



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, March 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 B. Palfreyman
Councillor K. Wilson
CAO, D. Heide
Deputy CAO, E. Levy

Absent:

Town Clerk, K. Munroe (regrets)
Councillor J. Feeney (regrets)
Councillor R. Twanow (regrets)

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.

Call to Order

1. Agenda

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

2. Minutes

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, "THAT the minutes of the March 11, 2025 regular council meeting be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

3. Announcements by Council Members

4. Public Input Session

There were no public comments.

5. Presentations

5.1 Kai Skinner, Lunenburg County Pride – Pride & Allyship

Kai Skinner presented to Council an overview of Lunenburg County Pride, local statistics on 2SLGBTQIA+ issues in Lunenburg County, and the importance of allyship.

5.2 Tim Merry, Mahone Bay United

Tim Merry presented on the last year of Mahone Bay United, including membership, successes, and challenges. Mr. Merry also identified several areas of improvement for the soccer field in 2025 and a request for additional funding from the Town.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Honourable John Lohr, Municipal Affairs – Request for Support

Council received correspondence from Minister Lohr requesting Councils to submit letters of support or press release in support of reductions in inter-provincial trade barriers.

6.2 Craig Steward Limited Time Parking

Council received correspondence from Craig Steward regarding time limited parking.

6.3 Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton – Stand for Canada Campaign

Council received correspondence from Mayor Brown on the Stand for Canada Campaign, a campaign to encourage local governments to stand in protecting local interests in the face of U.S. imposed tariffs.

6.4 Honourable Kim Masland, Emergency Management, Update on Municipal Disaster Financial Assistance Claims

Council received correspondence from Minister Masland with an update on Disaster Financial Assistance Claims processing times.

6.5 Honourable John Lohr, Municipal Affairs – Code of Conduct Training

Council received correspondence from Minister Lohr with an update on the mandatory Code of Conduct training.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council receive and file items 6.1 to 6.5”. Motion carried.

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Staff Report to Council – March 27, 2025

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

7.2 Staff Report – Draft Anti-Racism and Diversity Plan

Council received a staff report with a recommendation to approve the submission of the Draft Anti-Racism & Diversity Plan to the Province of Nova Scotia.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, seconded by Councillor Carver, “THAT Council approve the Draft Anti-Racism & Diversity Plan for submission to the Province of Nova Scotia, with understanding that the final Anti-Racism & Diversity Plan will be developed and submitted to Council for approval at a later date. Motion carried.

7.3 Staff Report – Draft 2025-2028 Accessibility Plan

Council received a staff report with a recommendation to approve the Lunenburg County Accessibility Plan to the Province of Nova Scotia.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, “THAT Council approve the Lunenburg County Accessibility Plan 2025-2028 as recommended by the Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee.” Motion carried.

7.4 Memo – MJSB Brush Tipping Fees for Residents

Council received a memo from the Municipal Joint Services Board outlining the recommended brush tipping fees for residents.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, seconded by Councillor Wilson, “THAT Council approve covering the associated costs for a 2025-2026 municipal tipping fee for brush of \$55/mt to allow residents to dispose of brush year-round under the FireSmart Program. Motion carried.

7.5 2025/26 REMO Operating Budget

Council received the Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) proposed operating budget.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, “THAT Council approve the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee budget representing Option 3 totaling \$405,417.06 with Mahone Bay contributing \$11,242.52.” Motion carried.

8. Council Items

8.1 Mayor Lohnes-Croft – Council Member Appointment to Lunenburg County Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Committee

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, “THAT Council appoint Councillor Carver to the Lunenburg County Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Committee.” Motion carried.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Municipal Joint Services Board – February 26, 2025

Council received the minutes from the February 26, 2025 meeting.

9.2 Planning Advisory Committee – Draft Minutes – March 4, 2025

Council received the draft minutes from the March 20, 2025 Asset Management Committee.

9.3 Audit & Finance Committee – Draft Minutes – March 20, 2025

Council received draft minutes of the March 20, 2025 Audit & Finance Committee meeting.

9.4 South Shore Open Doors Association – Monthly Report – February 2025

Council received the monthly report for February 2025 from the South Shore Open Doors Association.

9.5 Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program – Monthly Report – February 2025

Council received the monthly report for February 2025 from the Lunenburg County Senior Safety Program

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, “THAT Council receive and file items 9.1 to 9.5.” Motion carried

10. New Business

Council Palfreyman made a notice of motion that a future Policy and Strategy Meeting have a full discussion on parking in Mahone Bay.

11. Questions/Comments

12. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Carver, at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, “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 10:00 p.m.

13. Business Arising from Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, "THAT Council direct staff to apply for the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund to support the cost of Water and Wastewater infrastructure replacement along Main Street West."

Motion carried

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council approve Change Order #2 from CBCL in relation to the Edgewater Street Project, in the amount of \$30,000."

Motion carried

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Palfreyman, "THAT Council refer the proposed amendment of Land Use Bylaw Sections 6.4.1 and 16.2.1(i) to the Planning Advisory Committee, requesting a recommendation from the Committee's April 1st meeting."

Motion carried

Council adjourned at 10:04 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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Town Clerk, Kelly Munroe