

**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, November 15, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Attendance**

Deputy Mayor Pam Hubley, District 4, Chair  
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson  
Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1  
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2  
Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3  
Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5  
Councillor Sandra Statton, District 6  
Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7  
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  
Sarah Kucharski, Manager, Corporate Services & Communications  
Angela Veinot, Accounting Manager  
Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works  
Dave Waters, Director of Economic Development  
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services  
Ella Gindi, Planner I  
Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation  
Marta Selassie, Trails & Open Space Coordinator  
Tina Robichaud-Bond, Executive Assistant  
J.C. Reddy, Municipal Solicitor

**1. Call to Order**

Deputy Mayor Hubley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and began by acknowledging that the meeting was held in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

**2. Nomination and Election by Ballot – Vice Chair**  
**[MODL Policy 002 – Committees, Section 3.5]**

Deputy Mayor Hubley called for nominations, by ballot, for the position of Vice Chair. Those nominated were: Councillors Bell, DeLong, Veinotte, and Oickle. On the first ballot there was a tie between Councillors Bell and Veinotte. On the second ballot, Councillor Veinotte was elected as Vice Chair.

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

### **3. Announcements, Acknowledgements, Recognition**

#### **3.1 Municipal Awareness Week Proclamation**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson proclaimed November 13 to 22, 2022 as Municipal Awareness Week, in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, to recognize the role of municipal government and those whose efforts support it.

Councillor Haysom advised that Christmas in Petite would be taking place November 19 & 20, 2022. She encouraged everyone to support the local crafters and makers and Wesley United Church was holding a draw for a Christmas hamper.

Councillor Veinotte walked in the Remembrance Day Parade in Lunenburg and the Lunenburg Royal Canadian Legion sent thanks for MODL's continued participation and donation.

### **4. Approval of Agenda**

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

### **5. Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2022 (as circulated)**

**Moved by Mayor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Councillor Moore that the Minutes of the October 18, 2022, Policy & Strategy Committee meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

### **6. Business Arising from Minutes - Nil**

### **7. Presentations - Nil**

### **8. Referrals from Council - Nil**

### **9. Staff Reports**

#### **9.1 Recreation Department**

##### **9.1.1 Update on Managed Trails**

Marta Selassie, Trails & Open Space Coordinator provided an update on the Trail Groups Meeting regarding managed trails throughout MODL highlighting the following:

- Celebrating Successes
- Understanding the Challenges
- LaHave River Trail Challenges
- What can MODL do?

There was discussion regarding lack of enforcement, consistency of trails standards, and challenges in recruiting/retaining volunteers.

The trail groups have requested quarterly meetings in order to share successes and issues. Staff advised that they plan to schedule the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Public Works for the January Policy & Strategy Committee meeting, in order to begin an improved working relationship between the trail groups and the provincial departments.

Ms. Selassie left the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

## **9.2 Planning Department**

### **9.2.1 Flood Risk Project**

Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services, provided an update on the status of the Flood Risk Management Engagement Project. He advised that due to concerns raised about the inaccuracy of the flood risk mapping to date, staff were recommending that Council pause the flood risk-related elements of the project in order to focus on completing the MODL2040 project in a timely manner.

Ella Gindi joined the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Concern was raised whether pausing the flood risk-related element of the project would affect the provincial planning regulations, but provincial planning staff assured MODL that approval of the new Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law would not be directly impacted by this issue.

A new letter, updating residents of the changes, will be sent to all residents who received the original notification letter. In addition, information will be shared on social media outlets.

## **10. Mayor's/Deputy Mayor's/Councillors' Matters - Nil**

## **11. Added Items – Nil**

## **12. In Camera**

**At 9:55 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Mayor Bolivar-Getson that the Policy & Strategy Committee go In Camera to discuss: Potential Litigation under Section 22(2)(f) of the MGA. Motion carried.**

Policy & Strategy Committee *In Camera* in session.

**At 11:29 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor DeLong that the Policy & Strategy Committee come out of *In Camera* and return to open session. Motion Carried.**

Policy & Strategy Committee in session.

#### **14. Adjournment**

**There being no further business at 11:30 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot seconded by Councillor Haysom that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.**