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The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, December 12, 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

Absent: Town Clerk, K. Munroe (with regrets)

Gallery: Online & 7 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 Carver, seconded by Councilor Wilson, "THAT the agenda be approved as circulated moving Item 6.7 to the beginning of the agenda."

Motion carried.

### 2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the November 30, 2023 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

### 3. Public Input Session

John Bain, 476 Main Street, commented on the use of the old firehall, volunteerism and how the land use documents would have been better served with a summary page.

Betty Hutton, 319 Main Street, representing Chamber of Commerce, asked that the draft Land Use Bylaw, as related to parking, be set aside for further study.

Colin Kingsmill, 430 Main Street, commented on the letter received from Alec Cloke during the Public Hearing for the draft Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy.

Scott Green, 712 Main Street, spoke to his opposition to the Main Street parking changes in the draft Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy.

Jeff Frampton, 32 Pleasant Street, asked if Council be reviewing the comments from the Public Hearing.

Laurie Jones asked if Council will be reviewing the changes to parking on Main Street proposed in the new Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy.

#### 4. Presentations

There were no presentations.

#### 5. Correspondence

##### 5.1 Greg Henley, Mayor, Town of Oxford

Council received correspondence from Greg Henley, Mayor of the Town of Oxford to Honourable Steven Guilbert concerning exemption of volunteer service providers from new fuel tax charges.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "To receive and file the correspondence." Motion carried.

#### 6. Staff Reports

##### 6.1 Staff Report to Council

Council received the December 12, 2023 Report to Council.

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

##### 6.2 Report of the Clerk – Public Hearing

Council received the Report of the Clerk for the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw Public Hearing that took place on December 5, 2023.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council defer second reading of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw.”

Motion carried.

#### 6.3 Staff Report – Project Volunteer (deferred from November 30<sup>th</sup>)

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

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to participate in Phase 1 of Project Volunteer with an unbudgeted cost of \$800.”

Motion carried.

#### 6.4 Staff Report – Municipal Capital Growth Program

Council received a report with a recommendation to apply to the Municipal Capital Growth Program.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council direct staff to apply to the Municipal Capital Growth Program for the Edgewater Street Project, including Water & Wastewater Extensions, Multi-Use Trail & Pedestrian Bridge, and Living Shoreline.”

Motion carried.

#### 6.5 Staff Report – Enabling Accessibility Fund

Council received a staff report informing them of the Enabling Accessibility Fund through the Government of Canada and request Council’s approval to submit an application to the Fund.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to submit an application to the Enabling Accessibility Fund for the Mahone Bay Community Pool Project.”

Motion carried.

#### 6.6 Staff Report – Town Hall Conservation Advice

Council received a staff report to present them with a Heritage Conservation Advice Report and recommendation of next steps in the renovation of the exterior of Town Hall.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council refer the report by Jost+ Architects to the Heritage Advisory Committee.”

Motion carried.

#### 6.7 MJSB – Shared Service Proposal

Council received a report and presentation documents from Lesley McFarlane, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Municipal Joint Services Board (MJSB), with recommendations to add three additional shared services: Privacy and Data Security, Occupational Health and Safety and Procurement Services. It was clarified by the COO

that Procurement Services would not be in place in this 2024/25 fiscal year and therefore that a decision in this regard was not being requested of Council at this time.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council approve the creation of a Privacy and Data Security Shared Service, as presented, to be in place starting with Q1 of the 2024/25 fiscal year.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council approve the creation of an Occupational Health and Safety Shared Service, as presented, to be in place starting in Q3 of the 2024/25 fiscal year.” Motion carried.

## 7 Council Items

### 7.1 Councillor Carver – Public Participation in Planning Policy

Councillor Carver proposed a motion for Council’s consideration.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council refer the question of updating the Public Participation and Planning Policy to the Policy and Strategy Committee.” Motion carried.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.1 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

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

### 8.2 Policy & Strategy Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the November 27, 2023 meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee.

### 8.3 Community Logo Development Steering Team

Council received the draft minutes of the November 27, 2023 meeting of the Community Logo Development Steering Team.

## 10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Nowe, at 8:26 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 8:45 p.m.

Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council authorize Mayor Devenne to sign the contract with GE for solid waste hauling."

Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:46 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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Deputy CAO, Eric Levy (Acting  
Recording Secretary)

