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

**Present:**
Mayor S. Lohnes-Croft
Deputy Mayor J. Feeney
Councillor K. Boon
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor B. Palfreyman
Councillor K. Wilson
CAO, D. Heide
Town Clerk, K. Munroe

**Absent:**
Councillor K. McCarron (regrets)

**Gallery:**
Online & 3 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 Councillor Palfreyman, **"THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add item 9.4 Update from Climate and Environment Committee."** **Motion carried.**

**2. Minutes**
There were no errors or omissions in the minutes of the May 25, 2026 special meeting of Council.

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes of the May 28, 2026 regular meeting of Council.

**3. Announcements by Council Members**

Councillor Boon – Successful run/walk event last weekend to raise funds and awareness for the Epilepsy Foundation.

Councillor Carver – Last week the Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee hosted an event for Accessibility Awareness Week, there was good attendance.

Mayor Lohnes-Croft – June 14th and 15th the Mahone Bay Museum will be hosting their annual Home and Garden Tour.

Mayor Lohnes-Croft – Appreciation of Mahone Bay Museum's participation in raising the flag for German Settler's Day.

Mayor Lohnes-Croft – Upgrades to the Bay to Bay Trail complete.

**4. Public Input Session**

Jim Evans, Maders Cove – Spoke to item 7.4 Staff Report – Stormwater Projects Update.

**5. Presentations**

Council received a presentation from Julie Langille, Chief of Protocol, Protocol and Honours Secretariat, with information about how to nominate someone for the Order of Nova Scotia.

**6. Correspondence**

No correspondence.

**7. Staff Reports**

7.1 Staff Report to Council – June 9, 2026

Council received the May 28, 2026 Staff Report to Council.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Boon, **"THAT the June 9, 2026 Staff Report to Council be accepted for information." Motion carried.**

7.2 Staff Report - Security Cameras on Public Property Policy

Council received a staff report providing them with a draft Security Cameras on Public Property Policy as directed. This policy was first received by Council at their May 28, 2026 regular meeting.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, **"THAT Council adopt the Security Cameras on Public Property Policy." Motion carried.**

7.3 Staff Report – Mahone Bay District Fire Department Memorial Request
Council received a staff report with a request from the Mahone Bay District Fire Department to allow them to install a memorial parkette next to the fire hall.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, **"THAT Council provide permission to the Mahone Bay District Fire Department to install a Fire Member Memorial on the grassy knoll on the north side of the fire hall, subject to final design approval by the Town."** **Motion carried.**

7.4 Staff Report – Stormwater Projects Update
Council received a staff report with an update concerning stormwater projects and potential funding.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **"THAT Council direct staff to apply to the Department of Natural Resources for use of the rail trail corridor for stormwater management purposes, in addition to its continued recreational use."** **Motion carried.**

7.5 Staff Report – Electrical Rate Flowthrough Application
Council received a staff report with a recommendation concerning application for flow through of electrical rate increases.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Boon, **"THAT Council direct staff to apply to the Nova Scotia Energy Board for the flow through of electrical rate increases equivalent to a 2.7% increase in customer rates, effective as soon as possible."** **Motion carried.**

7.6 Staff Report – Edgewater Trail Naming
Council received a staff report presenting them with the results of the public survey on the name of the multi-use trail along Edgewater Street.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, **"THAT Council name the new multi-use path along Edgewater Street as the 'Bay Way'."** **Motion carried.**

7.7 Staff Report – Planning/Development Services
Council received a staff report with information on alternatives for planning and development service delivery.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, **"THAT Council indicates to the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg the Town of Mahone Bay's intention to contract, from them, Planning and Development Services as well as Building and Fire Inspection Services, subject to the negotiation of the appropriate contractual arrangements, and invites a proposal from the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg in this regard, for consideration."** **Motion carried.**

**8. Council Items**
No Council items.

**9. Committee Reports**
9.1 Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program
Council received the May 2026 monthly report of the Seniors' Safety Program as well as their summer 2026 newsletter.

9.2 Asset Management Committee
Council received the draft minutes of the May 28, 2026 meeting of the Asset Management Committee.

9.3 Planning Advisory Committee
Council received the draft minutes of the June 2, 2026 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, **"THAT Council give first reading to the proposed amendment to the Town's Land Use Bylaw to rezone 19 Aberdeen Lane (PID: 60376456) to Residential Core." Motion carried.**

9.4 Climate and Environment Advisory Committee
Councillor Carver and Councillor Boon advised Council that the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee is considering how best to present to Council on a draft Nature Based Solutions Policy.

**10. New Business**
No new business.

**11. Questions/Comments**

**12. Closed Session**
A motion by Councillor Wilson, at 11:43 a.m., seconded by Councillor Boon, "THAT Council go into Closed Session to **discuss Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property, Personnel Matters, Alleged Breaches to the Municipality's Code of Conduct and Contract Negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(a), 22(2)(c), 22(2)(db) and 22(2)(e) respectively." Motion carried.**

**Council arose from Closed Session at 12:22 p.m.**

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Boon, **"THAT Council approve Change Order #27 from Harbour Construction, for replacement of the brick manhole at the intersection of Orchard and Parish Streets, at a cost of $17,280 +HST." Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, **“THAT Council approve the Change Order #28 from Harbour Construction, for the Clearland Road Water, Wastewater and Electrical Service Extensions, at a cost of $1,235,714.87 +HST.”**

**Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Carver, **“THAT Council approve the amended Ellershouse Wind Farm Power Purchase Agreement and non-reciprocal BUTU billing arrangement with Nova Scotia Power Inc., effective June 1, 2026.”**

**Motion carried.**

**Council adjourned at 12:25 p.m. on conclusion of business.**

**TOWN OF MAHONE BAY**

Mayor, Suzanne Lohnes-Croft

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