

**Municipality of the District of Lunenburg  
Minutes of a Meeting of Finance Committee  
06, April, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Attendance:**

Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5, Chair  
Councillor Sandra Statton, District 6, Vice Chair  
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson  
Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1  
Deputy Mayor Martin Bell, District 2  
Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3  
Councillor Pam Hubley, District 4  
Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7  
Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8  
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9

Regrets

Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

Staff

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk  
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer  
Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance  
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services  
Dave Waters, Director Business Development, Tourism & Infrastructure  
Bill Schurman, Director of Recreation Services  
Rachel Hiltz, Executive Assistant

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**1.1 Mi'kma'ki Territorial Acknowledgement**

Councillor Moore acknowledged that the meeting was held in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RECOGNITION (Nil)**

**3. PUBLIC INPUT (Nil)**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 2, 2021**

**Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Oickle that the Minutes of the March 2, 2021 Finance Committee meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (Nil)****7. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES (Nil)****8. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE (Nil)****9. REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & BOARDS (Nil)****10. STAFF REPORTS****10.1 Planning Department****10.1.1 Corporate Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Target**

Zachary Thompson, Sustainability Coordinator, was in attendance at this time and reviewed the report titled “PCP Milestone 2 Corporate GHG Reduction Target” (circulated with Agenda).

Councillor Whynot left the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

The following points were noted:

- All the projects noted in the report save more money over the life of the project than their cost. Plus there will be a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. The budget does not factor in increased costs over time.
- The proposed MARC retrofit project includes upgrading insulation and windows, as well as switching the oil to heat pumps and adding solar panels for both buildings. The \$180,000 cost is for the solar panels and heat pumps.
- There is a new position in the engineering department proposed budget. This would include climate change and sustainability projects, as well as other engineering work. There is also the Sustainability Coordinator. These positions will ensure there are resources to complete the proposed work.
- Councillors feel MODL should be setting an example in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It is important to have the general public’s support and for them to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as well. We can clearly see the changes and impacts related to climate change, including rising sea levels, changes in permafrost, and worsening storms.
- Councillors discussed the greenhouse gas reduction target and whether it should be 40% or 45%. The Sustainability Committee will work with the community and have an education component to get the public on side.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor Greek that the Finance Committee recommends to Council that Municipal Council choose Option B and set a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of 40% below the 2019 inventory levels by 2030, as well as make a statement of support for reducing emissions from the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre.**

Councillor Whynot returned 9:30 a.m.

Councillors further reviewed the reduction target. Most Councillors felt that 30% was too low. Some felt 45% was attainable, while others feel 40% is more realistic. There were concerns that we are trying to change too much too quickly.

A discussion was also held regarding switching to electric garbage trucks. The costs are not known yet, but a tender will be created in 2024 or 2026. It is anticipated the costs over the contracts will remain the same as there will be savings from not having to buy fuel.

**The motion on the floor was voted on. Those opposed: Councillor Statton. Carried.**

- 11. MAYOR'S/DEPUTY MAYOR'S/COUNCILLORS' MATTERS**
- 12. ADDED ITEMS (Nil)**
- 13. IN CAMERA**
- 14. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business at 10:06 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bell that the meeting adjourn. Carried.**