

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Meeting of Finance Committee

Held Via Video and Audio Conference

01, June, 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
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

Regrets

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer

Staff

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer
Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance
Angie Veinot, Accounting Manager
Dave Waters, Director Business Development, Tourism & Infrastructure
Darren Shupe, Senior Planner
Bill Schurman, Director of Recreation Services
Rachel Hiltz, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Mi'kma'ki Territorial Acknowledgement

Councillor Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting was held in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RECOGNITION

Councillor Greek acknowledged the recent loss of Deputy Chief John Walters with the Blockhouse & District Fire Department. The Fire Department has set up a fundraiser for the family and will be donating all of the Nova Scotia Firefighter 50/50 proceeds to the family for the month of June. Several other Fire Departments will be supporting through their 50/50 proceeds as well.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged that on Monday morning at 9:00 a.m., the flags at the Municipal Services Building were lowered to half mast to recognize the 215 indigenous children's remains found in Kamloops, BC.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (Nil)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor DeLong that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 6, 2021 and April 20, 2021

Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor DeLong that the Minutes of the April 6, 2021 Finance Committee meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bell that the Minutes of the April 20, 2021 Special Finance Committee meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (Nil)

7. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES

7.1 Service Canada Presentation re Services, Grants & Benefits (Bill Gregory)

Bill Gregory, Citizen Services Specialist, Service Canada, gave a presentation regarding Service Canada's available services, grants and benefits (circulated with Agenda). The presentation included the following topics:

- How to Reach Service Canada
- Apprenticeship Grants (Apprenticeship Incentive Grant, Apprenticeship Incentive Grant for Women, and Apprenticeship Completion Grant)
- Electronic Services (My Service Canada Account, Job Bank Tools and Mobile App)
- The Benefits Finder (Government of Canada Website)

It was noted that the Job Bank could be improved, from a hiring perspective, including having some filtering for applications.

Mr. Gregory provided the phone number for the two highest enquiries: Canada Pension/Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement 1-800-277-9914 and Employment Insurance 1-800-206-7218.

Mr. Gregory would like to return to do a presentation on the Guaranteed Income Supplement and programs such as the Survivor Benefit.

Mr. Gregory was thanked for his presentation.

8. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE (Nil)

9. REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & BOARDS (Nil)

10. STAFF REPORTS

10.1 Recreation Department

10.1.1 Canada Day Grants

Tissy Bolivar, Program Coordinator, was in attendance and reviewed a report titled “Canada Day Grants” (circulated with Agenda).

Staff recommended providing Canada Day grants to: Town of Bridgewater (\$1,000), Riverport and District Fire Department (\$1,000), Petite Riviere Volunteer Fire Department (\$1,000) and Tancook Island Recreational Centre Association (\$250) for a total of \$3,250.00 in Canada Day grants.

It was noted that the Canada Day Grant deadline is March 1 each year, however, due to COVID-19 restrictions that deadline was extended. If any other organizations decide to host an event, even though the deadline is passed, applications will be brought forward to Council for their consideration. There are funds left in the budget.

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the Finance Committee recommends to Council that Municipal Council award \$3,250 from the Canada Day Grant account to support community Canada Day Events on July 1, 2021 as follows:

- **Canada Day on the LaHave (Bridgewater) \$1,000**
- **Riverport & District Fire Department \$1,000**
- **Petite Riviere Volunteer Fire Department \$1,000**
- **Tancook Island Recreational Centre Association \$250**

Motion Carried unanimously.

11. MAYOR’S/DEPUTY MAYOR’S/COUNCILLORS’ MATTERS (Nil)

12. ADDED ITEMS (Nil)

13. IN CAMERA

At 9:45 a.m., it was moved by Mayor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss item 3.1 “Legal Advice re Litigation under Section 22(2)(f) of the Municipal Government Act”. Carried unanimously.

Council In Camera In Session.

At 10:07 a.m., it was moved by Mayor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried unanimously.

Council in session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 10:08 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Oickle that the meeting adjourn. Carried.