2023/24 budget." Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:50 pm.

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Town Clerk, Maureen Hughes

