



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor D. DeVenne
Deputy Mayor F. Kangata (virtual)
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor K. Wilson
CAO, D. Heide
Acting Clerk & Deputy CAO, K. Redden

Regrets:

Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor S. Lohnes-Croft

Gallery: Online & 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 Nowe, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to remove the closed session item." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the May 18, 2023 special meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the May 25, 2023 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the June 2, 2023 special meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

3. Public Input Session

No one was in attendance for the Public Input Session.

4. Presentations

No presentations.

5. Correspondence

5.1 NSFM – Survey Concerning Policing Services in Nova Scotia

Council received a request from NSFM to complete a survey on policing services in Nova Scotia.

5.2 Veryan Haysom and Valerie Hearder – Forest Fire Prevention

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council direct staff to provide council with a report on the items outlined in the letter from Mr. Haysom and Ms. Hearder concerning forest fire prevention.” Motion carried.

5.3 Eric Claus – Request for Parking Buyout

Council received a request from property owner Eric Claus to buy out two parking spaces for his business.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council approve the request of Eric Claus, owner of 631 Main Street, for a parking buyout in the amount of \$8,131.44 in accordance with the current Land Use By-law, and provide that, if a new Land Use Bylaw removing the requirements for commercial parking at this location is passed by Council by December 31, 2023, the \$8,131.44 payment be refunded.” Motion carried.

5.4 Mark A. Peck, CAO, JRTA – Request for Working Group Member

Council received a request from the Joint Regional Transportation Agency for an appointment to the JRTA Working Group.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Dylan Heide, CAO, be appointed to the Joint Regional Transportation Agency and that Eric Levy, Deputy CAO, fill the role of alternate.” Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the June 13, 2023 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council accept the May 25, 2023 Staff Report for information.” Motion carried.

6.2 Staff Report Bandstand Grant Application

Council received a staff report on the progress of the application to the Canada Cultural Spaces Program for updates to the Michael O'Connor Memorial Bandstand and to request a resolution approving the CAO to sign the grant application.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct the Mayor to sign the completed application form for the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund."
Motion carried.

6.3 Staff Report – Blue Flag Marina Designation

Council received a staff report with an update concerning the potential participation of the Mahone Bay Marina in the international Blue Flag Program.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council refer the issue of harbour water quality monitoring back to the Climate and Environment Committee for further consideration, noting the Wooden Boat Society's willingness to cooperate in this regard."
Motion carried.

6.4 Staff Report – Housing Strategy Update

Council received an update concerning the development of a Housing Strategy for Mahone Bay.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to develop a draft Housing Action Plan to support application to the CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund, for Council's consideration."
Motion carried.

6.5 Report of the Clerk – Amending Development Agreement – 995 Main Street

Kelly Redden, Town Clerk, provided Council with the Report of the Clerk concerning the amending development agreement for 995 Main Street.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, second by Councillor Nowe, "THAT council provide second reading to the amending Development Agreement for 995 Main Street."
Motion carried.

7 Council Items

7.1 Mayor DeVenne – 2023/24 Budget

Council received the draft 2023/24 Town of Mahone Bay Budget.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council approve the 2023-24 General Operating Budget with operating expenditures in the amount of \$3,212,608 as presented, with general tax rates set at \$1.115/\$100 Residential and \$3.055/\$100 Commercial, and the infrastructure charge at \$300/unit."
Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council approve the 2023-24 General Capital Budget with expenditures totaling \$5,161,431, supported by a projected \$2,639,914 in external funding." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council approve the 2023-24 Fire Department Operating Budget with expenditures in the amount of \$707,216 as presented and fire tax rates set at \$0.209/\$100." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council approve the 2023-24 Fire Department Capital Budget with expenditures totaling \$418,000." Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council approve the 2023-24 Electric Utility Operating Budget with operating expenditures in the amount of \$2,858,328 as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council approve the 2023-24 Electric Utility Capital Budget with expenditures totaling \$649,000." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council approve the 2023-24 Water Utility Operating Budget with operating expenditures in the amount of \$798,631 as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council approve the 2023-24 Water Utility Capital Budget with expenditures totaling \$359,900 supported by a projected \$163,082 in external funding." Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council approve the 2023-24 cemetery budgets, in the amount of \$19,000 for Park Cemetery and \$12,500 for Bayview Cemetery, as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council approve the 2023-24 Budget Press Release as presented." Motion carried.

7.2 Councillor Carver – Signage at Exit 10

Council received a memo from Councillor Carver concerning the proliferation of signage at the Exit 10 junction with Route #3.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council direct staff and the Mayor to write to the Council of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg indicating support for the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce's efforts to eliminate the unsightly signage display at the Exit 10 junction with Route #3.

Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Climate and Environment Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 3, 2023 meeting of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee.

8.2 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

Council received May's monthly report of the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program.

8.3 Community Logo Development Steering Team

Council received the draft minutes of the May 29, 2023 meeting of the Community Logo Development Steering Team.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council direct staff to approach the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce to request that they permanently discontinue the use of their current logo, that it might be exclusively used by the Town." Motion carried.

8.4 Policy and Strategy Committee

Council received the minutes of the May 29, 2023 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.

8.5 Planning Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the June 6, 2023 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee.

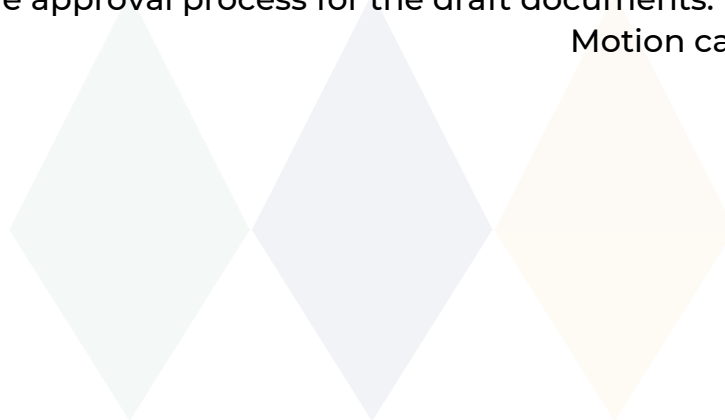
A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to work with Upland to include appropriate language in the draft MPS/LUB concerning applications for Development Agreements received prior to the cut off for new applications associated with the approval process for the draft documents." Motion carried.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

No closed session.



Council adjourned at 8:49 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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Mayor, David Devenne

Town Clerk, Kelly Redden

