

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee

Held at Council Chambers, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS
Tuesday, December 6, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5, Chair
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2
Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3
Deputy Mayor Pam Hubley, District 4
Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8 (via TEAMS)
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10, Vice Chair

Regrets

Councillor Sandra Statton, District 6
Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7

Staff

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance (via TEAMS)
Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism
Dave Waters, Director Economic Development
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services
Sarah Kucharski, Manager Corporate Services and Communications (via TEAMS)
Angie Veinot, Accounting Manager
Abhi Jain, Sustainability Planner
Jeanette Renton, Casual Recording Secretary
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk

1. Call to Order

Councillor Oickle 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. Nomination and Election by Ballot - Chair and Vice Chair

Councillor Oickle called for nominations by ballot for the position of Chair. Those nominated were:

Councillor Oickle
Councillor Veinotte
Councillor Moore

On the first vote, Councillor Moore's and Councillor Oickle's names remained on the ballot.

On the second vote, Councillor Moore was declared the Chair.

Councillor Moore called for nominations, for the position of Vice Chair.

Those nominated for the position office of Vice Chair were:

Councillor Oickle
Councillor Veinotte
Councillor Bell
Councillor Haysom

On the first vote, Councillor Veinotte was elected Vice Chair.

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the ballots be destroyed. Carried unanimously.

3. Announcements, Acknowledgements, Recognition

3.1 Bruce Veinotte, volunteer fire fighter with the Northfield and District Fire Department was awarded the 50-year Firefighter Service Award.

3.2 Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged that December 3, 2022 was the International Day of People with Disabilities. The observance of this Day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.

3.3 Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged that December 6, 2022 was the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. This day is to take time to honour those who have lost their lives to gender-based violence, and recommit ourselves to taking action to ensure that women and girls can live free from violence.

4. Public Input - Nil

5. Approval of Agenda

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

6. Approval of Minutes - November 1, 2022

Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the Minutes of the November 1, 2022, Finance Committee meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

7. Business Arising from Minutes - Nil

8. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs - Nil

9. Presentations/Scheduled Times

9.1 Janet Peace, Chair, Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy

Janet Peace, Chair of the Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy, made a presentation to discuss further joint biodiversity projects for the Shaubac area by taking advantage of funds newly available under the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund.

The following was discussed:

- Project Description
- Objectives
- Benefits
- Scope and Cost

Ms. Peace left the meeting.

10. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil

11. Recommendations from Committees & Boards - Nil

12. Staff Reports - Nil

Council recessed at 9:48 a.m. and resumed at 10:00 a.m.

13. In Camera

At 10:00 a.m. it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the Finance Committee go to In Camera to discuss the following items:

- 13.1 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
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- 13.3 Public Safety under Section 22(2)(h) of the MGA**

Finance Committee In Camera in session.

At 1:29 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the Finance Committee come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee in session.

During the In Camera session, Councillor Moore left the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and Councillor Veinotte took the Chair.

13.1 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the Finance Committee recommend to Council that Municipal Council enter a contract with the Alternative Resource Energy Authority for the application to the Provincial Shared Solar Program on behalf of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, and to develop and project manage the Community Solar Garden of 5MW capacity from its inception to commercial operations.” Carried unanimously.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, at 1:31 p.m., it was moved by Mayor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the meeting adjourn. Carried.