

A meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft
Deputy Mayor Colin Kingsmill
Councillor Kelly Wilson
Councillor Joseph Feeney
Councillor Penny Carver
Councillor Rebecca Twanow
Councillor Bryan Palfreyman
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 Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kingsmill, "THAT the agenda be amended to add to item 3.4 to discuss time of dispersal of agendas."

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Regular Meeting – January 27, 2025

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, "THAT the minutes from January 27, 2025 be approved as circulated."

Motion carried.

3. Agenda Items

3.1 Staff Report – Pro Kids/ProFund

The Committee discussed the staff report outlining options for a program to support children and youth to access recreation and cultural programming in the Town who may not be able to participate due to lack of funds.

A motion by Councillor Palfreyman, seconded by Councilor Twanow, “THAT the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to develop a grant program to Mahone Bay recreation and cultural organizations that will support participation of children and youth who may not be able to participate due to lack of funds.

3.2 Staff Report – Pool

The Committee discussed the Mahone Bay Pool and the future of the project including fundraising efforts.

3.3 Housing Accelerator Fund

The Committee discussed the budgeting plan process in the event of a favourable result of a Housing Accelerator Fund application.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, “THAT the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to bring back a report to the March meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee with proposals on the budget in the event of a favourable result of a Housing Accelerator Fund application.

Motion carried.

3.4 2025 Policies and Bylaws development/revision priorities

The committee discussed currently enacted and potential future Town policies and bylaws to prioritize reviews and development for 2025.

3.5 Dispersal of Council Agendas

The committee discussed the amount of time in advance of a Council meeting that the agenda would be distributed to Council. The Committee reached consensus that the agendas for a Tuesday Council meeting will be distributed the Thursday prior to the meeting.

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, March 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 9:20 pm.

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Chair, Mayor Suzanne Lohnes-Croft

Deputy CAO, Eric J. Levy