

**Municipality of the District of Lunenburg
Minutes of a Meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee
Held in Council Chambers 10 Allée Champlain Drive Cookville
And via Video/Audio Conferencing
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.**

Attendance

Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore, District 5, Chair
Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7, Vice-Chair
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2
Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3
Councillor Pam Hubley, District 4
Councillor Sandra Statton, District 6
Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

Staff

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk
Joanne Powers, Executive Assistant
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer
Bill Schurman, Director of Recreation Services
Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance
Dave Waters, Director of Business Development, Tourism & Infrastructure
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services
Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works (arrived at 9:33 a.m.)
Jamie Burgess, Municipal Engineer (arrived at 9:33 a.m.)
Tissy Bolivar, Program Coordinator
Angela Veinot, Manager of Finance

1. Call to Order

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

2. Announcements, Acknowledgements, Recognition

Mr. Merrill introduced two new Planner 1's – Ella Gindi and Elizabeth Carr. Mr. Pace introduced Larry Feener, a new Municipal Engineer.

Councillor Greek passed along appreciation from the Parkdale Maplewood Community Hall for the recent Emergency Assistance Funding Grant and the tax exemption for the upcoming year, and also announced that their community breakfasts begin Saturday, May 21st at 7:00 a.m.

Councillor DeLong acknowledged the community spirit at a community picnic in Oakland on the weekend, which was held at the Mahone Island Conservation area.

2.1 Proclamation – International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia & Transphobia

In recognition of the 18th anniversary for creating more visibility, understanding, and eradicating hatred and violence against people of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, Deputy Mayor Moore proclaimed May 17th, 2022, as the Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2022 (as circulated)

Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the Minutes of the March 15, 2022, Policy & Strategy Committee meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

5. Business Arising from Minutes - Nil

6. Presentations - Nil

7. Referrals from Council - Nil

8. Staff Reports

8.1 Administration Department

8.1.1 NS Department of Municipal Affairs & Housing – 12 Month Notice

Mr. Dumaresq explained that under the *Municipal Government Act*, the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing must provide to NSFM 12-months' notice of any provincial legislation, regulation, or administrative actions that could be a cost increase for municipalities in the upcoming year.

The presentation covered the following items:

- Background
- MOU/Service Exchange
- Code of Conduct
- Coastal Protection Act

- RCMP Collective Bargaining Agreement
- FOIPOP
- Firefighter WCB Coverage

8.1.2 Emergency Assistance Fund for Community Facilities – Late Applications

Mr. Dumaresq explained there were two late Emergency Assistance Fund applications: St. Paul's United Church Hall in Stonehurst and St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cornwall.

Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Greek that the Policy & Strategy Committee recommends to Municipal Council that Municipal Council award emergency assistance funding to the community facilities with late applications listed in staff's report in the amount of \$5,000; and further, that the funds be taken from the safe restart fund. Carried unanimously.

8.2 Recreation Department

8.2.1 Elite Athlete Grant – Christine Anderson

Ms. Bolivar reported that an application for an Elite Athlete Grant was received from Christine Anderson to participate in the West Coast Wonder Woman Boxing Tournament from May 20 to 22, 2022.

Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the Policy & Strategy Committee recommends to Municipal Council that Municipal Council award the Elite Athlete Travel Grant to Christine Anderson in the amount of \$1,282.50 to participate in the West Coast Wonder Woman Boxing Tournament from May 20 – 22, 2022.

It was requested that the amount of the grant be decreased to \$700.00.

Motion to amend.

Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Statton that the motion on the floor be amended to change the amount of the grant to \$700.00.

The Committee discussed whether the requested amount was appropriate for this type of grant request, considering it is the beginning of a new fiscal year and would leave the account almost empty. But it was explained that this grant had not been used since 2018, and only two to three times in total, since it was created in 2015.

The Motion to Amend was voted on and defeated. Those opposed: Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillors Haysom, DeLong, Hubley, Whynot, Greek, Bell and Mayor Bolivar-Getson.

The Main Motion on the floor was voted on and carried. Those opposed: Councillors Veinotte, Bell, Oickle, and Statton.

9. Mayor's/Deputy Mayor's/Councillors' Matters

9.1 Christmas Tree Purchases from MODL District Producers

Councillor DeLong declared a Conflict of Interest and removed herself from the table.

Councillor Haysom brought forward a request that Christmas trees purchased for municipal use be purchased from different Christmas tree producers throughout the ten council districts.

Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that the Policy & Strategy Committee recommends to Municipal Council that Municipal Council direct staff to purchase Christmas trees for municipal use from members of the Lunenburg County Christmas Tree Producers within Lunenburg Municipality, with a yearly rotation through the ten council districts.

By consensus, it was proposed that the motion be amended to change the words "municipal use" to "Municipal Building" and to remove the words "the ten" before "Council".

Amended motion.

Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that the Policy & Strategy Committee recommends to Municipal Council that Municipal Council direct staff to purchase Christmas trees for the municipal building from members of the Lunenburg County Christmas Tree Producers within Lunenburg Municipality, with a yearly rotation through council districts. Opposed: Councillors Statton, Whynot, and Bell. Motion carried.

Councillor DeLong returned to the table.

9.2 Thank You Letter to Basil Oickle (Councillor DeLong)

Councillor DeLong requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Basil Oickle for donating copies of his children's book to all MODL Council Members.

Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Bell that the Policy & Strategy Committee recommends to Municipal Council that Municipal Council write a thank you letter to Basil Oickle for donating to each Council member a copy of his children's book, "Cindy is My Name, First Horse Ever". Carried unanimously.

10. Added Items - Nil

11. In Camera

At 9:51 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor DeLong that the Policy & Strategy Committee go In Camera to discuss: Contract Negotiations re Water Tower under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA. Motion Carried.

Policy & Strategy Committee *In Camera* in session.

At 10:06 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the Policy & Strategy Committee come out of *In Camera* and return to open session. Motion Carried.

Policy & Strategy Committee in session.

12. Next Meeting – June 21, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment

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