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The special meeting of the Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Councillor Richard Nowe (Chair)  
Councillor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft  
Ella Gindi, MODL Planner (virtual)  
Michael Allen, Watershed Planner  
David Corkum, Public Member (Watershed Resident)  
Dylan Heide, CAO (Virtual)  
Scott Hoyt, Water/Wastewater System Manager  
Kelly Redden, Acting Town Clerk & Deputy CAO

Absent:

Kacy DeLong, MODL Councillor (regrets)

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Mayor Devenne, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Mayor Devenne, "THAT the minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting of the Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee be approved as presented." Motion carried.

3. Update from MODL

The committee received an update from Ella Gindi, MODL Planner, on development permits that have been issued within the Oakland Lake Watershed.

4. Watershed Property Purchase Opportunity

Rosemary MacEachen, owner of property within the Oakland Lake Watershed, proposed to sell a large parcel of land to the Town.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Mayor Devenne, "THAT the Committee recommend that Council consider the purchase of the land owned by Rosemary MacEachen." Motion carried.

A motion by Mayor Devenne, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT the committee recommend that staff obtain a market evaluation, with the owner's consent, of the property." Motion carried.

5. Development in Watershed

Agenda item removed.

6. Provincial Paving Project in Watershed

Scott Hoyt, Water/Wastewater System Operator, informed the committee that Highway #3 will be repaved within the watershed next year.

7. Risk Assessment – Next Steps

Going forward, the Risk Assessment will inform updates to the Town's Source Water Protection Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 2:01pm.

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