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The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, May 29, 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  
Councillor R. Twanow  
Councillor K. Wilson  
CAO, D. Heide  
Town Clerk, K. Munroe

**Absent:**

**Gallery:**

Online & 5 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 Carver, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to defer item 5.1 Adam Ekins, Chief, Mahone Bay & District Fire Department – Quarterly Report to a future agenda." Motion carried.

**2. Minutes**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, "THAT the minutes of the May 9, 2025 special Council meeting be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Twanow, "THAT the minutes of the May 13, 2025 regular Council meeting be approved as circulated."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT the minutes of the May 16, 2025 special Council meeting be approved as circulated."

Motion carried.

### 3. Announcements by Council Members

Mayor Lohnes-Croft presented a certificate to Jenny Sandison, Mahone Bay's 2025 Representative Volunteer.

Mayor Lohnes-Croft informed Council that the Bay-to-Bay Trail's AGM is occurring on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### 4. Public Input Session

There were no public comments.

### 5. Presentations

#### 5.1 Adam Ekins, Chief, Mahone Bay & District Fire Department

This item was deferred.

#### 5.2 Keith Pomeroy, Chair, Mahone Bay Wooden Boat Society

Council received a presentation by Keith Pomeroy about the Mahone Bay Wooden Boat Society's concerns regarding an application by Blue Lantern for an aquaculture scallop farm in Mahone Bay Harbour.

### 6. Correspondence

#### 6.1 Christopher Quigley, Executive Director, ALCHEMIA Art Workshop

Council received correspondence from Christopher Quigley requesting a letter of endorsement from the Town of Mahone Bay for his workshop. This item was deferred from Council's May 13, 2025 Council meeting.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Twanow, "THAT the Town provides a letter of endorsement for the ALCHEMIA Art Workshop." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, "THAT item 6.1 be referred to the Communications Committee for consideration and advice on drafting a letter." Motion carried.

## 6.2 Keith Pomeroy, Chair, Mahone Bay Wooden Boat Society, Blue Lantern Proposal

Council received correspondence from Keith Pomeroy about the Mahone Bay Wooden Boat Society's concerns regarding an application by Blue Lantern for an aquaculture scallop farm in Mahone Bay Harbour.

## 6.3 Dan Beaudreau, Past President, Royal Canadian Legion Bridgewater Branch

Council received correspondence from Dan Beaudreau, requesting a letter of support from Mayor Lohnes-Croft allowing a low-level flyby over Mahone Bay on Remembrance Day.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, "THAT Council direct the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Royal Canadian Legion's 2025 Remembrance Day Flyby." Motion carried.

## 7. Staff Reports

### 7.1 Staff Report to Council – May 29, 2025

Council received the May 29, 2025 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT item 7.1 be received and filed." Motion carried.

### 7.2 Staff Report – Main Street Washroom Design Updated

Council received a staff report providing them with an update concerning the Public Washrooms Accessibility Project.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, "THAT Council approves the public washroom design, Option 1, as presented and directs staff to issue the tender for renovation of the public washrooms on Main Street." Motion carried.

## 8. Council Items

### 8.1 Heritage Property Public Hearing – 523 Main Street

Council held a Public Hearing to hear concerns from the owners of 523 Main Street before considering making a recommendation to register the property as a Municipal Heritage Property. The property owner did not attend the Public Hearing.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, "THAT Council direct staff to register the property located at 523 Main Street as a Municipal Heritage Property." Motion carried.

## 8.2 Councillor Palfreyman – Blue Lantern Shellfish

A motion by Councillor Palfreyman, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to write a letter in support of the submission of the Mahone Bay Wooden Boat Society and MICA to the province concerning the proposal from Blue Lantern Shellfish."

Motion carried.

## 9. Committee Reports

### 9.1 South Shore Open Doors Association

Council received the April 2025 monthly report of the South Shore Open Doors Association.

### 9.2 Asset Management Committee

Council received the May 22, 2025 draft Asset Management Committee meeting minutes.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, "THAT Council direct staff to write a letter to the province concerning the condition of Kedy Bridge."

Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Palfreyman, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT items 9.1 – 9.2 be received."

Motion carried.

## 10. New Business

### 10.1 Councillor Wilson – Information Received by Councilors

Councillor Wilson discussed the possibility of making public the answers to questions that Council members receive from staff outside of Council meetings.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, "THAT Council refer the discussion of how to make more of the information received by Council members available to the public Communications Committee."

Motion carried.

## 11. Questions/Comments

## 12. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, at 8:26p.m., seconded by Councillor Twanow, "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 9:27 p.m.

## 13. Business arising from closed session

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, “THAT Council approve the Change Order from Harbour Construction to upgrade the culvert serving Bayview Cemetery, in the amount of \$35,100+HST.” Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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