



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 7:00 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 B. Palfreyman
Councillor R. Twanow
Councillor K. Wilson
CAO, D. Heide
Town Clerk, K. Munroe

Absent:

Deputy CAO, E. Levy (regrets)

Gallery:

Online & 11 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 Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add items 12.1 MGA 22(2)(e) Contract Negotiations."

Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, "THAT the minutes of the February 11, 2025 regular council meeting be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

3. Announcements by Council Members

Councillor Carver gave updates on meetings and training she has attended.

4. Public Input Session

Veryan Haysom, Fairmont Street, concerns about local economy.

5. Presentations

5.1 Adam Ekins, Chief, MBDFD

Council received Chief Ekins quarterly report, as well as a letter from the department requesting that the Town remove all speed humps.

5.2 Kate Cocks – Faerie Paths of Mahone Bay

Kate Cocks presented to Council seeking support for the Faerie Trails of Mahone Bay Project, a year-round walking trail installation designed to attract visitors.

5.3 Sue Bookchin, Be the Peace Institute

Sue Bookchin of Be the Peace Institute presented to Council on Municipal Leadership in preventing gender-based violence.

5.4 Hailey Thomson & Leo Kilfoil, Representatives from Bayview Community School

Hailey Thomson and Leo Kilfoil presented to Council requesting that Council consider allocating funds to widen Clearway Street, in the area of the school, during their 2025-26 budget deliberations.

Councillor Wilson provided notice of motion concerning the widening of Clearway Street.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs

Council received correspondence from Hon. John Lohr asking Council to signal support for greater resource development within our province, in response to possible new fiscal challenges.

a. Response from NSFM

Council received correspondence from Pam Mood, President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, in response to Hon. John Lohr's letter. The correspondence included a request to allow NSFM to seek clarity on the issues raised before reacting.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT these items be received and filed." Motion withdrawn.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, “Defer item 6.1 to a future Town Council meeting.” Motion carried.

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Staff Report to Council – February 27, 2025

Council received the February 27, 2025 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, “THAT the February 27, 2025 Staff Report to Council be accepted for information.”

Motion carried.

7.2 Staff Report – Volunteer Recognition Program

Council received a staff report on a proposed Volunteer Recognition Program.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council adopt the proposed Volunteer Recognition Program.” Motion carried.

7.3 Staff Report – Transportation Update

Council received a staff report providing them with requested information concerning transportation projects and initiatives.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the introduction of time limited parking on Main and Clearway Streets with public notification to all community members via regular modes of communication.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, “THAT a convex mirror be placed at the bottom of Pleasant Street on a pilot basis.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council direct staff to act on their recommendation to remove the problem vegetation at the corner of Pleasant and Main Streets.” Motion defeated.

A motion by Councilor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, “THAT Council direct staff to extend the no parking zone to the East of the Pleasant-Main intersection by one car length, and not to proceed with removal of problem vegetation at the corner until the convex mirror pilot has been evaluated in 6-months.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council direct staff to include cost for zebra marking crosswalks in 2025-26 budget.” Motion carried.

Councillor Palfreyman provided notice of motion concerning decorative crosswalks.

8. Council Items

7.1 Councillor Feeney – Communities in Bloom

Councillor Feeney gave Notice of Motion concerning Communities in Bloom's grant request at the February 11, 2025 Council meeting.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, "THAT Council approve an appropriation in the amount of \$260 to support Mahone Bay's Communities in Bloom group participation in the national program by covering the 2025 fee due on February 28, 2025 as well as \$43.60 for society registration." Motion carried.

7.3 Councillor Wilson – Committee Appointments

Councillor Wilson gave Notice of Motion concerning committee appointments at the February 11, 2025 Council meeting.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, "THAT Council appoint Tami Turner to the Asset Management Committee, Lorrie Roberts to the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee, Lantz Geck to the Heritage Advisory Committee and Laurie LaPlante to the Heritage Advisory Committee."

Motion carried.

9. Committee Reports

8.1 South Shore Open Doors Association

Council received the January 2025 report of the South Shore Open Doors Association (SSODA).

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill "THAT item 8.1 be received and filed." Motion carried.

10. New Business

No new business.

11. Questions/Comments

12. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, 10:02 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 10:35 p.m.

13. Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council authorize Mayor Lohnes-Croft to sign in acceptance of Provincial funding as may be received for the Edgewater Street and Edgewater Public Washrooms projects.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, “THAT Council increase the revolving facility for operating expenditures, through the Bank of Montreal, from \$350,000 to \$1,350,000 in accordance with MGA NS S.84.” Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council approve the draw on the revolving facility (Facility #1) , through the Bank of Montreal, ‘operating line’ in the amount of \$1,350,000, for operating purposes” Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 10:38 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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