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The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, January 26, 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 R. Nowe  
Councillor K. Wilson  
Councillor S. Lohnes-Croft  
CAO, D. Heide  
Town Clerk & Deputy CAO, M. Hughes

Absent: Deputy Mayor F. Kangata (regrets)

Gallery: Online & 0 in-person gallery

### Public Input Session

Council received comments from Karl Nauss and John Bain, both of Mahone Bay, expressing concerns about the fact that the old firehall is not being used for Public Works operations, the recent installation of speed humps on Pleasant Street and Fauxburg Road, and cost overruns on past Town projects.

### 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 Feeney, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add an additional closed session item, 10.3 Personnel Matters which is permitted under MGA 22(2)(c)."  
Motion carried.

### 2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the January 10, 2023 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."  
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT the minutes of the January 18, 2023 special meeting of Council be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT the minutes of the January 20, 2023 special meeting of Council be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

### 3. Presentations

#### 3.1 Mahone Bay and District Fire Department – Quarterly Report

Chief Adam Ekins presented Council with the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department Quarterly Report for September – December 2022.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council receive and file the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department Quarterly Report.” Motion carried.

#### 3.2 Ramsay Duff and Tina Hennigar – MacLeod Group Health Services

Ramsay Duff, CEO, and Tina Hennigar, Settlement Coordinator, of MacLeod Group Health Services presented to Council with an update on the nursing home build project and the settlement of the international health care workers who will be joining the staff at the new nursing home.

### 4. Correspondence – Action

#### 4.1 Doris Cook – Request for reimbursement.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council defer item 4.1 until the February 7, 2022 regular Council meeting.” Motion carried.

### 5. Correspondence – Information Items

#### 5.1 1792 Project Team Members – 15 Ships to Sierra Leone Update.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council receive and file item #5.1.” Motion carried.

### 6. Staff Reports

#### 6.1 Council Report

Council received the January 26, 2023 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT Council schedule a discussion of the RCMP service that the Town contracts through the provincial government for a special council meeting to be held on March 24, 2023."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councilor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report including a commercial real estate valuation of the property for sale, the results of a public expression of interest for the old firehall, and a proposal from staff including costs to renovate the old fire hall into a long-term public works facility for the April 11, 2023 Council meeting."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council agrees that there is sufficient new information to warrant reconsideration of discussion about the use of the old firehall as a temporary public works building." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the Public Works Department be permitted to store vehicles in the old firehall and use it for purposes necessary for maintenance and operations of the Town until a decision is made regarding the disposition of the building."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council accept the Staff Report to Council for information."

Motion carried.

### 6.2 Staff Report – Marina Wharf

Council received a final staff report with an update concerning the Town-owned wharf at the Mahone Bay Civic Marina.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council defer agenda item 6.2 Staff Report regarding the Marina Wharf to the February 7, 2023 agenda."

Motion carried.

### 6.3 Staff Report – Assistance with Heating Costs

Council received a staff report with an analysis of options to assist residents who are experiencing increased home heating costs this winter.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to obtain legal confirmation on the ability of the Town to provide direct assistance to residents in the form of rebates to HOME Program participants and tax relief for Electrical Utility Bill Payment Program participants."

Motion carried.

Council took a break at 9:02pm and returned to regular session at 9:10pm.

## 7. Council Items

### 7.1 Mayor DeVenne – Committee Appointments

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council appoint Councillor Lohnes-Croft as the Town’s liaison to the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council appoint Councillor Carver and Councillor Wilson to the Nominating Committee.” Motion carried.

### 7.2 Mayor DeVenne – Regional Marketing Levy

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council direct staff to provide Council with a report regarding the potential implementation of a marketing levy and interaction with the Provincial Short-Term Accommodation legislation.” Motion carried.

### 7.3 Councillor Lohnes-Croft – Art Exhibit

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report with information for Council on the costs and potential funding opportunities to cover logistics such as the rental fees, opening reception, and honoraria, for the Town to host an exhibit of *There is no one Story of Black Girlhood: A Series of Paintings by Rebecca Fisk.*” Motion carried.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.1 Asset Management Committee – November 17, 2022 – Draft Minutes

Council received the November 17, 2022 draft minutes of the Asset Management Committee.

### 8.2 Asset Management Committee – December 15, 2022 – Draft Minutes

Council received the December 15, 2022 draft minutes of the Asset Management Committee.

### 8.3 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

Council received the December 2022 Monthly Report of the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council receive the committee reports as submitted for information.” Motion carried.

9. New Business

Councillor Feeney provided a notice of motion that at the next regular meeting of Council he will move or cause to be moved a motion directing staff to procure a Kenyan flag that could be used at future events for the incoming healthcare workers.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, at 9:40pm, seconded by Councillor Carver, 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 (c) respectively. Motion carried.

Council returned to Open Session at 10:29 pm.

Council adjourned upon motion at 10:30 pm.

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Mayor, David Devenne

Town Clerk, Maureen Hughes

