



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor D. DeVenne
Deputy Mayor F. Kangata
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 & 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 Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add item under council items, Fire Prevention."

Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT the minutes of the September 12, 2023 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

3. Public Input Session

No one attended the public input session.

4. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Christine and Gregg Little – Noise Bylaw Feedback

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

5.2 Garry Macey and Anya Holloway – Water Runoff Concerns

Council received correspondence requesting efforts be made by the Town to aid in mitigating water runoff during major weather events.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT item 5.1 be referred to the policy and strategy committee for continued discussions concerning the Noise Bylaw and 5.2 be received and filed." Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Staff Report to Council

Council received the September 28, 2023 Staff Report.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT this report be accepted for information." Motion carried.

6.2 AREA Solar Project Report

Council received AREA's monthly report on the progress of the solar garden project.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT this report be accepted for information." Motion carried.

6.3 Staff Report – Mahone Bay Pool Project Update

Council received a staff report to provide Council with an update on the Mahone Bay Pool Project included in the 2023-24 Capital Budget.

7 Council Items

7.1 Mayor Devenne – Appointment of Fire Inspector

Council received information about a new Fire Inspector hired through the Municipality of the District of Chester, a shared service with the Town of Mahone Bay.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “That Matthew Bustelli be appointed Fire Inspector for the Town of Mahone Bay, effective September 28, 2023.” Motion carried.

7.2 Councillor Carver – Nova Scotia Non-Profit Housing Association (NSNPHA)

Council received information about NSNPHA, and an invitation to join the association.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT the Town of Mahone Bay apply to join the NSNPHA.” Motion carried.

7.3 Councillor Wilson – Conversion of Wastewater Treatment Plant Laneway

At Council’s September 12th Council meeting, Councillor Wilson provided a notice of motion concerning conversion of the current Wastewater Treatment Plant Laneway to a public road.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council direct staff to take the necessary steps to designate the road to the solar garden as an official street/lane of the Town.” Motion carried.

7.4 Councillor Carver – Suggested Town Council Policy Amendments

Council received recommendations from Councillor Carver concerning the Town Council Policy.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft , “THAT Council direct staff to amend the wording of section 4.5 of the Town of Mahone Bay’s Town Council Policy to read, ‘..through consultation between the Mayor, CAO and Town Clerk.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata “THAT Council direct staff to amend the wording of section 4.13 of the Town Council Policy to add a new third sentence as follows: ‘Council members will not be obliged to respond to questions. Members of Council may seek clarification by directing questions to members of the public following the comments.” Motion carried.

7.5 Councillor Nowe – Fire Prevention Week

Councillor Nowe updated Council on the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department’s plans for Fire Prevention Week.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council direct staff to fly the Mahone Bay District Fire Department flag on the Community Flagpole from the 5th of October to the 17th.” Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 SSODA – August 2023 Statistics and Comparison

Council received the April – June 2023 quarterly report of the South Shore Open Doors Association.

8.2 Climate and Environment Committee - Draft Minutes

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

8.3 Heritage Advisory Committee – Draft Minutes

Council received the draft minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

8.4 Asset Management Committee – Draft Minutes

Council received the draft minutes of the September 21, 2023 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

8.5 Audit and Finance Committee – Draft Minutes

Council received the draft minutes of the September 21, 2023 meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee.

8.6 Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee (LCAAC) Minutes

Council received the minutes of the September 6, 2023 meeting of the LCAAC as well as a draft TOMB Accessibility Implementation Plan.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT items 8.1 to 8.5 be received and filed.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT council of Mahone Bay adopt the Town of Mahone Bay Accessibility Implementation Plan as submitted by the Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee.” Motion carried.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Carver, at 8:10pm, seconded by Kangata, “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 10:16 p.m.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council direct staff to reimburse the electrical utility customer at 9196 Hwy 3 in the amount of \$2,236.61 for costs incurred.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council approve the purchase of electricity in excess of that generated by the Ellershouse Windfarm and the Mahone Bay Solar Garden from Nova Scotia Power Incorporated at the municipal rate for 2024.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council direct staff to apply for BUTU service from Nova Scotia Power Incorporated for 2024.” Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council direct staff to apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for a flow-through rate increase in proportion to the increase in the municipal rate from Nova Scotia Power Incorporated for 2024.” Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 10:18 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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