The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 7:00 p.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
Councillor K. McCarron
CAO, D. Heide

Absent:
Clerk, K. Munroe
DCAO, E. Levy

Gallery:
0 Online & 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 Palfreyman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Feeney, **"THAT the agenda be approved as amended to include Item 8.1 Bay Way Access Issues."**
Motion carried.

2. Minutes
There were no errors or omissions in the minutes of the June 9, 2026 regular meeting of Council.

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes of the June 10, 2026 special meeting of Council.

3. Announcements by Council Members

Councillor Palfreyman highlighted the success of the recent Mahone Bay Home and Garden Tour and thanked the volunteers and people who participated.

Councillor Carver announced that the Communities in Bloom judges will be visiting the town on July 21st to 23rd and noted the work in preparations and encouraged residents to participate by continuing to make the community beautiful.

Deputy Mayor Feeney announced the Edgewater Project grand opening will happen on August 4th, later in the afternoon, and that information will be released soon.

Mayor Lohnes-Croft proudly announced the arrival of two new grandchildren.

4. Public Input Session

There was no input from the public.

5. Presentations

Council received a presentation from Lora Church Chair of the Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee (LCAAC). The presentation was an overview of the work of the committee and related requirements, challenges, and ways to work collaboratively in the future.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Premier Houston – Support for Municipal Electric Utilities in Repayment of Outstanding NSPI Costs

Council received correspondence from Premier Houston relating to support for the municipal electric utilities in repayment of outstanding Nova Scotia Power costs.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **"THAT Item 6.1 be included on the next regular Council meeting agenda"** **Motion carried.**

6.2 Rachelle Rebman – Concerns about Maintenance of Mahone Bay's Baseball Field

Council received correspondence from Rachelle Rebman relating to maintenance of the ball field in Jubilee Park.

6.3 Ella Gindi, Planner, MoDL – Proposed Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy for the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Council received a copy of the proposed Municipality of the District of Lunenburg proposed Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy.

6.4 John A. MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs – 12 Months' Notice

Council received correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs with notice of legislative changes impacting municipalities from the Department of Emergency Management, Department of Justice, Department of Public Works, and Department of Service Nova Scotia.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Carver, **"THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report specifically addressing the Act to Provide Support for Fire Services legislation and the potential impacts on the Town"** **Motion carried.**

6.5 Scott Lutes – Request for Accessible Crosswalk from The Bay Way to the Visitors Information Centre

Scott Lutes wrote to Council with a request for an accessible crosswalk at the Visitor Information Centre to The Bay Way.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor McCarron, **"THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report on options for crossing and potential parking lot redesign at the Visitor Information Centre as well considering accessibility from parking lots to Bay Way and this report be presented to Council at the July 14, 2026 Regular Council Meeting."** **Motion carried.**

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **"THAT Council direct staff to seek advice from the Accessibility Coordinator in the creation of the report on the Visitor Information Centre and Bay Way."** **Motion carried.**

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Staff Report to Council – June 25, 2026

Council received an updated staff report to Council for June outlining progress on Council's direction to staff.

A motion by Councillor Palfreyman, seconded by Councillor Boon, **"THAT Council receive and file the Staff Report to Council – June 25, 2026."** **Motion carried.**

7.2 Report of the Clerk – Public Hearing, Land Use Bylaw Amendment

The report regarded a public hearing on amendments to the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy to rezone 19 Aberdeen Lane. Five (5) people were present for the hearing; no presentations were made, and no written submissions were received before or during the hearing.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, **"THAT Council give second reading to the proposed Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy amendments."** **Motion carried.**

7.3 Staff Report – Public Showers Policy
Council received a staff report and draft of a proposed Public Showers Policy, which was created in consultation with the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department.

8. Council Items
8.1 Bay Way Related Issues
This discussion occurred in the related correspondence.

9. Committee Reports
9.1 AREA Board Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2026
9.2 South Shore Open Doors Association – Monthly Report – May 2026
9.3 Policy and Strategy Committee – Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2026
A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Boon , **"THAT Council direct staff to conduct research into municipal regulations on cat controls and write a letter to Heather Limpert for signature of the Mayor regarding her correspondence relating to animal control."** **Motion carried.**
9.4 Policy and Strategy Committee – Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2026
9.5 Climate and Environment Committee – Draft Minutes – June 3, 2026
a. Nature Based Solutions Draft Policy

10. New Business
No new business.

11. Questions/Comments

12. Closed Session
A motion by Councillor McCarron, at 9:06 p.m., seconded by Councillor Boon, **"THAT Council go into Closed Session to discuss Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property, and Contract Negotiations as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(a), and 22(2)(e) respectively."** **Motion carried.**

Council arose from Closed Session at 9:46 p.m.

13. Business Arising from Closed Session

14. Adjournment
Council adjourned at 9:47 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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Mayor, Suzanne Lohnes-Croft

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Town Clerk, Kelly Munroe