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The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, April 11, 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 approved as amended to defer item 3.1 to a meeting at a later date, as established by staff, and to move item 4.2 to Correspondence Information Items." Motion carried.

### 2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the minutes of the March 30, 2023 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT the minutes of the March 31, 2023 special meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

### 3. Presentations

#### 3.1 Aaron Long, AREA

This item was deferred to a later date during the approval of the agenda.

### 4. Correspondence – Action

4.1 Fondation Emergence – Request to adopt a resolution and raise the rainbow flag for International Day Against Homophobia.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT the Town fly the Pride Flag on May 17, 2023.” Motion Carried.

## 5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 Anya Holloway – Public input session suggestions.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Ms. Holloway’s letter be referred to the Policy and Strategy Committee meeting on April 24th for consideration during the discussion of the Town’s Council Policy.” Motion Carried.

5.2 Honourable John A. Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Sustainable Services Growth Fund

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT council direct staff to sign the agreement associated with the new Sustainable Services Growth Fund.” Motion Carried.

5.3 Chantelle Hill – Request to make proclamation for Parental Alienation/Bubbles of Love Day.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT item 5.3 be received and filed.” Motion carried.

## 6. Staff Reports

### 6.1 Council Report

Council received the April 11, 2023 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT discussion of solicitor advice regarding potential enhancement to the Home Heating Program and relief for electric utility customers be moved to open session.” Motion carried.

Mr. Heide provided Council with an overview concerning solicitor advice on these two items.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council accept the April 11, 2023 Staff Report for information.” Motion carried.

### 6.2 Staff Report – Solar Garden Stormwater Management Plan Update

Council received a staff report from AREA with additions that have been made to the Stormwater Management Plan for the Solar Garden site.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT council approve change order 006 in the amount of \$31,379.00 and change order 007 in the amount of \$27,806.15 and approve the amendments to the Stormwater Management plan as presented.”

Motion Carried.

### 6.3 Staff Report – Rebecca Fisk Art Show

Council received a staff report on the possibility of the Town receiving grant funding to host Mahone Bay resident Rebecca Fisk’s Art exhibit.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council direct staff to include a grant of \$3,600 from the Athletic & Cultural Trust Fund in the 2023/24 budget for hosting an exhibit of *There is no One story of Black Girlhood: A Series of Paintings by Rebecca Fisk* in Mahone Bay and that said grant be offered to the Mahone Bay Centre Society to organize this event.”

Motion Carried.

### 6.4 Staff Report – Facility Booking Policy

Council received a staff report on a draft Facilities Booking Policy and associating documents outlining rules, regulations and procedures for the use of the Town’s recreational facilities as well as facilities at the new Fire Station.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT this item be referred to the Policy and Strategy Committee for discussion at their April 24, 2023 meeting.”

Motion Carried.

### 6.5 Staff Report – Old Fire Hall Options

Council received a staff report with various requested information to inform Council’s decision with respect to the old fire hall.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council accept this report for information.”

Motion Carried.

### 6.6 Public Engagement Plan – Urban Forest Management Plan

Council received a Public Engagement Plan that will be used in the development of an Urban Forest Management Plan for Mahone Bay in accordance with Council’s Strategic Plan.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council accept the Public Engagement Plan for the Urban Forest Management Plan as presented.”

Motion carried.

## 6.7 Staff Report – Community Solar Garden, Engaging the Youth

Council received a staff report from Lenta Wright, Project Manager from AREA with a recommendation on how to engage youth in the Solar Garden Project.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct Town and AREA staff to facilitate tours of the Community Solar Garden.”

Motion Carried.

## 7. Council Items

### 7.1 Councillor Wilson – Development of Service Standards

At the March 30, 2023 meeting of Council, Councillor Wilson made a notice of motion to develop service standards and operational measurements that can be used to benchmark and analyze performance.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council direct staff to provide a report on the establishment of service standards that can be used to benchmark and analyze performance.”

Motion Carried.

### 7.2 Mayor DeVenne – Food Cycle Science

At the March 30, 2023 Council received a presentation from Jacob Hanlon of Food Cycle Science on counter top composters.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT this item be referred to the Municipal Joint Services Board for review and evaluation for all municipal partners in the Joint Services Board and that they report back to Council with their recommendation.”

Motion Carried.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.1 Policy & Strategy Committee

Council received the March 27, 2023 draft minutes of the Policy & Strategy Committee as well as the draft amended Strategic Plan for the Town of Mahone Bay

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council adopt the Town of Mahone Bay Strategic Plan as amended to reflect the changes discussed at the Policy and Strategy Committee March 27th meeting.”

Motion Carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council direct staff to request that Mahone Bay United provide an overall budget for the 2023/24 fiscal year.”

Motion Carried.

## 9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, at 8:20 pm, seconded by Mayor Devenne, "THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations, legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege and acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2) (e), (g), and (a) respectively."  
Motion carried.

Council arose from closed session at 9:28 pm. There was no business on arising from closed session.

Council adjourned upon motion at 9:29 pm.

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