

The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor D. DeVenne

Deputy Mayor F. Kangata (left at 9:36 p.m.)

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

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 Carver, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add a notice of motion under new business." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the minutes of the May 9, 2023 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT the minutes of the May 11, 2023 special meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

3. Public Input Session

Danielle King and Betty Hutton, local business owners expressed concerns with the proposed Noise Bylaw and parking in Mahone Bay.

4. Presentations

No presentations.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Anne Palfreyman, Chair, Founders Society – Support for Extension of Architectural Guidance Area.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT this letter be referred to the Plan Mahone Bay process.” Motion carried.

5.2 Sue Cunningham & Tait MacDonald – Support for Noise Bylaw

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT this letter be received and filed.” Motion carried.

5.3 Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce – Strategic Plan

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT this letter be referred to the Plan Mahone Bay process.” Motion carried.

5.4 Paul Seltzer – Logo

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT this letter be referred to the Community Logo Steering Team.” Motion carried.

5.5 Paul Seltzer – Support for Noise Bylaw

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT this letter be received and filed.” Motion carried.

5.6 Honourable John Lohr – 12 Month Notice

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT items 5.6, 5.7 and 5.9 be received and filed.” Motion carried.

5.7 Lindsay Nickerson, Warden, The Municipality of Barrington – RCMP Retroactive Costs

5.8 Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce – Light the Town Proposal

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT this item be referred to the 2023/24 budget process.” Motion carried.

5.9 Michael Brown, President, Mahone Bay Legion Branch 49 – Potential Relocation of the Soldiers Monument (Cenotaph)

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT staff respond to Michael Brown’s letter to explain that there is no intention of moving the cenotaph at this time.” Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the May 25, 2023 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council invite the Lilydale RCMP Department Staff Sergeant to come speak to council about bylaw enforcement and community policing at a future meeting of council.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council accept the May 25, 2023 Staff Report for information.” Motion carried.

6.2 Staff Report – Kindness Meters

Council received a staff report on the number and locations of Kindness Meters in the Town.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council accept this report for information.” Motion carried.

6.3 Staff Report – Welcome to Nursing Home Staff

Council received a staff report with a recommendation concerning initiatives to welcome foreign health care workers.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to support welcome initiatives for the newcomers arriving from Kenya in coordination with MacLeod Group’s Settlement Coordinator.” Motion carried.

6.4 Staff Report Municipal Innovation Program Application

Council received a recommendation concerning a proposed joint application to the Municipal Innovation Program.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT that Council approves joint application to the Municipal Innovation Program with the Town of Berwick, Riverport Electric Light Commission (RELC), and the Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA), with such funding directed towards developing then implementing optimal concepts of collaboration among the municipal electric utilities of Berwick, RELC and Mahone Bay, and confirms the Town’s commitment to provide \$50,000 in cash and \$17,000 of in-kind contributions to support this project.” Motion carried.

7 Council Items

7.1 Mayor DeVenne – Committee Application

Council received an application from a resident to serve on the Asset Management Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council appoint Helga Baxter to the Asset Management Committee.” Motion carried.

7.2 Mayor DeVenne – NSUARB Electric Rate Decision

Mayor DeVenne explained the process and outcome of the recent decision of the NSUARB, concerning the Town’s electrical rate. A press release was issued in this regard.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program – Monthly Report

Council received the April 2023 report of the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT the April 2023 report of the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program be accepted for information.” Motion carried.

8.2 Community Logo Development Steering Team

Council received the draft minutes of the May 8, 2023 meeting of the Community Logo Development Steering Team.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT the minutes of the May 8, 2023 meeting of the Community Logo Development Steering Team be accepted as presented.” Motion carried.

8.3 Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

8.4 Heritage Registration Hearing – 496 Main Street

Council held a hearing concerning the registration of 496 Main Street as a Municipal Heritage Property. The owner of the property did not attend the hearing to contest the registration.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to register the property located at 496 Main Street as a Municipal Heritage Property.” Motion carried.

8.4 Heritage Registration Hearing – 45 School Street

Council held a hearing concerning the registration of 45 School Street as a Municipal Heritage Property. The owner of the property did not attend the hearing to contest the registration.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council direct staff to register the property located at 45 School Street as a Municipal Heritage Property.”

Motion carried.

8.5 Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting of the Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT the draft minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting of the Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee be accepted as presented.”

Motion carried.

9. New Business

9.1 Notice of Motion

Councillor Carver provided a notice of motion concerning a request that Council send a letter to the province asking for attention to the commercial signage at exit 10.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, at 8:52pm, seconded by Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property and Contract Negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act sections 22(2)(a) and 22(2)(e) respectively.

Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Kangata declared a conflict of interest and exited the closed session at 9:36 p.m.

Council arose from closed session at 9:50 pm.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council approve a credit to the property owners at 479 Main St., in the amount of \$636.11, for unanticipated water charges.”

Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 9:51 pm on conclusion of business.

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