



A meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor David Devenne
Deputy Mayor Francis Kangata
Councillor Penny Carver
Councillor Joseph Feeney
Councillor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft
Councillor Richard Nowe
CAO, Dylan Heide
Deputy CAO, Eric Levy

Absent:

Councillor Kelly Wilson

Gallery:

Let us begin by acknowledging that we are gathered today in Mi'km a'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. Approval of Agenda – Correct agenda

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.”** **Motion carried.**

2. Minutes

The committee received the draft minutes of the November 27, 2023 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT the minutes of the November 27, 2023 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee be accepted as presented.”** **Motion carried.**

The committee received the draft minutes of the December 15, 2023 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “**THAT the minutes of the December 15, 2023 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee be accepted as presented.**” **Motion carried.**

3.1 Old Fire Hall

CAO Dylan Heide briefly reviewed the related staff reports from previous Council meetings. The current status is the Public Works Department has been operating out of the building on a temporary basis. The Committee discussed several potential uses and associated needs for renovations and upgrades.

Councillor Feeney suggested amending a previous motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft to make the Public Works Department’s use of the building for longer term use, and to have the Manager of Public Works to cost estimate potential renovations and upgrades for staff use.

The CAO will ask the Manager of Public Works to do some preliminary costing of potential renovations and upgrades for staff use for consideration in the 2024-25 budget process.

3.2. Mahone Bay Pool

CAO Dylan Heide gave an overview of the project to date. The construction management firm Vigilant has been selected and done some preliminary design work and site assessment for the proposed pool.

To meet current standards, particularly as regards accessibility, the pool project/Jubilee Park revitalization would be expected to cost \$3-5 million, making securing the necessary external funding to proceed to construction in 2024-25 very challenging.

The Committee discussed the feasibility of the pool project in comparison to other capital projects.

A future public session concerning the proposed pool was also discussed.

3.3 Marketing Levy

Mayor Devenne gave some background on the marketing levy bylaw discussions over the past several years. The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg has recently proposed a draft by-law which was circulated to the Lunenburg County Mayors/Wardens.

4. Next meeting

4.1 Date and Time

The next meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee will be held at 7pm on Monday, February 26, 2023.

5.2 Agenda for next meeting

It was agreed that the agenda for the next meeting would be determined as the meeting date approached.

With no further agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 9:09PM.

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Chair, Mayor David Devenne

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Deputy CAO, Eric J. Levy