



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Friday, February 29, 2024 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
Town Clerk, K. Munroe

Absent:

Deputy CAO, E. Levy (with regrets)

Gallery:

Online & 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 Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented."
Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT the minutes of the February 16, 2024 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented."
Motion carried.

3. Public Input Session

Lee Cassidy of 102 Pine Grove Street spoke to concerns about water on her property.

Paulette Charron of 91 Pine Grove Street spoke to stormwater issues on Pine Grove Street.

4. Presentations

4.1 Kara McCurdy, Department of Natural Resources & Renewables

Ms. McCurdy presented the Wildland Fire Hazard Assessment Form, completed by her department, which included recommendations for the community to become more fire safe.

4.2 Babatunde Awoyiga, Department of Municipal Affairs & Housing

Mr. Awoyiga presented the Municipal Housing Needs Assessment for the Town of Mahone Bay.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Wesley Petite, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM)

Council received correspondence from NSFM, explaining that the NSFM Public Safety Advisory Committee has made the creation of Vulnerable Persons Registries an advocacy priority.

5.2 Tami & Tom Turner

Council received correspondence, from residents Tami and Tom Turner, expressing concerns over the Town's recent electrical rate increase and communications.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT items 5.1 and 5.2 be received and filed." Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Staff Report to Council

Council received the February 29, 2024 Report to Council.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT the February 29, 2024 Staff Report to Council be received and filed." Motion carried.

6.2 Staff Report – Town Hall Exterior Conservation Pricing

Council received a staff report presenting them with requested pricing for the renovation of the exterior of Town Hall.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council approve the change orders to Schedule B, C, D and E and direct staff to make arrangements for Mid-Valley Construction to proceed with this work.” Motion carried.

6.3 Staff Report – Update on Home Charger Pilot Program

Council received a staff report updating them on the Smart Home Charger Pilot Program.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to begin the Home Charger Pilot Program effective April 1, 2024 with funds for the program, \$12,000 over two year, to be included in Grow the Load Initiatives in the 2024-25 annual budget.” Motion carried.

6.4 Staff Report – Maritime Municipal Electric Utility Alliance (MMEUA) MOU

Council received a staff report to present them with a recommendation to sign the Municipal Electrical Utility Alliance (MMEUA) Memorandum of Understanding.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council direct the Mayor to sign the Maritime Municipal Electrical Utility Alliance Memorandum of Understanding.” Motion carried.

6.5 Staff Report – Crosswalk Improvements

Council received a staff report to present them with a recommendation for accessibility improvements to crosswalks for consideration in the 2024-25 budget process.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council refer the Crosswalk Accessibility project to the 2024-25 budget process for consideration.” Motion carried.

7 Council Items

7.1 Mayor Devenne – Council Remuneration Committee Applications

Council received applications from three residents, interested in serving on the Council Remuneration Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Kim Saunders, David Lesiuk and Colleen O’Neill be appointed to the Council Remuneration Committee.” Motion carried.

7.2 Councillor Carver – Limited Time Parking

Council received a request from Councillor Carver concerning limited time parking, following up on her notice of motion made at Council’s January 25, 2024 Council meeting.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report considering options to institute time-limited parking for Town-owned parking areas, including enforcement considerations.” Motion carried.

7.3 Councillor Carver – Representative Volunteers

Council received a request from Councillor Carver concerning recognition of volunteers who have received the annual Representative Volunteer Award.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council direct staff to compile a list of all Volunteer of the Year awards that are on record in Town files and that this list be posted on the Town website with annual updates.” Motion carried.

Councillor Nowe gave a notice of motion concerning recognition of volunteers.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 South Shore Open Doors Association (SSODA)

Council received the January 2024 monthly report of SSODA as well as the Shelter Report.

8.2 Climate and Environment Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting of the Climate and Environment Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council refer items arising from the February 7, 2024 meeting of the Climate and Environment Committee to the next agenda of the Policy and Strategy Committee.” Motion carried.

8.3 Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

8.4 Asset Management Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the February 15, 2024 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council refer the suggested motions in the February 15, 2024 minutes of the Asset Management Committee to the next meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee.” Motion carried.

8.5 Audit and Finance Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the February 15, 2024 meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee.

8.6 Community Logo Development Steering Team

Council received the draft minutes of the February 20, 2024 meeting of the Community Logo Development Steering Team.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council adopt the proposed logo from Ross Graphics as the new logo for the Town of Mahone Bay.” Motion carried.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, at 9:03 p.m., seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Contract Negotiations and Litigation or Potential Litigation as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(e) and 22(2)(f) respectively. Motion carried.

Council came out of closed session at 9:30p.m.

Council adjourned at 9:31 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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