

A meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

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

Absent:

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. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Twanow "THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of item 3.6 Standing Agenda Item – New Business."
Motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Regular Meeting – December 16, 2024

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the minutes from December 16, 2024 be approved as circulated."
Motion carried.

3. Agenda Items

3.1 Committees Policy

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT the Committee recommend **that Council adopt the amended Committees Policy** as amended."

Communications Committee

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the Committee recommend that Council adopt the Communications Committee Terms of Reference."

Motion carried.

Nominating Committee

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Twanow, "THAT the Committee recommend that Council adopt the Nominating Committee Terms of Reference."

Motion carried.

Audit and Finance Committee

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the Committee recommend that Council adopt the Audit and Finance Committee Terms of Reference and that reviews and necessary amendments to ensure the Committee is compliant with the Financial Reporting and Accounting Manual are carried out within 16 months."

Motion carried.

3.2 Appointments of Public Members of Committees (Item 7.2 January 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting)

A motion by Councillor Palfreyman, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the Committee recommend that Council appoint public members to committees of Council as outlined in the attached document."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, "THAT the Committee recommend that Council appoint Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, Councillor Twanow, and Councillor Carver to the Communications Committee."

Motion carried.

3.3 Expense Policy Amendments

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the Committee recommend that Council adopt the amended Expense and Hospitality Policy."

Motion carried.

3.4 Economic Development and Housing Discussion Scheduling

The committee finalized the schedule for the Strategic Planning process to take place February 14, 15, and 28, with a final orientation session – on economic development and housing – scheduled for 7 PM on February 10, 2025.

3.5 New Business

The Committee discussed the potential of adding a "New Business" standing item to the agenda. Consensus was reached that this was not required and Committee members could request the addition of agenda items during the "Approval of Agenda" if needed.

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, February 24, 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 8:55 pm.

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Chair, Mayor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft

Deputy CAO, Eric J. Levy