



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

- Mayor D. DeVenne (virtual)
- Deputy Mayor F. Kangata (chair)
- Councillor P. Carver
- Councillor J. Feeney
- Councillor R. Nowe
- Councillor K. Wilson
- Councillor S. Lohnes-Croft
- CAO, D. Heide
- Acting Clerk & Deputy CAO, K. Redden

Gallery: Online & 0 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 7.4 Notice of Motion and to refer item 6.3 to the Policy and Strategy Committee agenda for the 24th of April." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the February 23, 2023 special meeting of Council be approved as amended." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the March 9, 2023 regular meeting of Council be approved as amended to spell out the full name of RELC – Riverport Electric Light Commission." Motion carried.

3. Presentations

3.1 Food Cycle Science

Council received a presentation from Jacob Hanlon, Municipal Program Coordinator, on a food waste diversion program.

4. Correspondence – Action

4.1 Rachel Whynot, Autism Awareness NS South Shore Chapter - Request to fly Autism NS South Shore Chapter Flag.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council direct staff to make arrangements to fly the Autism Awareness Nova Scotia South Shore Chapter Flag on the community flagpole for Autism Awareness month.”

Motion Carried.

4.2 Paula Griffin – Long Hill Safety Concerns and Liability

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council direct staff to continue dialogue with Paula Griffin and report back to Council at a future date.”

Motion carried.

4.3 Nancy Sheppard – 49th Annual Volunteer Awards

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council direct staff to start a campaign to have a community member nominated for the 2023 Representative Volunteer award.”

Motion carried.

4.4 Holly MacLellan, AMANS – Request to Fly Access Awareness Week Flag

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to procure an Access Awareness Flag and fly the flag on the community flag pole for Access Awareness Week.”

Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

No correspondence information items.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the March 30, 2023 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council accept the March 30, 2023 Staff Report for information.”

Motion carried.

6.2 Staff Memo – 995 Main Street

Council received a memo concerning an application from the owners of 995 Main Street to amend their Development Agreement.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council refer the request to amend the Development Agreement for 995 Main Street to the Town planners.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council approve the owners of 995 Main Street to install a water line under Main Street and direct staff to make the necessary arrangements to coordinate with the property owners.”

Motion carried.

6.3 Staff Report – Council Policy Amendment

This item was referred to the April meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.

6.4 AREA – Community Solar Garden Monthly Report

Council received AREA’s monthly update on the Solar Garden.

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

6.5 Staff Report - Planning and Development Services Agreement

Council received an update on the status of the planning and development services agreement between the Town of Mahone Bay and the Municipality of the District of Chester.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council approve extension of current planning and development services agreement with the Municipality of the District of Chester by three months.” Motion carried.

6.6 Staff Report – Bench Donation Program

Council received a draft bench Donation Program Document.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council approve the Bench Donation Program as presented.” Motion carried.

6.7 Staff Report – 2022/23 Write Offs

Council received a recommendation relating to the annual write-off of uncollectable accounts.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Mayor Devenne, “THAT Council write-off accounts in the amount of \$5,164.40 (\$4,678.59 from the Electric Utility and \$485.81 from the Water Utility) as presented.” Motion carried.

6.8 Staff Report – Mahone Bay Pool

Council received recommendations concerning required capital investment in the Mahone Bay Pool.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council direct staff to include in the draft 2023/24 annual budget, a funding allocation for engineering and design of a new Mahone Bay Pool.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council direct staff to investigate potential locations for a new Mahone Bay Pool, and as part of that investigation to conduct a survey of citizens.” Motion carried.

6.9 Staff Report – Review of Parking Areas

Council received an update concerning a review of parking areas carried out by staff.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to include additional accessible parking spaces in the annual painting tender for 2023, bringing the total to 28.” Motion carried.

6.10 Staff Report – 2023/24 Transportation Projects

Council received an update on communications regarding upcoming 2023 transportation projects.

7. Council Items

7.1 Mayor DeVenne – Gaelic NS Month

Council received a request from the Gaelic Council to celebrate Gaelic Nova Scotia Month.

A motion by Mayor Devenne, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to write to Gaelic NS to request a flag to fly during Gaelic Nova Scotia month.” Motion carried.

7.2 Mayor DeVenne – Lunenburg County Anti-Discrimination and Racism Coordination

Council received a Request for Decision from the Municipality of the District of Chester concerning the Lunenburg County Anti-Discrimination and Racism Committee.

Deputy Mayor Kangata yielded his seat to Councillor Wilson at 7:31 p.m.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council approve the terms of reference of the Lunenburg County Anti-Discrimination and Racism Committee with suggestions for consideration and amendment: 1 – when the committee is formulated they should have an opportunity to have input in terms of reference, 2 – the title of the coordinator should be reconsidered to better reflect the work, 3 – the coordinator should be considered a designation position, 4 – committee members should have the ability to contribute agenda items.” Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Kangata assumed the chair at 7:33 p.m.

7.3 Councillor Carver – Building and Development Permit Summaries

Councillor Carver suggested that staff provide Council with periodic summaries of building and development permits issued by the Town’s Planners.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council direct staff to provide a report on the feasibility of Council receiving periodic summaries of building and development permits issued by the Town’s Planners.”

Motion carried.

7.4 Notice of Motion

Councillor Wilson made a notice of motion concerning the Town’s Service Standards. This item will be added to the next regular council meeting agenda.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

Council received the February 2023 report of the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT this report be accepted for information.”

Motion carried.

8.2 Community Logo Development Steering Team

Council received the draft minutes of the March 6, 2023 meeting of the Community Logo Development Steering Team.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT the Steering Team conduct a survey to determine whether the Town should continue to use its current logo, create a logo based on ‘the three churches’, or engage in a public process to develop a new logo with community input.”

Motion Carried.

8.3 Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the March 6, 2023 meeting of the Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report on the potential for the provision of access to Oakland Lake for fire services."
Motion Carried.

8.4 Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council approve the St. James' Anglican Church request to alter their property located at 63 Edgewater Street as outlined in the package provided to the Heritage Advisory Committee."
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council register the property located at 496 Main Street as a Municipal Heritage Property."
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council register the property located at 45 School Street as a Municipal Heritage Property."
Motion carried.

8.5 Regional Emergency Measures Organization

Council received the meeting notes of the January 16, 2023 meeting of REMO.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

No closed session.

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:25pm.

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Mayor, David Devenne

Acting Town Clerk, Kelly Redden