



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday May 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor David Devenne
Deputy Mayor F. Kangata (arrived at 7:11pm)
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor S. Lohnes-Croft
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor K. Wilson
Deputy CAO, E. Levy CAO
Town Clerk, K. Munroe

Absent:

CAO, D. Heide (with regrets)

Gallery:

Online & 1 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 Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add Notice of Motion under new business."

Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the May 14, 2024 regular meeting of Council be approved as amended."

Motion carried.

3. Public Input Session

Valerie Header – Update on Communities in Bloom, request for financial support

4. Presentations

No presentations.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Honourable John Lohr, Municipal Affairs and Housing

Council received correspondence from John Lohr, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, concerning the Royal Assent of the Financial Measures Act in the Nova Scotia Legislature. The Act includes several amendments to the Municipal Government Act, the Halifax Regional Municipal Charter and the Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality Act.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT item 5.1 be received and filed." Motion carried.

5.2 Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Council received a Public Hearing notice from the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg concerning the establishment of Coastal Protection regulations through an amended Municipal Planning Strategy and new Municipal-Wide Land Use Bylaw.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT Council direct staff to review the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's proposed Coastal Protection Regulations for items that might impact Mahone Bay and report back to Council." Motion carried.

5.3 Penny Carver, Communities in Bloom

Council received correspondence from Penny Carver of Communities in Bloom, updating Council on the group's work and thanking them for the Town's support.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Staff Report to Council

Council received the May 30, 2024 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the May 30, 2024 Staff Report to Council be received and filed." Motion carried.

7 Council Items

7.1 Councillor Carver

Councillor Carver gave Notice of Motion at the May 14, 2024 meeting of Council concerning the development of a filming policy for the Town.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, "THAT Council direct staff to prepare a draft Film Production Policy for the Town that will ensure that

filming has minimal disruption to the daily life of citizens, businesses, and visitors by describing requirements for such factors as permitting, traffic control, and effective communication protocols with all stakeholders, as well as any other relevant factors, and further that the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce be consulted in the preparation of the draft policy.” Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Climate & Environment Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 1, 2024 meeting of the Climate & Environment Committee.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT by way of responding to the letter sent on February 26, 2024, to all municipalities by The Hon. John A. Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and The Hon. Timothy Halman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Council formally request the Federation of Nova Scotia Municipalities to engage with the Government of Nova Scotia to ensure that all coastal communities are fully equipped to effectively protect and manage our coast and to adapt to climate change, including by:

1. enacting amendments to the Municipal Government Act:

(a) to grant coastal municipalities clear regulatory powers with respect to the control and management of all aspects of coastal protection and development; and

(b) to extend the territorial jurisdiction of coastal municipalities to adjacent near shore areas that are

(i) solely under provincial jurisdiction; and

(ii) reasonably necessary for purposes of protecting the community from, and facilitating its adaptation to, the oceanic effects of climate change; and

(c) to exempt municipalities, their councilors and staff from any action or proceeding in respect of anything done or omitted to be done by any of them in the good faith exercise of a power or performance of any duty or function related to coastal protection and development including any errors or omissions in decisions, maps, plans and zoning designations or boundaries and any decision, action taken or structure installed or erected for purposes of protecting the community from sea-level rise, flooding, and other impacts attributable to climate change; and

2. establishing arrangements by which regular and adequate funding will be provided:

(a) to equip Nova Scotia communities to be safe and resilient to climate change; and

(b) to enable coastal communities to provide programs, services and infrastructure related to coastal protection and management; and

(c) without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to ensure that municipal governments possess the capacities and resources necessary for climate change adaptation and resilience and for coastal protection and management including: staff; the data and technologies required for site-specific flood and erosion mapping; relocation and re-engineering of municipal infrastructure; development of community adaptation and resilience; enhancement and management of green infrastructure; nature based solutions for coastal protection; and administration and enforcement of community coastal management and climate change adaptation regimes.”

Motion withdrawn.

8.2 Council Remuneration Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 1, 2024 meeting of the Council Remuneration Committee.

8.3 Council Remuneration Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 14 2024 meeting of the Council Remuneration Committee.

8.4 Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 8, 2024 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

8.5 Cemetery Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 16, 2024 meeting of the Cemetery Committee.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to bring a revised draft Cemetery Bylaw to the next meeting of the Cemetery Committee with revisions focusing on updating fee structures.” Motion carried.

8.6 Asset Management Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the May 16, 2024 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

8.7 South Shore Open Doors (SSODA) Association

Council received the April 2024 monthly report of SSODA.

9. New Business

Notice of Motion

Councillor Wilson gave Notice of Motion concerning ownership of the Solar Garden. This item will appear on the June 11, 2024 Council agenda.

10. Closed Session

No closed session.

Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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