

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG  
Minutes of a Meeting of  
**POLICY & STRATEGY COMMITTEE**  
Held in Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS  
**Tuesday, July 16, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE** Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore, District 5, Chair  
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson  
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2  
Councillor Lee Nauss, District 3  
Councillor Wade Carver, District 7  
Councillor Michael Ernst, District 8, Vice Chair  
Councillor Errol Knickle, District 10

Regrets: Councillor Claudette Garland, District 6  
Councillor Eric Hustvedt, District 1  
Councillor John Veinot, District 4  
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9

Staff: Alex Dumaresq, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Elana Wentzell, Director of Financial Services  
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer  
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk  
Rachel Hiltz, Recording Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Councillor Knickle advised that during the July 9, 2019 Council meeting, he participated in a discussion about designs for the new Highway 103 Community Identification Signs. After consideration, he realized he should have declared a Conflict of Interest concerning the design depicting the Weaver fish shed. He apologized for not realizing this at the time.

Deputy Mayor Moore noted the River Ridge Common opening was held on Saturday, July 13, 2019 and was very successful, with over 100 people in attendance.

**3. PUBLIC INPUT:**

Blair Corkum, Tanner Road, Covey Lake, was present for public input. Mr. Corkum spoke with regard to the residents of the Covey Lake area having to deal with a terrible smell from the Waste Site compost and a new issue with the smell of human waste. The Waste Site is supposedly spreading composted sewer, which is causing the smell. Due to the smells, the residents have to keep their windows shut, can't hang out laundry, a wedding reception was ruined, and Mr. Corkum's daughter got sick. He had tried to start a protest and found out from residents that this has been going on for a long time. He feels the issues need to be looked into more seriously. He also expressed concerns regarding the safety of the water in the lake, although it is tested.

Staff will get Mr. Corkum's contact information and follow up with him.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 18, 2019:**

Moved by Mayor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the Minutes of the June 18, 2019 Policy & Strategy Committee meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

A question arose regarding item 9.2 “Request to OCEARCH to Hold a Public Meeting” and whether a letter was sent to OCEARCH. Staff advised a letter was sent on June 21, 2019 and will advise if a response was received.

**7. PRESENTATIONS:****7.1 Lunenburg, NS and Lueneburg, Germany – Sister Municipalities -  
Dr. Alexander Grabowski**

Dr. Alexander Grabowski, Rose Bay, was in attendance and gave a presentation titled “Lueneburg – A Young City with 1000 Years of History” (circulated with Agenda). The presentation included the history of the area and what is to gain for both sides by being sister municipalities.

A discussion was held after the presentation and the following points were noted:

- Part of the mission for this project is to teach the youth to see the world and to learn respect, business and peace.
- There are currently about 60 international students each year here from Germany.
- Education in Germany is completely free, the student just has to pay living expenses. If they cannot afford living expenses, they can get an interest free loan, and if they pay it back in a lump sum, they only have to pay back 50% of the loan.
- The cost of living varies depending on the living situation you would prefer, but rates can be \$400 per month or very expensive for an apartment with all amenities. The university has a waiting list for housing, but has affordable bachelor-style apartments.
- The current decision Council will need to make is whether they are interested in moving forward with the project. If the decision is made to move ahead, Council, with the assistance of Dr. Grabowski, can determine what exchanges could be included, such as students, cultural experiences, emergency preparedness, etc.
- A presentation was made in Lueneburg and they are interested in the project.
- There may be benefit to having the Town of Lunenburg and Town of Mahone Bay Council’s involved as there are many residents in all three areas with German ancestry.

It was noted that this will be discussed at a future meeting.

**8. STAFF REPORTS:****8.1 Administration Department****11.1.1 Proposed Amendments to Policy MDL-48 Designated Community  
Project Fund**

Ms. Conrad reviewed the report titled "Proposed Amendments to Policy MDL-48 Designated Community Project Fund". The proposed amendment is to remove the administration fee for non-profit groups that have a management agreement with the Municipality.

It was noted that Section 8 states that funds are only released upon satisfactory proof of completed work, as the funds are only to be used for capital purposes. The Recreation Department handles these projects and will provide a response to Council.

It was also noted that Section 9 refers to the Community Services Focus Group, which was a Council committee which no longer exists. Staff will amend the document to state "Recreation Staff" instead of the Community Services Focus Group.

**Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Bell that the Policy and Strategy Committee recommends to Council that Municipal Council approves the proposed amendments to Sections 9 and 12 of Policy MDL-48 Designated Community Project Fund as presented and amended; and, hereby gives notice that Council will be considering approval of the proposed amendments at the July 23, 2019 Council Meeting. Carried unanimously.**

**9. MAYOR'S/DEPUTY MAYOR'S/COUNCILLORS' MATTERS:**

**9.1 Highway 3 Mahone Bay to Martins Brook (Councillor Ernst)**

Councillor Ernst noted that residents have raised concern regarding the condition of Highway 3, from Mahone Bay to Martins Brook. The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal is currently repairing the road; however, a full repaving is not scheduled until 2023. The last time the road was paved was in 1995-1996. Prior to these repairs, the road was extremely dangerous. It was suggested that since this is a main route, which many residents use, a joint request be submitted with the Town of Mahone Bay and the Town of Lunenburg to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to have the scheduled repaving date moved ahead.

**Moved by Mayor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Councillor Bell that the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg send a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that they advance the timeline in the Five Year Highway Improvement Plan for carrying out the paving project on Trunk 3 from Mahone Bay southerly to Martins Brook.**

It was agreed that the Towns of Mahone Bay and Lunenburg would be copied on the letter and that a separate letter to the two municipal units (with the other letter enclosed) would be sent asking them to support this request by sending a similar letter to the Department.

**The motion on the floor was voted on and carried unanimously.**

**9.2 Request from Blockhouse Area Residents' Kinship re Pedestrian Crossing at 4-Way Stop in Blockhouse**

Councillor Ernst noted that the Blockhouse Area Residents' Kinship (BARK) have requested that a pedestrian crossing be installed at the 4-Way Stop in Blockhouse. This crosswalk will allow people to park across the street and safely cross the road to the park.

It was noted that, if approved, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal will install the crosswalk and the Municipality will pay for the installation and maintenance.

Staff were directed to inquire with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to have a crosswalk installed at this location.

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

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business at 9:50 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Carver that the meeting adjourn. Carried.**