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The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, November 30, 2023 at 7:02 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 S. Lohnes-Croft  
CAO, D. Heide  
Town Clerk, K. Munroe

Absent: Councillor J. Feeney (with regrets)  
Deputy CAO, E. Levy (with 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 Carver, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT the minutes of the October 30, 2023 special meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the November 14, 2023 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the November 17, 2023 special meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

### 3. Public Input Session

No one was in attendance for the Public Input Session

### 4. Presentations

There were no presentations.

### 5. Correspondence

#### 5.1 Remo 2023/24 Budget Variance Update

Council received correspondence from Tom MacEwan, CAO of MODL, with a request to approve additional costs for REMO's (Regional Emergency Management Organization) 2023/24 budget.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council approve the REMO budget variance of \$20,200, with the Town of Mahone Bay's contribution being \$505."

Motion carried.

### 6. Staff Reports

#### 6.1 Staff Report to Council

Council received the November 30, 2023 Staff Report.

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

Motion carried.

#### 6.2 Staff Report - 2024 Election Preplanning

Council received a report with information on planning for the 2024 Municipal Election, particularly around the appointment of a Returning Officer and overview of the anticipated cost of the election.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT Council appoint Deputy CAO Eric Levy as Returning Officer for the Town of Mahone Bay 2024 Municipal Election."

Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to include the amount of \$20,000 in the 2024-25 Budget for the 2024 Municipal Election."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council approve the hiring of a temporary Deputy Returning Officer for the 2024 Municipal Election.”  
Motion carried.

### 6.3 Staff Report – Intermunicipal Volunteer Initiative

Council received a staff report with information relating to a potential intermunicipal volunteer recruitment and support initiative project.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, no seconder, “THAT Council direct staff to participate in Phase 1 of Project Volunteer with an unbudgeted cost of \$800.”

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT this motion be deferred to the next meeting of council when more information is available.”

Motion carried.

### 6.4 Memo – 2024 Meeting Calendar

Council received the draft 2024 Council and Committee meeting calendar.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council approve the 2024 Council and Committee meeting calendar as amended to remove office closure on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and add a Climate & Environment Committee meeting in May.”  
Motion carried.

## 7 Council Items

There were no Council Items.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.1 South Shore Open Doors Society (SSODA)

Council received the October 2023 report of SSODA.

### 8.2 Asset Management Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the November 16, 2023 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

## 10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Nowe, at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property and Contract Negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(a) and 22(2)(e) respectively.”  
Motion carried.

Council came out of closed session at 8:51 p.m.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council authorize the hiring of a Utility Director” Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council approves in principle the provision of financial services to AREA, in the capacity of interlocuter with respect to the Riverport Electric Light Commission.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Nowe , seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council accepts the terms being presented by GE to extend the Curbside Waste Collection Services Agreement for a period of two (2) years as per clause 1.1.2 of the contract.” Motion carried.

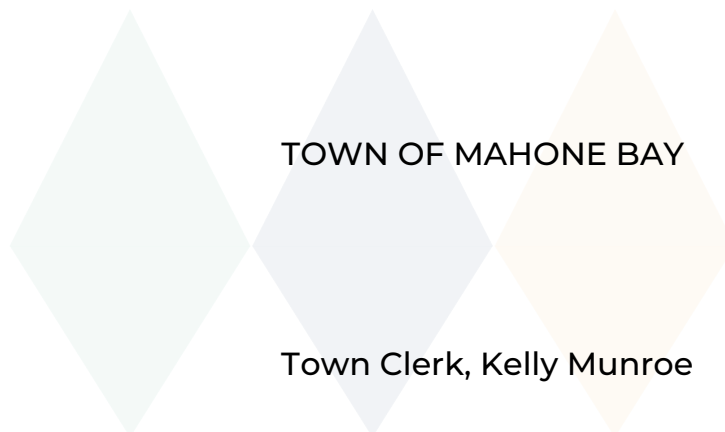
A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council write-off outstanding taxes on the property identified by AAN 10420857 in the amount of \$929.68.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council direct staff to pay a fully refundable deposit in the amount of \$19,500 USD to be held in escrow for the potential purchase of a ladder truck.” Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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Mayor, David Devenne



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Town Clerk, Kelly Munroe