



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor D. DeVenne
Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor S. Lohnes-Croft (virtual)
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor K. Wilson
CAO, D. Heide
Acting Clerk & Deputy CAO, K. Redden

Regrets:

Deputy Mayor F. Kangata

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 Feeney, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the minutes of the June 13, 2023 regular 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 Proclamation Request – Right to Know Week 2023

Council received a request to make a proclamation for Right to Know Week 2023.

5.2 Cara Spittal, Director, NS Provincial Housing Agency – Priority Access to Public Housing

Council received notification that the Nova Scotia Provincial Housing Authority will be reaching out to Chief Administrative Officers to request input on how to improve the application process for Nova Scotians seeking priority access to public housing.

5.3 David Lasky, Request to Discharge Development Agreement for 350 Main Street

Council received a request to discharge a development agreement.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council approve the request to discharge the Development Agreement for 350 Main Street.”

Motion carried.

5.4 Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Request for a List of Municipally Owned Vacant Land

Council received a request for a list of any municipally owned, serviced (or easily serviceable) land that may be suitable for new housing development, or unused buildings on serviced land that currently don't have any planned future uses.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to reply to Minister Lohr to state that the Town has provided the requested information in the past, and that it remains the case that no Town owned land meets the provincial criteria and that the Town would welcome working together on a housing project in the future.”

Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Council Report

Council received the June 29, 2023 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council accept the June 29, 2023 Staff Report for information.”

Motion carried.

6.2 Staff Report – Noise Bylaw

Council received a staff report and draft Noise Bylaw to prohibit excessive noise within the Town of Mahone Bay.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council provide first reading to the draft Noise Bylaw as amended to add under 2.1 that law enforcement can also administer an approved sound meter.” Motion carried.

6.3 Report of the Clerk – Alternative Voting Bylaw

Council received the Report of the Clerk concerning the amendments to the Alternative Voting Bylaw.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council provide second reading of the draft amended Alternative Voting Bylaw.” Motion carried.

7 Council Items

No Council Items.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Climate and Environment Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the June 7, 2023 meeting of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee.

8.2 Asset Management Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, at 8:05 pm, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Contract Negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act Section 22(2)(e).” Motion carried.

Council arose from closed session at 8:50 p.m.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council approve the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and direct Mayor Devenne to sign on the Town’s behalf.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to proceed with an environmental assessment and geotechnical assessment of the Town owned property located at the corner of Kinburn Steet and Hawthorn Road."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council direct staff to proceed with preparations for the demolition of the Public Works garage on Aberdeen Road."

Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:54 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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