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## **Finance Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024– 9:00 a.m.**

**MODL Council Chambers – 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville**

- 1. Call to Order**
  - 1.1 Mi'kma'ki Territorial Acknowledgement
- 2. Announcements, Acknowledgements, Recognition**
  - 2.1 Proclamation – International Women's Day ..... 1
- 3. Public Input (15 Minutes)**
- 4. Changes/Approval of Agenda**
- 5. Approval of Minutes – February 6, 2024 (as circulated)**
- 6. Business Arising from Minutes**
- 7. Presentations/Scheduled Times**
  - 7.1 South Shore Cease Fire Now..... 9:15 a.m. 2-7
  - 7.2 Food Vibes – A New Approach to Volunteerism & Collaboration in..... 10:15 a.m. 8-12  
the Riverport Area – Marc Langlois
- 8. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil**
- 9. Recommendations from Council - Nil**
- 10. Staff Reports**
  - 10.1 Recreation Department**
    - 10.1.1 Sport Fund EDIA Grant Approval ..... 13-17
- 11. Added Items**
- 12. In Camera**
  - 12.1 Contract Negotiations re under Section 22(2)(e)
- 13. Adjournment**

## **Proclamation – International Women’s Day**

WHEREAS, International Women’s Day is celebrated globally on March 8th by those who believe in gender equality and who seek to improve the lives of all women and girls (trans and cis), two spirit, and gender peoples through cultural, legal, economic, and social change;

AND WHEREAS, On the 113th International Women’s Day, we must all fully Inspire Inclusion. IWD 2024's campaign theme of Inspire Inclusion highlights how when we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world.

And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance, and empowerment.

AND WHEREAS, Women and girls, in particular women with disabilities, racialized women, immigrant women, two spirit and gender diverse peoples experience many forms of oppression;

AND WHEREAS, International Women’s Day is a time to work toward a world where each woman and girl can exercise her choice, such as participating in politics, getting an education, having an income, and living in societies free from violence and discrimination;

AND WHEREAS, the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg is committed to promoting equity and justice and will continue to work to address the systemic and structural oppressions that perpetuate inequity.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM March 8, 2024 as “International Women’s Day” in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.



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Tuesday, February 27, 2023

### **Letter of support for an immediate Ceasefire**

Dear Mayor Bolivar-Getson and Councillors,

We, the undersigned members of South Shore Ceasefire Now (SSCN), are writing to you with an urgent request to pass a motion calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

While SSCN condemns the atrocious attacks carried out by Hamas on October 7th, 2023, we also believe that the Israeli military's indiscriminate killing of civilians, and destruction of critical infrastructure is in violation of International Humanitarian Law<sup>1</sup>.

We invite MODL to clarify their position on this matter as we approach the sixth month of this aggression, and it is of deep concern for many of your constituents. Join us in taking a stance against the troubling evidence of rising acts of Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and Anti-Palestinian racism in communities across the country.

#### **We call on the Mayor to:**

- Write to Premier Tim Houston:
  - In support of recent petition submitted to MLA Becky Druhan (see attached, 245 signatures);
  - To call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire;
- Sending a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and MP Rick Perkins calling for:
  - An immediate and permanent ceasefire
  - Reinstatement of funding to UNRWA
  - Accelerated measures to get Canadians out of besieged Gaza Strip

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<sup>1</sup> Doctors Without Borders, the World Health Organization, UNICEF & other NGOs

**We call on the Mayor and Councillors to:**

- Make a motion to call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza;
- Match the donation approved by Council on March 8, 2022 of \$10,000 to the Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal – we ask the same amount be donated to the The Palestine Red Crescent Society;
- Condemn all acts of anti-semitism, anti-Palestinian racism, and Islamophobia in our communities, which have risen since the escalation of violence;
- Commit to ensuring our community is just, safe, and welcoming for all.

Thank you.

Respectfully electronically signed,

Ivan Beck  
Aliyyah Fazil  
Ben Gallagher  
Lauren Gancena  
Georgia Grundlingh  
Brea McAllister

Amanda Rhodenizer  
Bill Rodger  
Ella Tetrault  
Steve Wiseman  
Jody Zinner

## Petition to the Premier of Nova Scotia

**WHEREAS** The Premier of Nova Scotia stated on 24 October 2023 that,

*“The attack by Hamas and the continued acts of aggression against Israel - I feel very strongly that Israel has a right to defend itself. I stand with Israel in this conflict as they try to stamp out Hamas and the terrorist activity that's happening. I will stand, as will our caucus, and we'll encourage members of the House to stand with Israel and its right to defend itself. I cannot stand behind the member's call for a ceasefire. I can only stand behind Israel and its right to defend itself.”*

We believe that the Premier of Nova Scotia expressing unwavering support for Israel despite its disproportionate use of force against Palestinian civilians is problematic given the mounting evidence of crimes against humanity;

**WHEREAS** The Honourable Gary Burril presented a petition on 23 November 2023 calling on *“the Government of Nova Scotia to join the groundswell of voices across our province and around the world calling for a ceasefire in the Israel-Palestine conflict”*; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada called for a “sustainable ceasefire” on 12 December 2023.

