

**Municipality of the District of Lunenburg**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Policy & Strategy Committee**  
Held in Council Chambers 10 Allée Champlain Drive Cookville  
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 – 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 Sandra Statton, District 6  
Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7  
Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8 (Teams)  
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9  
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10, Vice Chair

**Regrets**

Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5

**Staff**

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk  
Joanne Powers, Executive Assistant

**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. Announcements, Acknowledgements, Recognition**

**2.1 Proclamation: International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson proclaimed May 17, 2023, as the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia. This day is recognized for creating more visibility, understanding, and eradicating hatred and violence against people of the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

**3. Public Input**

Pascal Gilrich of Oakland spoke on the need for expansion of a high school at Centre Scolaire de la Rive-Sud and that it be located on the property adjacent to the existing soccer fields. He raised the concern that if the proposed pickle ball courts proceed on this land, it would create

noise and a distraction for the students, making this sight inappropriate for the courts. He asked that Council reconsider an alternative location for the pickle ball courts.

#### **4. Changes/Approval of Agenda**

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

#### **5. Approval of Minutes**

**Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that the Minutes of March 21, 2023 be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Mayor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Councillor Bell that the Minutes of April 18, 2023 be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

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

#### **7. Presentations**

##### **7.1 Hebbville Village Commission – Fancy Lake & Petite Riviere Flood Mitigation**

Ian Tufts, Chairman, Hebbville Village Commission, along with Commission members Glenn Hebb, Jamie Richards, and Lem Hebb, were in attendance.

Mr. Richards gave a presentation entitled, “Hebbville Village Commission – Fancy Lake & Petite Riviere Flood Mitigation” (circulated with the agenda) and reviewed the need to have a flood mitigation system in place. His presentation emphasized the following:

- The best cost-effective system
- Dam that works in conjunction with other lake dams
- Maintaining water levels as used for potable water
- Low levels lead to poor water quality, impacting wildlife and humans
- Ongoing issue since 2005

It was indicated that the Village Commission had not approached other levels of government as they wished to make the first presentation to Municipal Council.

Mr. Richards and members of the Hebbville Village Commission left the meeting.

##### **10.1.2 Clean Energy Financing Program Contract Renewal**

Abhi Jain, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager, reviewed his report, “Clean Energy Financing Program Contract Renewal”, providing details on the program and contract renewal process, was circulated with the agenda.

The renewal of this contract occurred each year and the recommendation was to enter into a 5-year contract.

**Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the Policy & Strategy Committee recommend to Council that Municipal Council award a 5-year contract to Clean Foundation from 2023-24 to 2027-28 fiscal year for the continued delivery of the Clean Energy Financing Program to MODL homeowners. Carried unanimously.**

Council recessed at 9:59 a.m. and resumed at 10:15 a.m.

## **7.2 Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute – Municipal Species at Risk Stewardship**

Marie Racioppa, Communications and Outreach Coordinator, Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute (MTRI), gave a presentation entitled, “Municipal Species at Risk Stewardship” (circulated with the agenda), and provided details on the results of the Municipal Environmental Stewardship and a toolkit that the Municipality could adopt. The presentation included the following:

- Introduce MTRI Mission, Vision, Research and Outreach
- The Kespukwitk conservation collaboration (KCC)
- Municipal Environmental Stewardship Survey
- MODL survey results
- Stewardship Toolkit
  - Spatial tools and conservation and municipal tools
  - Funding and Organizational Support
  - Community Action, Reports, and Guides
- How can your Municipality be supported in environment stewardship?

Ms. Racioppo left the meeting.

### **10.1.1 Dissolution of the Sustainability Committee**

Abhi Jain, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager, reviewed his report, “Dissolution of the Sustainability Committee”, providing details on the work completed by the Committee and the next steps now that Council adopted the Local Climate Change Action Plan 2030, was circulated with the agenda.

Concerns were raised in respect to ongoing community participation and not receiving input. Mr. Jain explained that the mandate of the Committee had been completed and that engagement plan going forward would be expanded to include broader community input.

**Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Bell, that Municipal Council dissolve the Sustainability Committee effective May 23, 2023, and further, assign the Finance Committee and the Policy and Strategy Committee the role of working with staff and making**

**recommendations to Council of the implementation of the Local Climate Change Action Plan 2030. Carried unanimously.**

- 8. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil**
- 9. Referrals from Council – Nil**
- 11. Mayor’s/Deputy Mayor’s/Councillors’ Matters**

**11.1 PRO Kids (Councillor Greek)**

Councillor Greek spoke on a presentation about the SPIKE fund at the FCM conference. This program allows residents over the age of 18 who may have financial barriers to take part in recreational programs. This program appeared to be like the Prokid program the Municipality has in place. She would like to see the Municipality investigate this program and for staff to bring back a report on possible options for implementation.

**Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that the Policy & Strategy Committee give direction for staff to investigate options for financial support similar to the Pro-Kids program for residents over the age of 18 who are seeking recreation opportunities and are facing financial barriers and report back to the Committee.**

Comments were made in favour of such a program as the benefits for mental wellbeing are as important as physical wellbeing and this program was cost neutral as funding came from the community, not tax dollars.

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

- 12. Added Items – Nil**
- 13. In Camera - Nil**
- 14. Adjournment**

There being no further business at 11:00 a.m. the meeting adjourned.