



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:10 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor S. Lohnes-Croft
Deputy Mayor C. Kingsmill
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor J. Feeney
Councillor R. Twanow
Councillor B. Palfreyman
Councillor K. Wilson
CAO, D. Heide
Deputy CAO, E. Levy
Town Clerk, K. Munroe

Absent:

Gallery:

Online & 4 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.

New Council Swearing-In

The Returning Officer presented the results of the 2020 Municipal and School Board Elections:

Office of the Mayor: Suzanne Lohnes-Croft 354 (elected)
Tony Sampson 290

Office of Council: Penny Carver 370 (Elected)
Aaron Michael Collery 160
Joseph Maxwell Feeney 420 (Elected)
Colin Kingsmill 421 (Elected)
William D. Lewis 264
Richard L. Nowe 283
Bryan Palfreyman 390 (Elected)

Rebecca Twanow 363 (Elected)
Kelly Wilson 351 (Elected)

The Clerk performed the Official Swearing in of Mayor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft. Mayor Lohnes-Croft presented outgoing Mayor, David Devenne with a gift from Council and staff.

Mayor Lohnes-Croft performed the swearing in of new Council members.

Call to Order

Based on the Town of Mahone Bay Council policy, the candidate in the election who received the most votes is appointed the Deputy Mayor.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, "THAT Colin Kingsmill be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the Town of Mahone Bay."

Motion carried.

1. Agenda

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

2. Public Input Session

No public members.

3. Presentations

No presentations.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Julie Langille, Chief of Protocol, Protocol & Honours Secretariat

Council received correspondence with information about the first official King's Portrait, which was delivered to Town Hall in October.

5.2 Jamie Myra, Mayor, Town of Lunenburg

Council received a letter from Mayor Jamie Myra, congratulating Mayor Lohnes-Croft on the election and extended an invitation to collaborate with Mahone Bay Town Council.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT a response letter is drafted to Mayor Myra and Town of Lunenburg Council."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Kingsmill, "THAT Council receive and file items 5.1."

Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Staff Report – LLCA – CRPP Application

Council received a staff report to provide them with a recommendation to apply for funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council direct staff to apply for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation: Climate-Ready Plans and Processes for the Town of Mahone Bay Climate Readiness Initiative.” Motion carried.

7 Council Items

7.1 Mayor Lohnes-Croft

Council discussed appointments to external boards and appointments.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Councillor Feeney, Mayor Lohnes-Croft and Deputy Mayor Kingsmill be appointed to the Municipal Joint Services Board. Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, “THAT Mayor Lohnes-Croft, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Feeney (alternate) be appointed to the AREA Board until Council reconsiders committee appointments.” Motion carried.

7.2 Mayor Lohnes-Croft

A motion Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council direct staff to draft a letter for the Mayor’s signature addressed to the Honorable Tim Houston, Premier, and the Honorable Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables, regarding the financial and administrative burden imposed on municipal electrical utilities in Nova Scotia, uniquely among the Atlantic Provinces, by the regulatory requirements of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board and requesting legislative intervention, copying the Mayors of Berwick, Antigonish and Lunenburg and the Chair of the Riverport Electric Light Commission.” Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 South Shore Open Doors Association

Council received the Monthly Report of the South Shore Open Doors Association for the month of September.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT this item be received and filed.” Motion carried.

8.2 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

Council received the Monthly Report of the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program for the month of October.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT this item be received and filed." Motion carried.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Carver, at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss items permitted in the Municipal Government Act sections 22(2)(e) Contract Negotiations and 22(2)(f) Litigation or Potential Litigation. Motion carried.

Council arose from closed session at 9:36 p.m.

Business Arising

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, "THAT Council approve the change order for removal of the external fire escape from the third floor of Town Hall and addition of an interior fire escape to the rear of the building." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to prepare a response to the letter from Sampson-Walsh correspondence to appear on the December 10, 2024 Council Agenda." Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 9:38 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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