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A special meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Monday, December 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft  
Deputy Mayor Colin Kingsmill  
Councillor Kelly Wilson  
Councillor Joseph Feeney  
Councillor Penny Carver  
Councillor Rebecca Twanow (remote)  
Councillor Bryan Palfreyman (remote)  
CAO, Dylan Heide  
Deputy CAO, Eric Levy

Absent:

**Let us begin by acknowledging that we are gathered today in Mi'km a'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. Approval of Agenda**

Councillor Carver suggested the addition of an item at the end of the agenda to go over some current projects and timelines. Mayor Lohnes-Croft suggested adding an item to discuss and debrief the recent long power outage in Mahone Bay.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended.”** **Motion carried.**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

2.1 Regular Meeting – November 18, 2024

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, **“THAT the minutes from November 18, 2024 be approved as circulated.”** **Motion carried.**

## 2.2 Special Meeting – December 2, 2024

A motion by Councillor Carver , seconded by Councillor Feeney, **“THAT the minutes from December 2, 2024 be approved as circulated.”**  
**Motion carried.**

## 3. Agenda Items

### 3.1 Town Council Policy

The Committee completed their review of the Town Council Policy and provided suggestions on potential amendments.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson , **“THAT the Committee recommend that Council adopt the amended Town Council Policy.”**

**Motion carried.**

### 3.2 Strategic Planning Survey Draft

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, **“THAT the survey be amended as discussed and then circulated to the public in January.”**

**Motion carried.**

### 3.3 Public Participation in Planning Policy

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT the Committee recommend that Council adopt the updated Public Participation in Planning Policy.”**

**Motion carried.**

### 3.4 Current Priorities and Timelines

The Committee discussed some priorities coming up in the new year and the need for public engagement about them, including the Edgewater Street Project.

### 3.5 Discussion on the Debrief of the Power Outage last Weekend

The Committee discussed the recent planned power outage from Nova Scotia Power which impacted Mahone Bay and neighboring communities. Questions of the operational relationship between the Mahone Bay Electric Utility and Nova Scotia Power, as well as how the outage was handled, were fielded by the CAO.

## 4.0 Next Meeting

### 4.1 Date and Time

The next regular meeting of that Policy and Strategy Committee will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, January 27, 2025.

### 4.2 Agenda for next meeting

The agenda will be determined at a later date.

## 5.0 Adjournment

**With no further agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 9:29pm .**

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Chair, Mayor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft

Deputy CAO, Eric J. Levy