The Regular Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, September 24, 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
DCAO, E. Levy

Absent:
Clerk, K. Munroe

Gallery:
Online & 1 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 8.1 Communities in Bloom."** **Motion carried.**

2. Minutes
The minutes of the September 8, 2026 Regular Council Meeting were accepted.

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Boon, **"THAT the minutes of the September 17, 2026 Special Council Meeting be approved as amended."**

3. Announcements by Council Members

Councillor Palfreyman announced the annual Annie's Attic yard sale this weekend 10:00am to 3:00pm both Saturday and Sunday and proceeds support Mahone Bay Museum.

Councillor McCarron announced there is a tribute to Dolly Parton at Old Confidence Lodge in Riverport on October 11th, with proceeds are going to South Shore Libraries.

Councillor Carver announced that Mahone Bay Communities in Bloom applied for three awards, Environment Activity, Heritage Conservation, and Community Involvement, and they have been shortlisted for all three awards.

Mayor Lohnes-Croft announced she joined the Bayview Grade 1 class for the Terry Fox Run. She also announced the World of Colour Quilt Show this weekend in Mahone Bay, and the Bean Luncheon on Saturday, the Pumpkin Patch, and Book Sale; all part of the Scarecrow Festival. Mayor Lohnes-Croft also announced that Margaret Bush passed away recently. Scott Lutes and his teammates will be inducted into the parasailing hall of fame on October 4th at the Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax at 1:00 p.m..

4. Public Input Session

Duncan Crowell – 21 Longhill Road – Indicated that there has been some media about the battery fire in Summerside PEI and suggested that Council should prepare to answer questions or prepare a statement on this issue and how they are mitigating similar potential situations. Staff noted that Mahone Bay's solar garden does not include battery storage.

5. Presentations

5.1 Sylvia Jackson, Festivals of Mahone Bay – Thank You for 30 Years of Support

Sylvia Jackson presented to Council on the 30th anniversary of the Scarecrow Festival. Council presented Sylvia with a certificate of congratulations. Sylvia presented the Town of Mahone Bay with a token of appreciation from Signature Festivals of Mahone Bay.

6. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Staff Report to Council – September 24, 2026

Council received an updated staff report to Council for the August and September outlining progress on Council's direction to staff.

A motion by Councillor McCarron, seconded by Councillor Carver, **"THAT Council receive the Staff Report to Council for information." Motion Carried.**

7.2 Staff Report – Flag Policy Amendments

Council received a staff report outlining potential changes to the Town's Flag Policy caused by a request from the Mahone Bay Marina to purchase a Town flag.

A motion by Councillor Boon, seconded by Councillor Palfreyman, **"THAT Council amend the Flag Policy as presented and direct staff to update the fee schedule for Council's consideration."** **Motion Carried.**

7.3 Staff Report – Public Works Yard

Council received a staff report outlining changes to the property on Hawthorn and Kinburn including how the proposed co-op housing development would require a relocation of the Town's public works and utility storage areas.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Boon, **"THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the relocation of the Public Works & Utility storage to the upper yard portion of the Town's properties at the corner of Hawthorn and Kinburn with costs to be covered from the Housing Accelerator Fund, and refer remediation costs to the Town's 2027-28 budget process."** **Motion Carried.**

7.4 Staff Report – Maritime Municipal Electrical Utilities Alliance Update

Council received a report on recent activities of the Maritime Municipal Electrical Utilities Alliance including updates on acquired external funds.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Feeney , seconded by Councillor McCarron, **"THAT Council receive this report for information."** **Motion Carried.**

8. Council Items

8.1 Councillor Carver – Communities in Bloom

Councillor Carver asked Council's approval to apply some Town funds to send a staff member to the Communities in Bloom Symposium with an estimated cost of $1,200 to $2,000, confirming the Chamber would also contribute remaining CiB 2026 funds.

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Boon, "**THAT Council send the Deputy CAO to Montreal to the Communities in Bloom Symposium 2026."**
Motion Carried.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Asset Management Committee – July 30, 2026 – Draft Minutes

Councillor Palfreyman presented the minutes.

9.2 Asset Management Committee – September 17, 2026 – Draft Minutes

Councillor Palfreyman presented the minutes.

9.3 Municipal Joint Service Board – July 8, 2026 – Draft Minutes

A motion by Councillor Palfreyman, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **"THAT Council receive items 9.1 to 9.3 as presented." Motion carried.**

10. New Business

11. Questions/Comments

12. Closed Session

A motion by Councillor Palfreyman, at 8:05 p.m. , seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council go into Closed Session to **discuss Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property, Contract Negotiations, and Litigation or Potential Litigation as permitted by the Municipal Government Act section 22(2)(a), 22(2)(e) and 22(2)(F) respectively." Motion carried.**

Council arose from Closed Session at 9:31 p.m.

13. Business Arising from Closed Session

There was no business arising from Closed Session

14. Adjournment

Council adjourned at 9:32 p.m. on conclusion of business.

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Mayor, Suzanne Lohnes-Croft Town Clerk, Kelly Munroe