



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday July 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor David Devenne
Deputy Mayor F. Kangata
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor S. Lohnes-Croft
Councillor R. Nowe
Councillor K. Wilson
CAO, D. Heide
Town Clerk, K. Munroe

Absent:

Deputy CAO, E. Levy (with regrets)

Gallery:

Online & 9 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 Nowe, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add 10.3 MGA 22(2)(c) Personnel Matters." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the July 9, 2024 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nowe, "THAT the minutes of the July 17, 2024 special meeting of Council be approved as presented." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, "THAT the minutes of the July 19, 2024 special meeting of Council be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

3. Public Input Session

4. Presentations

No presentations.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Valerie Hearder, Spokesperson, Talking Trees

Council received correspondence from Valerie Hearder with information about multiflora rose (an invasive species) and a request that the Town expand their maintenance program to remove the plant from public property and develop an educational campaign for residents.

5.2 Honourable Barbara Adams, Minister, Office of Equity & Anti-Racism

Council received correspondence from Minister Adams, with information about regulations that were recently approved concerning equity and anti-racism. The correspondence also included guidance documents and resources for municipalities.

5.3 Scott Tanner, Chair, Three Churches Foundation

Council received correspondence from Scott Tanner, informing them of a potential upcoming event.

5.4 Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Council received correspondence from Minister Lohr concerning a new agreement between the province and the federal government under the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF).

5.5 Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Council received correspondence from Minister Lohr with information about the provinces Emergency Alert System.

5.6 Erin Lowe, Deputy CAO, Municipality of the District of Chester

Council received a request from Erin Lowe to adjust the end date of the Lunenburg County Anti-Racism & Diversity Inter-Municipal Regional Agreement to September 30, 2026.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT items 5.1 to 5.5 be received and filed."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council approve adjusting the proposed end date of the Lunenburg County Anti-Racism & Diversity Inter-Municipal Regional Agreement to September 30, 2026.”

Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT item 5.6 be referred to the next meeting of the next Policy and Strategy Committee for further consideration.”

Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Staff Report to Council

Council received the July 24, 2024 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT item 6.1 be received for information.”

Motion carried.

6.2 Staff Report – 2024-25 Business Plan

Council received a staff report with the draft 2024-25 Town of Mahone Bay Business Plan.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council approve the 2024-25 Business Plan as presented.”

Motion carried.

6.3 Staff Report Council Remuneration Review Committee Follow UP

Council received a staff report fulfilling the motions passed from the Council Remuneration Review Committee Report submitted to Council for consideration on June 27, 2024

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council direct staff to prepare an amended draft Council Remuneration Policy to increase Council remuneration by 25% and add provisions for dependent care to not exceed \$3,000 annually per member.”

Motion carried.

6.4 Staff Report – Update on Election 2024

Council received a staff report with an update on the planning and actions taken to date in preparation of the 2024 Town of Mahone Bay election.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council receive this report for information.”

Motion carried.

6.5 Staff Report – Town Hall Parking and Access

Council received a staff report with updates and a request for direction on several related capital projects entering construction shortly.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council direct staff to issue the tender for the combined Orchard/Parish Paving and Town Hall Parking and Accessibility project as soon as possible.” Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to survey the public concerning colour options for the exterior of Town Hall.” Motion carried.

6.6 Staff Report – Natural Playground

Council received a staff report requesting Council direction concerning the natural playground in Jubilee Park.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council defer discussion of further investments in the Jubilee Park Playground to January 2025.” Motion carried.

6.7 Staff Report – Housing Accelerator Fund 2

Council received a staff report providing them with information on the Housing Accelerator Fund 2 (HAF 2) available from the Government of Canada via the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council receive this report for information.” Motion carried.

6.8 Staff Report – Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation

Council received a staff report with a recommendation to direct staff to submit an application to the Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation program, for a feasibility study to look at the viability of projects to manage stormwater runoff from Ernst Brook.

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to submit a full application to the Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation FCM-GMF grant for a feasibility study on stormwater management in Ernst Brook.” Motion carried.

6.9 Staff Report – Volunteer Recognition

Council received a staff report providing them with information on the feasibility of the Town hosting an annual volunteer recognition event.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council direct staff to develop a Volunteer Recognition Program that will include a Volunteer Recognition Ceremony as part of a regular Council meeting.” Motion carried.

6.10 Staff Report – Solar Lane

Council received a staff report presenting them with a recommended motion to designate the road from Main Street to the Town’s solar garden as a public street.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Mahone Bay as follows:

WHEREAS the lands described in the Plan of Survey prepared by Strum Consulting attached hereto as Schedule “A” (“The Subject Land”) currently constitutes part of a private road owned by the Town;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Town of Mahone Bay has determined that it is in the best interests of the Town to open the Subject Land to the public as a Town street;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Town of Mahone Bay has caused the Plan of Survey attached hereto as Schedule “A” to be completed, and this Plan of Survey has been filed in the Office of the Clerk for the Town of Mahone Bay, and will be filed at the Lunenburg County Land Registration Office in due course in accordance with section 312(2) of the MGA;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE DECLARED that the Subject Land is hereby opened as a Town Street to be known as “Solar Lane” Motion carried.

7 Council Items

7.1 Report of the Clerk – Cemetery Bylaw

The Clerk provided a report concerning the Public Hearing held on July 25, 2024 on amendments to the Town’s Cemetery Bylaw.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council provide second reading to the amended Cemetery Bylaw, as presented.”

Motion carried.

7.2 Report of the Clerk – Stormwater Management Bylaw

The Clerk provided a report concerning the Public Hearing held on July 25, 2024 on the new Stormwater Management Bylaw.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, “THAT Council direct staff to amend the Stormwater Management Bylaw and bring back to Council in March of 2025.” Motion defeated.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Nowe, “THAT Council provide second reading to the Stormwater Management Bylaw, as presented.” Motion carried.

7.3 Report of the Clerk – Subdivision Bylaw

The Clerk provided a report concerning the Public Hearing held on July 25, 2024 on the new Subdivision Bylaw.

A motion by Councillor Nowe, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council provide second reading to the Subdivision Bylaw, as presented.” Motion carried.

7.4 Councillor Feeney – Letter Recommendation from Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received a draft letter that the Heritage Advisory Committee is recommending be signed by the Mayor and forwarded to the MacLeod Group, the owner of 630 & 640 Main Street.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct the Mayor to sign the letter to the MacLeod Group, as presented.” Motion carried.

7.5 Councillor Carver – Notice of Motion

Councillor Carver gave a Notice of Motion at a special meeting of Council held on July 17, 2024, concerning notifications around time-limited parking institution.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council direct staff to provide 60 days’ notice to the owners of all properties located within 30 metres of a parking area which is to become subject to time-limited parking, prior to the institution of the limitation.” Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 South Shore Open Doors Association (SSODA)

Council received the June 2024 monthly report of SSODA.

8.2 Heritage Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the July 10, 2024 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

8.3 Asset Management Committee

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

8.4 Climate & Environment Advisory Committee

Council received the draft minutes of the July 18, 2024 meeting of the Climate & Environment Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kangata, “THAT Council receive the Committee Reports for information.” Motion carried.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Lohnes-Croft, at 9:24 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 arose from closed session at 10:04 p.m.

Business Arising

There was no business arising from closed session.

Council adjourned at 10:05 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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