
The regular meeting of the Town of Mahone Bay's Asset Management Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 12:04 PM via video conference.

Present:

Mayor, D. Devenne

CAO, D. Heide

Manager of Finance, A. Yeadon-Wentzell

Climate & Energy Program Manager, L. Clark

N. Pavlinic

D. Waterfield

Ian Tenhaaf

Absent:

Councillor R. Nowe – with regrets

Gallery:

None

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.

Approval of Agenda

A motion by, D. Waterfield seconded by N. Pavlinic, **“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”** **Motion Carried**

Approval of Minutes

A motion by D. Waterfield, seconded by N. Pavlinic, **“THAT the minutes of the January 18, 2024, Asset Management Committee be approved as presented.”** **Motion Carried.**

Climate/Natural Asset Debrief by Ian Tenhaaf

Ian Tenhaaf discussed the service he is providing to the AIM Network and the importance of maintaining and investing in the Town's Natural Assets.

It was noted that Natural Assets tend to appreciate over time, whereas other assets (such as a sewer pipe) tend to only depreciate with the passing of time. Discussion also noted areas around how do we manage shared natural assets, especially between municipal boundaries, should natural assets be publicly or privately owned, and how to properly maintain relationships with natural assets and how to quantify an investment in to them.

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Asset Management Policy

Mayor Devene had questions coming back from council re: clarification of items within the policy.

- Some Councillors found the policy too wordy and somewhat confusing.
- What does 'The Town' reference in the policy. D. Heide confirmed that this is showing that the council still maintains full governance and then provides direction to staff (lead by the CAO).
- How can future service levels be achieved? D. Heide explained that we are already doing so with the engagement of this committee and it's up to council to engage the public.

A motion by N. Pavlinic, seconded by D. Waterfield, "THAT the Committee recommend that Council amend the Asset Management Policy as amended."

Motion Carried

Proposed Cross-Committee Meeting re Service Levels

A motion by D. Waterfield, seconded N. Pavlinic, "THAT the Committee recommend that Council arrange a facilitated workshop for members of Council, the Asset Management Committee, the Climate & Environment Committee, and the Planning Advisory Committee to discuss expectations with respect to standards for municipal services and infrastructure, particularly in consideration of increasing climate change impacts."

Motion Carried.



Discussion: 2024-25 Budget and Draft AM Plans

D. Heide discussed the 10 year capital asset section of the Budget and his work with consultants to break down each item on the 23-24 capital budget to map out all the asset classes and then break down the assets further to indicate if the asset is a renewal of an existing asset or a new asset.

Training Opportunities

Training opportunities will be updated once available.

Committee Membership

The Committee is currently seeking three public members to join.

Next Meeting

March 21, 2024

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 1:50 PM

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Mayor, David Devenne

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Ashley Yeadon - Wentzell, Recording Secretary

