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The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, September 12, 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  
Councillor J. Feeney  
Councillor S. Lohnes-Croft  
CAO, D. Heide  
Deputy CAO, E. Levy  
Town Clerk, K. Redden

Regrets:

Gallery: Online & 1 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 Feeney, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion to amend by Councillor Carver, which did not receive a seconder, "THAT the agenda be approved with the removal of items 7.4 and 7.5 which would be deferred to next regular meeting agenda." Motion defeated.

### 2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the July 27, 2023 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT the minutes of the August 11, 2023 special meeting of Council be approved as amended to add that Councillor Feeney provided regrets to the meeting.” Motion carried.

### 3. Presentations

#### 4.1 Sustainability Summit

Matt Delorme, Executive Director of the AIM Network presented to Council on the upcoming Sustainability Summit.

#### 4. Public Input Session

Dave Highfield, of 232 Hawthorn Road, spoke to concerns about water run off issues on his property.

### 5. Correspondence

#### 5.1 Chris Oullette – Noise Bylaw Feedback

Council received correspondence concerning the Town’s proposed Noise Bylaw.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT correspondence item 5.1 be forwarded to the Policy and Strategy Committee for discussion at their September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.” Motion carried.

#### 5.2 Dave and Shawn Highfield – Water Runoff

Council received correspondence concerning water runoff on Hawthorn Road.

#### 5.3 REMO Budget

Council received a recommendation from the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council support that at the end of each fiscal year, any unspent REMO funds remain with REMO, for REMO to keep in reserve for emergency spending.” Motion carried.

#### 5.4 Eddie Nickerson, Warden, Municipality of Barrington – Request for Support

Council was copied on a request to the Province that an exemption be made to exempt volunteer emergency service from new fuel taxes.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT item 5.4 be received and filed.” Motion carried.

#### 5.5 Addie Burkham – Request for Crosswalk

Council received correspondence requesting that a new crosswalk be installed near 534 Main Street.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT item 5.5 be received and filed.” Motion carried.

5.6 Joseph Feeney, Chair, PVSC Board of Directors – 2022/23 Annual Report  
Council received the Property Valuation Services Corporation’s annual report.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT item 5.6 be received and filed.” Motion carried.

## 6. Staff Reports

### 6.1 Council Report

Council received the September 12, 2023 Council Report.

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

### 6.2 Staff Report – Anti-Discrimination and Racism Committee

Council received a staff report with a draft Terms of Reference for the Lunenburg County Anti-Racism & Anti-Discrimination Committee (ARADAC) and an Inter-Municipal Regional Anti-Racism and Diversity Agreement amongst the municipal units in Lunenburg County for shared delivery of anti-racism and diversity initiatives.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council approve the attached Terms of Reference for the Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Committee, with the understanding that, once established, the committee will review the Terms of Reference.” Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council approve the position description and recruitment for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Coordinator providing that the title for the coordinator will match what is in the Terms of Reference.” Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council enter into the Inter-Municipal Regional Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Agreement with the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, the Municipality of the District of Chester, the Town of Bridgewater and the Town of Lunenburg.” Motion carried.

### 6.3 Staff Report – Light the Town Project

Council received a staff report to present Council with an update on the Light the Town Project with the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce (MBTCC) and associated recommendations.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council approve the proposed scope change and associated increased contribution to the Light the Town Project with MBTCC (from \$10,000 to \$17,500) and direct staff to proceed with acquisition and installation of the new light fixtures." Motion carried.

#### 6.4 Staff Report – Updated Municipal Specifications

Council received a staff report with a recommendation to update the Town's Municipal Specifications.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to issue a Request for Proposals for update of the Town's Municipal Specifications." Motion carried.

#### 6.5 Staff Report – Water System Assessment Report

Council received the required 10-year System Assessment Report on the Town's water system and associated recommendations.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council direct staff to include an additional operator (shared 50/50 between water and wastewater) in the Water Rate Study." Motion carried.

#### 6.6 Report of the Clerk – Fire Services Bylaw

Council received the Report of the Clerk concerning the draft Fire Services Bylaw.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT Council provide second reading and adoption of the draft Fire Services Bylaw." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council add engagement with the Fire Department to the agenda for an upcoming meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee." Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Kangata excused himself from the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

### 7 Council Items

#### 7.1 Mayor Devenne – Congratulation to New Mayor of Lunenburg

Mayor Devenne, on behalf of Council offered congratulations to Jamie Myra, the newly elected Mayor of the Town of Lunenburg.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council direct staff to draft, for Mayor Devenne's signature, a letter of congratulations to the newly appointed Mayor of Lunenburg, Mayor Myra." Motion carried.

### 7.2 Mayor Devenne – MJSB Intermunicipal Agreement Review

Council received a report from Lesley McFarlane, COO of the Municipal Joint Services Board with a recommendation that Council direct the CAO's of the three partner municipalities to propose to the Board a process for a formal review of the MJSB agreement.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council direct the Town's CAO to work with the other partner CAO's to propose to the Board a process for a formal review of the MJSB agreement that the Board would present to their respective Councils for approval." Motion carried.

### 7.3 Deputy Mayor Kangata – Proposed Ladder Truck Purchase

A notice of motion was made at Council's July 27, 2023 regular council meeting concerning a presentation made by the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department for the purchase of a ladder truck.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council direct staff to work with the fire department to consider the proposal to purchase a ladder truck and to bring forward a recommendation to Council." Motion carried.

### 7.4 Councillor Wilson – Conversion of Wastewater Treatment Plant Laneway

Councillor Wilson provided a notice of motion concerning conversion of the current Wastewater Treatment Plant Laneway to a public road.

### 7.5 Councillor Wilson – Flashing Lights at Crosswalk

Councillor Wilson proposed that flashing lights be installed at crosswalks.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT flashing lights for mid-block location crosswalks be referred to the 2024/25 budget." Motion carried.

### 7.6 Councillor Lohnes-Croft – Request for Signage at the Visitor Information Centre

Council received a request from the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce (MBTCC) to install a First Nation's centre piece sign at the Memorial Garden at the Visitor Information Centre.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council approve the request of the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce to install a First Nations centerpiece sign at the Memorial Garden at the Visitor Information Centre." Motion carried.

## 7.7 Councillor Carver – Public Information/Discussion Sessions

Councillor Carver proposed that Council consider the possibility of holding a series of public information/discussion sessions with residents.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council refer the idea of holding public info discussion sessions to an upcoming meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee for consideration.” Motion carried.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.1 RCMP Quarterly Report

Council received the April – June 2023 quarterly report of the RCMP.

### 8.2 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

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

### 8.3 SSODA Report

Council received the July 2023 monthly report of the South Shore Open Doors Society (SSODA).

### 8.4 Policy and Strategy Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the July 23, 2023 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council set the agenda for the September meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee to include the draft Noise Bylaw.” Motion carried.

### 8.5 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

Council received the August 2023 monthly report of the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program as well as a promotional poster for the upcoming Seniors Safety Academy.

## 10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Carver, at 9:53pm, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property, Personnel Matters and Contract Negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act sections 22(2)(a), 22(2)(C) and 22(2)(e) respectively.

Motion carried.

Council came out of closed session at 10:52 p.m.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council set the budget for the Stovepipe Lane Service Extension projects – water and wastewater – at \$130,000 combined.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council confirms the Town of Mahone Bay’s contribution to the Edgewater Street Living Shoreline project at \$440,000 in cash and \$12,500 in in-kind support from staff, should the project move ahead with Provincial SCCF funding.” Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 10:58 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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