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The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

**Present:**

Mayor D. DeVenne  
Councillor P. Carver  
Councillor J. Feeney  
Councillor K. Wilson  
Councillor S. Lohnes-Croft  
Acting CAO, M. Hughes  
Deputy Clerk, K. Redden

**Absent:** CAO D. Heide (regrets)  
Deputy Mayor F. Kangata (regrets)  
Councillor R. Nowe (regrets)

**Gallery:** Online & 0 in-person gallery

Public Input Session

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 Lohnes-Croft, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add item 8.4 - Minutes of the November 28, 2022 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee."  
Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the minutes of the December 13, 2022 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."  
Motion carried.

### 3. Presentations

No presentations.

### 4. Correspondence – Action

4.1 Founders Society – Heritage Advisory Committee Appointments

4.2 Anti Racism Talk Force – Request for Support

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council defer this item until after the upcoming Mayors/Wardens, Deputies & CAOs meeting where this item will be discussed.” Motion carried.

4.3 David Puxley – Nova Scotia Strong Plus

4.4 Tom Rogers – Your Help Raising Awareness about a Hemlock Killing Bug

### 5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 Lamar Eason, Principal, Bayview Community School – Thank you for Donation

5.2 Hon. John Lohr, DMAH – 12 Month Notice RE Construction & Demolition Debris Regulation and Guideline Changes

5.3 Paul LaFlesch, Deputy Minister DMAH -Financial Reporting Requirements

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council receive and file items #5.1 – 5.3.” Motion carried.

### 6. Staff Reports

#### 6.1 Council Report

Council received the January 10, 2023 Staff Report to Council.

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

#### 6.2 Staff Report – Municipal Special Election 2022

Council received a final staff report on the 2022 Municipal Special Election.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft “THAT the Municipal Special Election 2022 Staff Report be received and filed.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to review the Town of Mahone Bay Alternative Voting By-law and provide Council

with any suggested amendments to ensure clarity following the second election conducted using Alternative Voting Methods.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council direct staff to coordinate with the Town’s Municipal Advisor to schedule a Governance in a Municipal Context training session with Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff.” Motion carried.

### 6.3 Staff Memo – Appointment of Development Officer

Council received a memo concerning the appointment of a new Development Officer.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council appoint Elaine Brunn-Shaw as a Development Officer for the Town of Mahone Bay, effective January 10, 2023 and until such time as the appointment is revoked.” Motion carried.

### 6.4 AREA 2022 Year End Report

Council received AREA 2022 annual report.

### 6.5 Region 6 – Budget Approval 2023-24

Council received a request from Region 6 for approval of their 2023-24 Budget, as well as a summary of 2022-23 activities.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council approve the Region 6 Inter-Municipal Committee Budget in the amount of \$121,379.00 with the Town of Mahone Bay’s portion being \$1,399.24.” Motion carried.

### 6.6 Staff Report – Electric Zero Turn Mower

Council received a staff report providing information recommending an increase in the budget allowance to purchase an electric zero turn mower rather than a gas mower.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council increase the budget allocation for the purchase of an electrically powered Zero Turn Mower (rather than the currently budgeted gas-mower) to \$53,500, to demonstrate the Town’s commitment to the Mahone Bay Greenhouse Gas Reduction Action Plan.” Motion defeated.

## 7. Council Items

### 7.1 Mayor DeVenne – Committee Appointments

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council approve the Council appointments to committees for 2023-2024 as presented.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council appoint Veryan Haysom to the Climate and Environment Committee for the 2023-24 term, as recommended by the Nominating Committee.” Motion carried.

### 7.2 Councillor Wilson – Request from Brighter Days Campaign

At the December 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of Council, Council received a presentation from Paul Snow and Tim O’Regan from the Brighter Days Campaign.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council direct staff to write a letter thanking Paul Snow and Tim O’Regan from the Health Services Brighter Days Campaign for their presentation to Council on December 13, 2022 and to advise them that the Town of Mahone Bay is regrettably unable to make a contribution to the campaign due to provisions of the Grants to Organizations Policy.” Motion carried.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.1 Climate & Environment Committee – December 7, 2022 – Draft Minutes

Council received the December 7, 2022 draft minutes of the Climate and Environment Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council direct staff to consult with the Wooden Boat Society regarding possible replacement of the pump-out station at the marina and to report their findings and recommendations to Council as soon as possible.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council direct staff to consult with the Wooden Boat Society regarding the possibility of seeking Blue Flag designation for the marina and to report their findings and recommendations to Council.” Motion carried.

### 8.2 Heritage Advisory Committee – December 14, 2022 – Draft Minutes

Council received the draft minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

### 8.3 South Shore Regional Library Board – 2022 Minutes

Council received all 2022 meeting minutes of the South Shore Regional Library Board.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT the 2022 minutes of the South Shore Regional Library Board be received and filed.” Motion carried.

8.4 Policy & Strategy Committee – November 28, 2022 – Draft Meeting Minutes

Council received the draft minutes of the November 28, 2022 meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council set the agenda for the January 23, 2022 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee to include Council Policy and Kindness Meters.” Motion carried.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Carver, at 8:13 pm, seconded by Councillor Wilson, to go into Closed Session to discuss legal advice eligible for solicitor client privilege and contract negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(g) and (e) respectively. Motion carried.

Council returned to Open Session at 9:20 pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT council approve payment of out-of-scope fees from the Town’s auditor to a maximum amount of \$30,000.” Motion carried.

Councillor Feeney Requested a recorded vote:

Carver – Yes  
Feeney – Yes  
Wilson - Yes

Devenne – Yes  
Lohnes-Croft – Yes

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:20 pm.

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Deputy Clerk, Kelly Redden