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The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and broadcast via YouTube live.

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Councillor B. Palfreyman (with regrets)  
Town Clerk, K. Munroe (with regrets)

8 Online & 6 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.

**African Nova Scotian History Month Acknowledgement**

Nova Scotia recognizes African Nova Scotians as a distinct, founding people with a 400-year history and over 50 historic, land-based communities. The province formally acknowledges this legacy of over 400 years—predating Canada's confederation—by celebrating African Heritage Month each year we are promoting the UN Decade for People of African Nova Descent.

**Call to Order**

**1. Agenda**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of Personnel Matters MGA 22(2)(c) under item 12. Closed Session.”** **Motion carried.**

## **2. Minutes**

### **2.1 Regular Council Meeting – January 29 2026**

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes of the January 29, 2026 Regular Council meeting.

## **3. Announcements by Council Members**

Councillor Carver announced that the Town is in the final week of the election for two new Councillors. There is also a Council Café taking place on Thursday February 11, 2026 from 11am-12 noon. It will be attended by Mayor Lohnes-Croft and Councillor Carver.

## **4. Public Input Session**

Heather Limpert of 88 Pleasant Street, Mahone Bay spoke to Council regarding the response to her correspondence on the Animal Control Bylaw that was presented at the meeting on January 29, 2026.

## **5. Presentations**

Jerome Tanner and Darren Lantz from Lunenburg County Wheels presented an update on the service and organisation. The Board is looking to operate under a new commercial license in order to diversify revenue streams. In order to do this, they are requesting a waiver for the taxi license.

Consideration for waiving a Taxi License in the Town of Mahone Bay for Lunenburg County Wheels was referred to the Policy and Strategy Committee, along with a review of the Taxi Bylaw.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **6.1 Nicholas MacInnis, Warden, Municipality of the County of Antigonish**

Council received correspondence from Warden MacInnis of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish to Premier Houston concerning Nova Scotia Power's 2026/27 power rate application.

A Motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Item 6.1 Letter to Premier re: NSPI rates be received and filed.”** **Motion carried.**

### **6.2 Tim Merry, Mahone Bay United – Letter re: 2026 Infrastructure Funding Requests**

Council received correspondence from Mr. Merry, Mahone Bay United, requesting \$10,000 in additional operations funding to support a field irrigation system.

A Motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT consideration of Mahone Bay United's funding requests be referred to the 2026/27 budget deliberations.”** **Motion carried.**

### 6.3 Tom MacEwan, CAO, Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Council received correspondence from Mr. MacEwan, representing the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee, requesting approval of the 2026/27 Regional Emergency Management Organization's proposed budget.

A Motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council approve the proposed 2026/27 Regional Emergency Management Organization budget, the Town of Mahone Bay's contribution being \$23,714.39.”** Motion carried.

## **7. Staff Reports**

### 7.1 Staff Report to Council – February 10, 2026

Council received the February 10, 2026 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council accept the February 10, 2026 Staff Report to Council for information.”**

**Motion carried.**

### 7.2 Staff Report – Hedge Row [Deferred from January 13, 2026]

Council received the January 13, 2026 Hedge Row Staff Report, requesting that Council direct staff to make Hedge Row one-way from Pleasant Street to Maple Street.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Feeney, **“THAT Council direct staff to update the Hedge Row Staff Report and provide this updated report to the March 10, 2026 Council meeting.”** Motion carried.

## **8. Council Items**

### 8.1 Councillor Carver – Motion for Communities in Bloom Registration Support

Councillor Carver requested that the Town formalize its participation and backing for Mahone Bay's participation in the 2026 Communities in Bloom program.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council direct staff to register the Town of Mahone Bay in the 2026 Communities in Bloom Atlantic Edition evaluated population category, paying the registration fee in the amount of \$495 with an accompanying letter indicating that the Town of Mahone Bay's 2026 participation represents a collaboration of Town and community groups and, further, to provide ongoing agreed-upon services and materials in-kind.”** Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Feeney gave Notice of Motion for the February 26, 2026 Council meeting where he will suggest formally appointing Councillor Carver as Council liaison to the Communities in Bloom group.

## **9. Committee Reports**

### **9.1 Policy & Strategy Committee – Draft Minutes – February 3, 2026**

Council accepted the draft minutes of the February 3, 2026 meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee for first reading.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council give first reading to the new Seasonal Sales Area Bylaw as amended.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council give first reading to the updated Streets and Sidewalks Bylaw as amended.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council give first reading to the updated Streets and Sidewalks Bylaw.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Council give first reading to the updated Streets and Sidewalks Bylaw as amended.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Feeney, **“THAT Council direct staff to organise a Public Hearing for review of the Seasonal Sales Area Bylaw, Streets and Sidewalks Bylaw, Special Events Bylaw and Temporary Vending Bylaw to take place on Tuesday February 24, 2026 at 7pm at Mahone Bay Fire Hall.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **“THAT Trudie Richards be appointed the Planning Advisory Committee.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Helga Baxter be appointed the Heritage Advisory Committee.”** Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Deane Nash be appointed to the Asset Management Committee.”** Motion carried.

### **9.2 Lunenburg County Senior’s Safety Program Report – January 2026**

Council reviewed the LCSSP report for January 2026.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Feeney, **“THAT Council receive and file Item 9.2.”** Motion carried.

## **10. New Business**

No new business.

## **11. Questions/Comments**

### **12. Closed Session**

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, at 10:40 a.m., seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters and Contract Negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act sections 22(2)(c) and 22(2)(e) respectively." Motion carried.

**Council arose from Closed Session at 11:31 a.m.**

### **13. Business arising from closed session**

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Feeney, "THAT Council approve Change Order #18 from Harbour Construction in the amount of \$45,790.26+HST, in relation to the Edgewater Project." Motion carried.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council approve the Region 6 budget for 2026-27 with the Town of Mahone Bay's contribution being \$1,704.80." Motion carried.

**Council adjourned at 11:33 p.m. on conclusion of business.**

**TOWN OF MAHONE BAY**

Mayor, Suzanne Lohnes-Croft

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Administrative Assistant, Clare Blyth