

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG  
Minutes of a Meeting of  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Held in Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS  
**Tuesday, July 2, 2019 – 10:13 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Claudette Garland, District 6, Chair  
Councillor Eric Hustvedt, District 1, Vice Chair  
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson  
Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore, District 5  
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2  
Councillor Lee Nauss, District 3  
Councillor John Veinot, District 4  
Councillor Wade Carver, District 7  
Councillor Michael Ernst, District 8  
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9  
Councillor Errol Knickle, District 10

Staff: Elana Wentzell, Director of Financial Services  
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer  
Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering Services  
Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation Services  
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk  
Rachel Hiltz, Recording Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Garland called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS:**

Councillor Hustvedt advised that David Wright, who was before Council in the past asking for Council's support to gain citizenship, had passed away.

The Greater Petite Area Community Association was acknowledged for winning the Lieutenant Governor's Community Sprit Award for their ongoing community work.

Deputy Mayor Moore noted the River Ridge Common Grand Opening ceremony will be held Friday, July 12 at 6:00 p.m. (rain date Saturday, July 13 at 2:00 p.m.). The Lions Club has agreed to donate \$2,000 per year for ten years and another grant will be announced at the ceremony.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson thanked all the organizers and volunteers for their work in all the Canada Day Events held across the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL). Organizing events like these is a lot of work.

**3. PUBLIC INPUT: (Nil)**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 11, 2019:**

**Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Carver that the Minutes of the June 11, 2019 Special Finance Committee meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

For clarification, it was noted that on page 3, under the discussion regarding the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre motion, the Town of Bridgewater operates the library, and the Town and MODL jointly operate the rest of the facility.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: (Nil)****7. AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs: (Nil)****8. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES: (Nil)****9. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE (Nil)****10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS: (Nil)****11. STAFF REPORTS:****11.1 Finance Department****11.1.1 2019/20 Capital Funding Report**

Ms. Wentzell reviewed the report titled “2019/20 Capital Funding Report” (circulated with Agenda). The report outlined the changes recommended to the budget.

During the review, it was noted that:

- the Lunenburg County Community Fund (LCCF) has a Memorandum of Understanding with MODL. They are donating \$1 million to alleviate MODL reserves for the LaHave River Straight Pipe Replacement Program. Build Canada is providing 2/3 funding, and residents have to pay the remaining 1/3. As the resident funds are paid, the money will go back to the trust fund until the \$1 million is reached.

**Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that the Finance Committee recommends to Council that Municipal Council approve the funding of 2018/19 completed capital projects with variances as noted in staff’s report dated July 2, 2019 and as summarized on the attached 2018/19 Capital Investment Plan. Carried unanimously.**

**12. MAYOR’S/DEPUTY MAYOR’S/COUNCILLORS’ MATTERS:****12.1 Proposed Amendments to Street Improvement Bylaw**

Councillor Garland noted that a meeting was recently held with residents of Craig Chandler Drive and Harold Whynot Road. During the meeting, it was noted that residents who wish to have their road paved and want to pay for it through financing are being charged an interest rate of 10%. This was seen as unfair, and a deterrent for residents to agree to partially fund having their road paved.

It was noted that other road paving petitions in the past were not successful as residents were not willing to pay the 10% rate.

A discussion was held on the various interest rates.

Ms. Wentzell advised that the LaHave River Straight Pipe Program and Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program have interest rates of 4%. Overdue taxes have an interest rate of 10%. The LaHave and PACE programs were set up to provide a low interest rate, whereas overdue taxes were a high interest rate as it is considered a penalty. Any time one of these loans become overdue, they become a lien on the property and are then subject to the 10% tax rate, the same as overdue taxes.

**Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the Finance Committee direct staff to prepare draft amendments to the Street Improvement Bylaw as discussed and bring back a draft for the Committee's review. Carried unanimously.**

## **12.2 Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (LCLC) Update**

Councillor Ernst provided the following update on the last Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (LCLC) meeting:

- The Town of Bridgewater will be creating and funding a connector trail from the skate park to the LCLC.
- The Tim Hicks Concert had a profit of about \$6,000, and the Tanya Tucker concert had a profit of about \$1,700. There were volunteers used for these concerts.
- Staff will be wearing branded clothing.
- The ice will be in on August 16 and bookings are already being taken.
- Female sanitary products are available free of charge.
- A motion was passed to have frosting put on windows looking into the pool.
- An Engineer was consulted, and it was suggested that the work on the dehumidification project be delayed until next year.
- The pool hours will be cut back in summer.
- The RFP for an operations review and interim management of the facility was awarded to Nustadia Recreation. Due to the pricing that came in with the submissions, the scope of work was revised to complete an operations review, best practices, day to day management and lifecycle planning (asset management) of the facility. The contract is in effect until the end of March, but there is an allowance to extend the contract on a month-to-month basis or a yearly contract if the partners are happy with the work provided.
- There are ongoing negotiations with the Lumberjacks.

**13. IN CAMERA: (Nil)**

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business at 11:00 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that the meeting adjourn. Carried.**