



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor D. DeVenne
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor K. Wilson
Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor S. Lohnes-Croft
CAO, D. Heide
Town Clerk, K. Munroe

Absent: Deputy Mayor F. Kangata (with regrets)
Deputy CAO, E. Levy (with regrets)

Gallery: Online & 8 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 Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add item 7.2 Heritage Property Grant Fund Policy amendments." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the October 26, 2023 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

3. Public Input Session

8 members of the public in attendance.

Susan Seltzer - 15 Cherry Lane, Marilyn Harris-Hart - 704 Main Street, Paul Seltzer - 15 Cherry Lane, Ann Crossman - 482 Main Street, Rhonda Himmelman - 362 Main Street

and Jeannie Reynolds - 473 Main Street, were all in attendance to voice concerns about noise from modified mufflers.

4. Presentations

4.1 Mahone Bay & District Fire Department – Quarterly Report

Adam Ekins, Fire Chief, answered questions about the department's second quarter report.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT item 4.1 be received and filed." Motion carried.

4.2 RCMP – Quarterly Report

Corporal Matthew Leggett answered questions about the RCMP's second quarter report.

A motion by Councillor Feeney seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT item 4.2 be received and filed." Motion carried.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Nova Scotia Fisheries & Aquaculture Loan Board

Council received the annual report of the Nova Scotia Fisheries & Aquaculture Loan Board.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT item 5.1 be received and filed." Motion carried.

5.2 Petition to Outlaw Modified Mufflers

Council received a letter and accompanying signed petition, requesting that Council outlaw modified mufflers within the Town of Mahone Bay.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT council direct staff to draft a bylaw to regulate muffler noise within Town." Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Staff Report to Council

Council received the November 14, 2023 Staff Report.

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

6.2 2024 Draft Meeting Schedule

Council received the draft 2024 Council and Committee meeting schedule and provided feedback to staff. The calendar will be amended and brought back to a future meeting of council.

6.3 Staff Report – Tree Donation Recognition

Council received a staff report with a recommendation for the planned public art installation to commemorate donations received through the Tree Donation Program.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council award the contract for the Tree Donation Recognition Art Installation to Lukas Lange for the proposed design and of \$4,500+HST.” Motion carried.

6.4 Staff Report - Urban Forest Management Plan

Council received a staff report confirming the vision, objectives and scope of the Urban Forest Management Plan as well as provide Council with a recommendation to issue an RFP for the development of the Plan.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to issue the RFP for the Urban Forest Management Plan consultant.” Motion carried.

6.5 Staff Report – Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund

Council received a staff report with a recommendation that staff submit an application to the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund, in order to switch the Town Hall from oil to electric heating.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carer, “THAT Council direct staff to submit an application to the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund to transition the Town Hall off of fossil fuels.” Motion carried.

6.6 Staff Report – Council Remuneration

Council received a staff report with options to consider in the formation of a Council Remuneration Committee.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council adopt the proposed terms of reference for the council remuneration review committee.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council direct staff to advertise for public members for the Council Remuneration Review Committee.” Motion carried.

6.7 Staff Report – Fire Station HVAC

Council received a staff report with options in relation to HVAC requirements for the Fire Station.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council proceed with the installation of a roof mounted heat pump to serve the canteen space at the Fire Station, funded under town general.” Motion carried.

7 Council Items

7.1 Committee Application

Council received an application from Gail Tricebock to serve as the Town’s representative on the South Shore Regional Library Board.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council appoint Gail Tricebock as the Town of Mahone Bay’s representative on the South Shore Regional Library Board.” Motion carried.

7.2 Heritage Property Grant Fund Policy Amendments

At Council’s September 28th meeting, Council received a recommendation from the Heritage Advisory Committee that they approve suggested amendments to the Town’s Heritage Property Grant Fund Policy.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council adopt the amended Heritage Property Grant Fund Policy as presented.” Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Policy & Strategy Committee

Council received the minutes of the October 23, 2023 meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council direct staff to develop a new draft Noise Bylaw.” Motion carried.

8.2 Community Logo Development Steering Team

Council received the draft minutes of the October 30, 2023 meeting of the Community Logo Development Steering Team.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council award the logo update contract to Ross Graphics on the basis of the proposal received.” Motion carried.

8.3 Climate & Environment Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the November 1, 2023 meeting of the Climate & Environment Committee.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to provide a report on the subject of coyotes with a view to community policy in respect to co-existence and conservation.” Motion defeated.

8.5 Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program

Council received the October 2023 monthly report of the Seniors' Safety Program.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT item 8.5 be accepted for information.” Motion carried.

8.6 Accessibility Quarterly Update

Council received the second quarter update from Ellen Johnson, Regional Accessibility Coordinator.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT item 8.6 be accepted for information.” Motion carried.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Nowe, at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Contract Negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(e).” Motion carried.

Council came out of closed session at 10:20 p.m.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council credit the account of the water utility customer, located at 54 Pond Street, unit A in the amount of \$653.49.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council accept the proposal from CBCL Ltd. in the amount of \$67,000, for geotechnical work in relation to the Edgewater Street living shoreline project, to be coordinated with geotechnical work already contracted by Coastal Action.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council award the contract to provide engineering services in relation to the Main Street Utility Upgrades

project to WSP in the amount of \$183,537 +HST, excluding construction phase services to be confirmed on proceeding to construction.” Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 10:22 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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Town Clerk, Kelly Munroe

