



A special meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor D. DeVenne (joined at 9:12am)
Deputy Mayor F. Kangata (joined at 10:18am)
Councillor S. Lohnes-Croft
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor K. Wilson
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor J. Feeney
D. Heide, CAO
A. Yeadon-Wentzell, Manager of Finance
J. Uhlman, Manager of Public Works
K. Redden, Acting Clerk and Deputy CAO

Absent:

Gallery: Online and 1 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.

With the absence of the Deputy Mayor Councillor Wilson assumed the role of chair.

1. Agenda

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." Motion carried.

2. Draft 2023/24 Budget Discussion

Council discussed the 2023/24 draft budget, focusing on the Capital Budget.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT Council direct staff to provide a report on the possibility of shared use of former firehall between Public Works operations and other possible uses." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT Council direct staff to revise the draft 2023-24 budget to increase the transfer to Town Equipment Reserve \$30,000 to \$100,000." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe "THAT Council direct staff to revise the draft 2023-24 budget to move the chip sealing of Fauxburg Road partially into a future year." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council confirms that the Town of Mahone Bay meets all the requirements of Canada - Active Transportation Fund Agreement and hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Town." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council direct staff to revise the draft 2023-24 budget such that electrification of heating for Town Hall is recategorized as a climate initiative and the car share project is moved into a future year." Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Kangata assumed the chair at 10:22am.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT Council direct staff to request a meeting between Council members and representatives of the Wooden Boat Society concerning the Mahone Bay Marina and future capital expenditures on the wharf." Motion carried.

3. Presentation - Aaron Long, General Manager, AREA

Mr. Long gave a presentation on determining optimal management strategies for Nova Scotia municipal electric utilities.

Council adjourned upon motion at 12:04 p.m.

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Mayor, David Devenne



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Acting Town Clerk, Kelly Redden