



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

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

Absent:

Town Clerk, K. Munroe (Regrets)

Gallery:

Online & 3 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.

Call to Order

1. Agenda

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the January 14, 2025 regular council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

3. Public Input Session

4. Presentations

4.1 Lunenburg County Wheels

Jerome Tanner, Harry Beach and Daron Lantz presented to Council on behalf of Lunenburg County Wheels, updating Council on finances and ridership.

5. Correspondence

5.1 South Shore Housing Action Coalition (SSHAC) Letter to ToMB Council

Council received correspondence from SSHAC congratulating them on their recent election. It also encouraged them to consider local opportunities around issues related to housing and homelessness.

5.2 Emergency Management – Office of the Minister

Council received correspondence from Kim Masland, Minister of Emergency Management introducing new protocols for Emergency Management.

5.3 First Responder’s 2025 Wellness Symposium Letter

Council received correspondence from the First Responder’s Wellness Symposium Society requesting financial support.

5.4 Industrial Inquiry Commission

Council received correspondence from the Commission seeking input on the future of Canada Post.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.4 be received and filed. Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council direct staff to write a letter to the First Responder’s Wellness Symposium group instructing them on the Town’s protocols for receiving grants to organizations.” Motion carried.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Staff Report to Council – January 30, 2025

Council received the January 30, 2025 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Twanow, “THAT the January 30, 2025 Staff Report to Council be accepted for information.” Motion carried.

6.2 Staff Report – Edgewater Street Washroom Project Update

Council received a staff report to provide them with an update on the Edgewater Street public washroom project.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council approves the public washroom designs as presented and directs staff to issue the tender for renovation of the public washrooms on Edgewater Street.” Motion carried.

7 Council Items

7.1 Councillor Carver – Invitation to Representative for Be the Peace Institute

Councillor Carver gave notice of motion at the January 14th, 2025 Council Meeting concerning the municipal role in cases of intimate partner violence.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council invite a representative of the Be The Peace Institute to speak with Council about issues pertaining to intimate partner violence and gender-based violence with particular focus on the municipal role in addressing these problems in order that Council may consider relevant and appropriate actions.” Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 South Shore Open Doors Association – Monthly Report – December 2024

Council received the monthly report of the South Shore Open Doors Association for the month of December.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Twanow, “THAT item 8.1 be received for information.” Motion carried.

Feeney – Twanow – for information

8.2 Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes

Council received the January 23, 2025 minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council approve the request to alter the exterior of 63 Edgewater Street, as shown in submitted drawings.” Motion carried.

8.3 Policy & Strategy Committee Minutes

Council received the minutes of the January 27, 2025 meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee.

A motion Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Twanow, “THAT Council adopt the amended Committees Policy.” Motion carried.

A motion Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “THAT Council adopt the amended Communications Committee Terms of Reference.” Motion carried.

A motion Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council adopt the Nominating Committee Terms of Reference." Motion carried.

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

A motion Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council appoint public members to committees of Council as outlined in the attached document." Motion carried.

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

A motion Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "that Council adopt the amended Expense and Hospitality Policy." Motion carried.

9. New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Contract Negotiations as permitted in the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(e)." Motion carried.

Council arose from closed session at 8:42 p.m.

Council adjourned at 8:43 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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2025 Public Members of Committees Appointments

- Asset Management
 - Dean Waterfield
 - Nick Pavlinic
 - Helga Baxter
 - David Lesiuk
- Audit and Finance
 - David Lesiuk
 - Darryl Haley
- Cemetery
 - Susan Maples
- Climate and Environment
 - Amanda Montgomery
 - Craig Steward
 - Sarah Riley
 - Veryan Haysom
 - John Evarts
 - Gregg Little
- Police Advisory Board
 - Anette St. Onge
 - Garry Macey
 - Tony Sampson
- Planning Advisory Committee
 - Greg Muzzatti
 - Katherine McCarron
 - Helga Baxter
 - Danielle King
- South Shore Library
 - Katherine McCarron
- Watershed Advisory
 - Dave Corkum