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A special meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, May 18, 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  
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 Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." Motion carried.

2. Draft 2023/24 Budget Discussion

Council discussed the draft 2023/24 budget, focusing on the electric and water utility operational and capital budgets.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council invite MJSB to speak with Council about IT Service cost and level of service." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT council direct staff to prepare a report on the potential use of the perpetual care funds to be provided as a loan to the utility to finance any operational deficit in 2023/24."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the paving of the Parish Street parking lot be removed from the 2023/24 draft budget." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT the draft 2023/24 budget be amended to reflect additional funds for bylaw enforcement."

Motion withdrawn.

A motion by Councillor Carver, at 11:45 a.m. seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters as permitted by the Municipal Government Act sections 22(2)(c)."

Motion carried.

Council arose from closed session at 12:16 p.m.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report on employee pension and benefit plans, benchmarking against other NS municipalities."

Motion carried.

Council adjourned upon motion at 12:19 p.m.

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Mayor, David Devenne

Acting Town Clerk, Kelly Redden

