



The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

Present:

Mayor S. Lohnes-Croft
Deputy Mayor J. Feeney
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor B. Palfreyman
Councillor K. Wilson
CAO, D. Heide
Admin Asst, C. Blyth

Absent:

Town Clerk, K. Munroe

15 Online & 0 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 Feeney, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended with the deferral of item 8.2 Councillor Wilson – Motions to the February 26th Council Meeting.”** **Motion carried.**

2. Minutes

2.1 Special Council Meeting – January 9 2026

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes of the January 9, 2026 Special Council meeting.

2.2 Regular Council Meeting – January 13 2026

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes of the January 13, 2026 Regular Council meeting. Business arising from these minutes was discussed:

9.1 Committee Reports – Planning Advisory Committee – Deferred Motion
Council decided upon minor rewording of the original motion,

A motion by Councillor Palfreyman, seconded by Penny Carver, **“THAT the Terms of Reference for the Planning Advisory Committee be revised as follows:**

Committee Mandate

The responsibilities of the Planning Advisory Committee shall include:

- (a) Reviewing planning matters referred by Council and making recommendations to Council with respect to planning matters including Development Agreements and amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use Bylaw; and,**
 - (b) Reviewing planning matters, alternatives thereto and related options, as they arise, and making recommendations thereto to Council; and,**
 - (c) Initiating an update of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use Bylaws every 10 years.**
- Motion carried.**

3. Announcements by Council Members

Councillor Palfreyman shared Council’s appreciation of the snow-clearing work carried out by the Public Works department after multiple recent winter storms.

Mayor Lohnes-Croft announced that the Three Churches Foundation are holding a Chowder Fundraiser this weekend.

Mayor Lohnes-Croft reminded Council that a forum for nominated candidates in the Town’s Special Election will be held on February 4 2026 at 7pm at Mahone Bay Centre, hosted by the local Chamber of Tourism and Commerce.

4. Public Input Session

No persons present.

5. Presentations

No presentations.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Heather Limpert – re: Animal Control Bylaw – January 12, 2026

Council received above correspondence regarding the development and implementation of an Animal Control Bylaw for cats.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT item 6.1 be referred to the Policy and Strategy Committee for further discussion.”**

Motion carried.

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Staff Report to Council – January 29, 2026

Council received the January 29, 2026 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Councillor Palfreyman, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council accept the January 29, 2026 Staff Report to Council for information.”**

Motion carried.

8. Council Items

8.1 Mayor Lohnes-Croft – 2026 Appointment of Fire Chief

Further to the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department 2026 Election of Officers meeting on January 13, 2026, a list of Officers was announced. Councillor Carver expressed Council’s thanks to all members of the Fire Department.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Adam Ekins be appointed as Fire Chief of the Mahone Bay & District Fire Department for 2026, on recommendation of the members.”**

Motion carried.

8.2 Councillor Wilson – Motions

Councillor Wilson requested that this item be deferred to the February 26th meeting.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Climate and Environment Advisory Committee

Council accepted the draft minutes of the January 7, 2026 meeting of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee.

9.2 Asset Management Committee

Council accepted the draft minutes of the January 15, 2026 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

10. New Business

Councillor Carver gave Notice of Motion for the February 10th Council meeting re: 2026 Communities in Bloom program registration.

11. Questions/Comments

Dave Highfield of 232 Hawthorn Road, Mahone Bay posted a question on YouTube concerning Town debt. Deputy Mayor Feeney responded to the question.

12. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Palfreyman, at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters MGA 22(2)(c), Contract Negotiations MGA 22(2)(e) and Legal advice MGA 22(2)(g).”** Motion carried.

Council arose from Closed Session at 9:26 p.m.

13. Business arising from closed session

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council approve the proposal for additional construction phase services from CBCL Ltd. in the amount of \$87,150, in relation to the Edgewater Project.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council approve Change Order #15 from Harbour Construction in the amount of \$12,000+HST, in relation to the Edgewater Project.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Palfreyman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Feeney, **“THAT Council approve Change Order #16 from Harbour Construction in the amount of \$46,241.20+HST, in relation to the Edgewater Project.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council approve Change Order #17 from Harbour Construction in the amount of \$553.35+HST, in relation to the Edgewater Project.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, **“THAT Council approve Proposals A and B from Cahill in the amount of \$24,165+HST in total, in relation to the Edgewater Project.”** Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 9:28 p.m. on conclusion of business.

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

Mayor, Suzanne Lohnes-Croft

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

Administrative Assistant, Clare Blyth