



A special meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor D. DeVenne
Deputy Mayor F. Kangata
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 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 Nowe, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." Motion carried.

2. Draft 2023/24 Budget Discussion

Council discussed the draft 2023/24 budget.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council direct staff to work with the Wooden Boat Society to explore options for a fishing pier at the marina wharf." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council direct staff to remove the purchase of a washer and dryer for the Edgewater Street Comfort Station

from the draft 2023-24 budget, and to entertain any request from the Wooden Boat Society in the future if they wish.” Motion withdrawn.

A motion by Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report on the possible addition of a town financed washer and dryer at the Edgewater Street Comfort Station, including the feasibility of cost recovery.” Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT the replacement of the ballfield outfield fence be deferred to 2024/25 in the draft 2023-24 budget.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT the purchase of a new shed for the pool property be removed from the draft 2023-24 budget.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT council direct staff to conduct a fire rate study.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council refer the Grants to Organization policy to the Policy and Strategy Committee for review.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council approve the 2023-24 Grants to Organizations requests in the total amount of \$21,784.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council direct staff to release the 2023-24 Grants to Organizations funds.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT the subsidy to Mahone Bay United be removed from the draft 2023/24 budget.” Motion defeated.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, at 12:18 p.m. seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Contract Negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act sections 22(2)(e).” Motion carried.

Council arose from closed session at 12:27 p.m.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council increase the budget for the purchase of electrical utility transformers in 2023-24 / 2024-25 to \$400,000.” Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 12:29 p.m.

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Mayor, David Devenne

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Acting Town Clerk, Kelly Redden

