



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor D. DeVenne

Deputy Mayor F. Kangata

Councillor J. Feeney

Councillor R. Nowe

Councillor K. Wilson

Councillor S. Lohnes-Croft

CAO, D. Heide

Town Clerk & Deputy CAO, M. Hughes

Absent: Councillor P. Carver (regrets)

Gallery: Online & 3 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 Wilson, "THAT the agenda be accepted as amended to add item 7.3 Request from MJSB to Acquire a New Piece of Equipment." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the February 7, 2023 regular meeting of Council be approved as amended." Motion carried.

3. Presentations

3.1 Community Sports Field

Council received a presentation from Tim Merry, of Mahone Bay United Soccer Club, and Dave Stephens, of the Mahone Bay Centre Society.

4. Correspondence – Action

No action correspondence items.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 Dave Krueger- Solar Power Array

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT item 5.1 be received and filed.”

Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the February 23, 2023 Staff Report to Council.

6.2 REMO 2023/24 Operating Budget

Council received the recommended Operating Budget for REMO for fiscal year 2023/24, indicating the Town of Mahone Bay’s share of \$4,326.71.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council approve the REMO operating budget of \$171,800 for the 2023/24 fiscal year, with the Town of Mahone Bay’s share being \$4,326.71.”

Motion carried.

6.3 COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Council received a staff report to accompany the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for the scheduled review of that policy.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council repeal the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy.”

Motion carried.

6.4 Noise By-law

Council received a staff report as per Council’s direction to provide information regarding the Town of Lunenburg Noise By-law and a review of best practices referencing noise by-laws.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council refer the issue of noise in mixed use neighbourhoods to the Plan Mahone Bay process.”

Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT council direct staff to develop a noise bylaw for the Town to be presented to Council at their April 27th regular meeting.” Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT enforcement costs related to this proposed bylaw be referred to the 2023-24 budget process.” Motion carried.

7. Council Items

7.1 Mayor DeVenne – Anti-Racism Task Force Request for support

Mayor Devenne updated Council on the status of the Task Force’s request.

7.2 Mayor DeVenne – Committee Appointments

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council remove Deputy Mayor Kangata as the co-chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee and appoint Councillor Carver as co-chair.” Motion carried.

7.3 MJSB Request

Councillor Feeney updated Council on a request from MJSB for funding to replace a piece of heavy machinery.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council approve MJSB’s procurement of a piece of heavy machinery, price not to exceed \$300,000, and pass that information back to MJSB.” Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Climate and Environment Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the February 1, 2023 meeting of the Climate and Environment Committee.

8.2 Police Advisory Board

Council received the draft minutes of the February 2, 2023 meeting of the Police Advisory Board, as well as the RCMP Quarterly Report for September – December 2022.

8.3 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

Council received the January 2023 monthly report from the Lunenburg Country Senior Safety Program.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “That the committee minutes be received and filed.” Motion carried.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, at 8:37pm, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, to go into Closed Session to discuss legal advice eligible for solicitor client privilege, as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2),(g). Motion carried.

Council returned to Open Session at 9:03 pm.

11. Business Arising from Closed Session

There was no business arising from the closed session.

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:04 pm.

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Mayor, David Devenne

Acting Town Clerk, Kelly Redden

