

A meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 7:05 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor David Devenne
Deputy Mayor Francis Kangata
Councillor Penny Carver
Councillor Joseph Feeney
Councillor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (virtual)
Councillor Richard Nowe
Councillor Kelly Wilson
CAO, Dylan Heide
Deputy CAO, Eric Levy (virtual)
Manager of Finance, Ashley Yeadon-Wentzell (virtual)

Absent: Town Clerk, Kelly Redden (with regrets)

Gallery:

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. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to include Security Cameras as item 4.b)." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting on May 29, 2023 had not been included in the meeting package and therefore approval was deferred to the Committee's next meeting.

3. Discussion – Draft Reserves Policy

Members discussed the possible composition of the proposed reserves policy, drawing on examples from other municipalities. Staff received substantial input which will be used to develop a draft policy for presentation back to the Committee at a future meeting.

4. Grants to Organizations Policy

Members discussed the current Grants to Organizations Policy and opportunities for improvements. Staff received substantial input which will be used to develop a draft amended policy for presentation back to the Committee at a future meeting.

4.b) Security Cameras

Members discussed the use of security cameras by the Town, in light of recent vandalism and property damage concerns, and agreed not to make any changes to the Town's current practice.

5. Next meeting

5.1 Date and Time

The next meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee will be held at 7pm on Monday, September 25, 2023.

5.2 Agenda for next meeting

It was agreed that the agenda for the next meeting would include the review and update of the Town's human resources policies, unless other issues arose requiring more timely consideration.

With no further agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

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Chair, Mayor David Devenne

CAO, Dylan Heide (Recording)