**WHEREAS** The decision reached on 26 January 2024 by the International Court of Justice that there is plausible reason to believe Israel is committing genocide or failing to prevent genocide is evidence that the Premier of Nova Scotia must call for a ceasefire.

**THEREFORE** we, the undersigned residents of Lunenburg and Queens Counties, call upon the Premier of Nova Scotia to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, that would include: the release of all hostages, allow for the flow of sufficient humanitarian aid, and permit Canadian Citizens to safely leave Gaza.

Signature	Address (or Community Name)

## MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

January 15, 2024  
Council Chambers of Town Hall  
60 Pleasant Street  
Bridgewater, Nova Scotia

Those in attendance: Mayor David Mitchell  
Deputy Mayor Cheryl Fougere  
Councillor Stacey Colwell  
Councillor Mike Conklin  
Councillor Jennifer McDonald  
Councillor Andrew Tanner  
Councillor Wayne Thorburne

Also present: Tammy Crowder, CAO  
Nick Brown, Manager of Planning and Development  
Jessica McDonald, Director of Community Development  
Amanda Shupe, Municipal Clerk  
Donna Hatt, Economic Development Officer  
Connor MacQuarrie, Planner 1

### 1. **ORDER**

Minutes of a meeting of Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater, held in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 60 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia on Monday, January 15, 2024, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Mitchell acknowledged that the Town of Bridgewater is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

### 2. **ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

#### **24-01**

Moved by Councillor Tanner

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fougere

that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater approve the January 15, 2024 Town Council meeting agenda as circulated.

Motion Carried.

### 3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor David Mitchell gave an opportunity for members of Council to provide the public with details of upcoming events in the community.

Mayor Mitchell commented that this is a very big year for the Town of Bridgewater as 2024 marks its 125th birthday. There will be various events going on throughout the year to mark the occasion, so please check social media and the town's website regularly.

**4. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations scheduled for this meeting.

**5. MINUTES**

**24-02**

Moved by Councillor Conklin

Seconded by Councillor McDonald

that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater approve and confirm the minutes of the November 27, 2023 and December, 11, 2023 Regular Town Council meetings as circulated.

Motion Carried.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6.1 PROPOSED TOB GAZA Statement [23-195B]**

Mayor David Mitchell proceeded to read the following statement with respect to the Gaza situation.

*“At the December 11, 2023, meeting of Bridgewater Town Council, Council received a formal request from a delegation asking that the Town “write a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to request the federal government call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, the release of all hostages, and the flow of humanitarian aid.”*

*Since that time, Town Council has received additional correspondence requesting a similar statement be issued.*

*On December 12, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand called for a “sustainable ceasefire,” the unconditional release of all remaining hostages, and that safe and unimpeded humanitarian access into Gaza must be increased and sustained.*

*The Town of Bridgewater supports the position of our federal government and hopes that peace, a lasting cessation of fighting along with the delivery of aid to the region materializes quickly.*

*The Town of Bridgewater does not have geopolitical or foreign policy information or expertise. Our community, like all municipal and provincial governments in Canada, relies on the federal government, their diplomats, data, and entire*

departments related to foreign policy matters to represent Canada and Canadian interests.

*Recognizing this, the Town of Bridgewater's position is that wherever there is conflict, we want peace and an end to needless loss of life and human suffering.*

*On the specific conflict happening right now in Gaza, the Town of Bridgewater supports the Canadian, Australian, and New Zealand statement of condemnation of Hamas's October 7, 2023, attack on Israel; support for Palestine's right to self-determination; and a permanent end to fighting on both sides so that aid can begin to safely flow, and partners working collaboratively toward a two-state solution where Israelis and Palestinians can live securely within internationally recognized borders.*

*Town Council also reiterates that our community is a welcoming, diverse place for all people, and that celebrating what makes us different is just as important as what makes us similar.*

*There is no place for any kind of hate or prejudice in Bridgewater, and we must continue to work in supporting and lifting each other up, not tearing anyone down."*

#### **24-03**

Moved by Councillor Conklin

Seconded by Councillor Thorburne

that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater approve the statement as presented in document number 24-195B; and in response to a request from South Shore Ceasefire Now in calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Motion Carried.

## **7. PLANNING ITEMS**

### **7.1 Development Officer Appointment [24-005]**

A document dated December 20, 2023 was received from the Director of Community Development with respect to the appointment of an additional Development Officer. With the increasing volume of applications, duties, and staff requirements it was determined that an additional Development Officer was needed. A vacant planner position was rescoped to include duties of a Development Officer. Section 243(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* requires the appointment of a Development Officer by resolution of Council.

