



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor D. DeVenne
Deputy Mayor F. Kangata
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 & 2 in-person gallery

Public Input Session

Council received comments from Iain Cocks and Yvonne Delaney-Cocks, of Mahone Bay, expressing concerns about a laneway being added to their neighbour's property.

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 Climate Summit under new business."

Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the April 27, 2023 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT the minutes of the April 28, 2023 special meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

3. Presentations

3.1 Adam Ekins, Fire Chief – Mahone Bay and District Fire Department Quarterly Report
Council received the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department’s Quarterly report.

4. Correspondence – Action

4.1 Autism Nova Scotia – Walk Your Way Sponsorship Request

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council direct staff to promote in the Mayor’s Newsletter and on Facebook that June 3, 2023, is the Walk Your Way for Autism Nova Scotia event.” Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence – Information Items

5.1 Cathy Andreu – Proposed Noise Bylaw

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 May 9, 2023 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT the previously scheduled council meeting to discuss RCMP contract negotiations be rescheduled from May 19, 2023, to July 21, 2023.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council accept the May 9, 2023 Staff Report for information.” Motion carried.

6.2 Staff Report – Alternative Voting Bylaw

Council received a staff report on a draft amended Alternative Voting Bylaw.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council give first reading to the draft amended Alternative Voting Bylaw.” Motion Carried.

6.3 Accessibility Quarterly Update January – March 2023

Council received a quarterly update from Ellen Johnson, Accessibility Coordinator.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT this report be accepted for information.” Motion Carried.

6.4 Staff Report Development Agreements and Plan Mahone Bay Process

Council received a Memo from Garth Sturtevant, Senior Planner, on a possible process to handle Development Agreement applications that are not completed before the passing of the new Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council refer item 6.4 - Development Agreement and Plan Mahone Bay process to the next meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee.”
Motion Carried.

8.3 Planning Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 2, 2023 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and give 1st reading to the amending development agreement for 995 Main Street and that Council set June 13th for the Public Hearing for the amending development agreement for 995 Main Street.”
Motion Carried.

6.5 Response to Barry Dupuis

Council received a draft response letter to a letter received by Council at their April 27th regular council meeting.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council approve the Mayor to sign the letter of response to Mr. Dupuis as amended to add that Mr. Dupuis is encouraged to reach out to the Development Office with any questions, and to provide information about the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy public engagement process.”
Motion Carried.

6.6 Staff Report – Tree Donation Recognition

Council received a staff report with an option for recognition of tree donations made to the Town.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council refer the proposed \$5,000 capital project for tree donation recognition to the 2023/24 budget discussions.”
Motion Carried.

6.7 Existing Conditions and Concepts Reports – WSP

Council received the documents presented to them at their April 21st special budget meeting concerning concepts for the reconfiguration of the Main and Edgewater Street intersection.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council direct staff to remove reconfiguration of Main – Edgewater intersection from the draft 2023/24 capital budget.”
Motion Carried.

7. Council Items

7.1 Mayor Devenne – 2023 Representative Volunteer

Mayor Devenne announced that Karen Pinsent has been chosen as the Town of Mahone Bay's 2023 Representative Volunteer.

7.2 Councillor Feeney – Request from Mahone Bay Community Land Co-operative

Council reviewed the request from the Mahone Bay Community and Land Co-operative received through a presentation at the April 27th meeting of Council.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council approve the Mayor to sign the letter of support for the Mahone Bay Community Land Co-operative." Motion Carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Policy and Strategy Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the April 24, 2023 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council adopt the amended Council Policy as presented." Motion Carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT Council adopt the Facilities Booking Policy as presented." Motion Carried.

8.2 Police Advisory Board

Council received the draft minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting of the Police Advisory Board.

8.4 Asset Management Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the April 20, 2023 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT the draft minutes of the April 20, 2023 meeting of the Asset Management Committee be accepted as presented." Motion carried.

9. New Business

Councillor Carver updated Council on the upcoming Climate Summit being facilitated for participating municipalities (Town of Mahone Bay, Town of Bridgewater, and Municipality of the District of Lunenburg) by the Atlantic Infrastructure Management Network with funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council refer this item to the June 29th meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee."

Motion withdrawn.

Council members provided feedback concerning the Summit, which Councillor Carver will share with other participants.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, at 9:19pm, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters and Contract Negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act sections 22(2)(c) and 22(2)(e) respectively.

Motion carried.

Council arose from closed session at 10:11pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to provide a credit to Trinity United Church's water account in the amount of \$830."

Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council authorize the Mayor to sign the draft Cooperative Management Agreement between the Town of Mahone Bay, the Mahone Bay Centre Society and the Mahone Bay United Soccer Association."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT Council authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement between the Town and the Mahone Bay Fire Department Society pertaining to financing of the Community Hall at the new Fire Station."

Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 10:13pm.

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Mayor, David Devenne

Acting Town Clerk, Kelly Redden