Nick Brown, Manager of Planning & Development/Development Officer appeared at the podium accompanied by Connor MacQuarrie. Mr. MacQuarrie is a recent hire (November 2023) as a Planner within the Community Development department. With his experience, in accordance with Section 243(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, Mr. MacQuarrie is



A framework for community involvement  
Riverport and Area

## A Request for Partnership

Dr. Marc Langlois

## Your presenter

- 40 yrs. of field work: social entrepreneur, Executive Director, educator, youth worker, community research, innovator, Developmental Evaluator
- Co-founder of NS's 35year old HeartWood Centre for Community Youth Development
- Masters of Mngt., PhD in community development and systems change
- Consistent focus: high impact return on investments, true collaboration, whole-systems change, user-centred design, innovative solutions
- The culmination: Food Vibes - an evidence-based approach

# Create the conditions that engage

- Every community has a deeper pool of hidden gifts ready to be offered than is currently tapped
- The volunteer is the customer
- Ask: What would be life giving for you?
- Culture of engagement matters
- Start with existing evidence AND then listen, learn and adapt



## A Backbone Organization

- In service to groups and individuals
- coordinating body that bring together a diversity of stakeholders and lead a collective effort to achieve a common goal
- Manage the many administrative and niggling things of collaborations

# Our Difference as a Backbone - the Puzzle Pieces

- Shared Food Experiences
- Volunteer support
- Community Engagement Facilitator
- Research & Evaluation
- Principles of collective community initiatives
- **Designed at all levels to repeat in other communities**

## Outcomes, last 20 months

- 12 months of community asset mapping
- 4 Board Chairpersons supported during organizational transitions
- 5 new Board and Advisory members recruited for community organizations
- 5 residents received coaching and support to launch new community projects
- 3 repurposed public spaces at RCC
- 35 new volunteer engagements
- 9 community groups meeting together to create a collective agenda
- 3 commercial kitchens available for shared use
- 10 short public videos published to celebrate local volunteerism
- 1 community pantry launched, including a food bank
- 1 launch of a monthly free movie supported
- 1 conservation oriented art show curated
- 12 community events provided free food service

# Our Request of MODL

- Collaborate and learn together on a drive for innovation on community leadership, volunteerism, and social innovation
- Fund a Volunteer Support Manager, 8 hrs wk. x 8 mo. \$7200.00
- Fund a Partnership & Evaluation Manager, 12 hrs. wk. x 8 mo. \$10,800
- Total Request: \$17,900

## Other Investors

- Founders: \$40k, 2017-2024
- NS donors: \$52k, 2019-2023
- Volunteer hours: 2700+ hrs, 2021 - 2024
- Lun.Co. Comm. Fund: \$5400, 2024
- Request in process with: RCFNS, UW, Volunteer Canada, and individual donors

# Some of the 2024 Goals

- Weekly Drop-In day @ RCC - volunteer support, food, activity
- Volunteer mngt. for 5+ community groups - recruit, intake, celebrate, evaluate
- Support for new resident led community initiatives
- Share valuable lessons learned with sponsors and partners
- Establish collective community goals
- Establish financial security for Food Vibes Backbone services in the Riverport area
- Animate community centre with resident led activity

## Return (**Impact**) On Investment

- Community connections significantly increased
- Volunteerism numbers, retention and support significantly increased
- Decreased social isolation
- Increased food security and food literacy
- Collective community vision building
- New resident-led community enterprises
- Community centre activity significantly increased



**District of Lunenburg**  
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**Sport Fund EDIA Grant Approval**



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## Sport Nova Scotia - Sport Fund EDIA Funding

- **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (EDIA) supports have increasingly been identified as a priority for the continued growth, development and betterment of sport. EDIA Funding is designed to help strengthen, sustain, grow, or improve unique community sport programs across Nova Scotia.**
- **EDIA Funding is designed to support traditionally underrepresented communities in their efforts to increase participation in community-based sport programming.**



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## Our “Why”



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## Our Application

- **To purchase 6 wheelchairs to use for parasport programming as well as an enclosed trailer to transport equipment around the Municipality/storage of equipment.**
- **This programming will fill a gap within the community which will create affordable opportunities for persons with disabilities to access programming, feel a sense of belonging, and develop their skills. This programming will allow us to create awareness of parasport opportunities, showcase athletes in our community, and build strong partnerships with our community.**

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## Strategic Priority Links



### Active Living Survey

- Goal: Accessible and inclusive opportunities for active living that provide opportunities for social connection within MODL.
  - **4.2 Reduce barriers to participation in active living and daily movement to help ensure equitable access.**
    - Partner with organizations that work with populations that face barriers to engaging in physical activity to facilitate opportunities for active living within programming and services.
    - Identify and use an equity lens in consultation with stakeholders in planning and programming to support inclusion, diversity, and accessibility.

### MODL Value

- Equity and Inclusion: We take action to change and grow to be a truly diverse, equitable, and inclusive municipality.



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## Budget Implications

- 6 wheelchairs - \$34,000
- 6'x12' enclosed trailer - \$13,000
  
- Total Ask: \$47,000

• **Amount Approved: \$45,548.79**

- MODL Contribution: ~\$1,500, currently within operational budget for program equipment



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## Our Partners



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## Next Steps

- Purchase equipment
- Develop and implement programming
- Evaluate programming
- Expand programming, if needed



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## Thank You

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