

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Meeting of
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Held in Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS
Tuesday, January 9, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Deputy Mayor Martin Bell, District 2
Councillor Eric Hustvedt, District 1
Councillor Lee Nauss, District 3
Councillor John Veinot, District 4
Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5
Councillor Claudette Garland, District 6
Councillor Wade Carver, District 7
Councillor Michael Ernst, District 8
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9
Councillor Errol Knickle, District 10

Staff: Kevin Malloy, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer
Rachel Eisenhauer, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bolivar-Getson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RECOGNITION:

Mayor Bolivar-Getson began a new tradition by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kmaq, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

Councillor Ernst acknowledged Blockhouse Fire Department and Indian Point Fire Department for their efforts in helping residents during the Christmas storm. Many residents lost power for 48 hours and the halls opened their doors to provide warmth, charging, and other services to the residents.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged Nova Scotia Power for their efforts in preparedness; and, emergency personnel, as they have to work in the worst conditions. She thanked the community organizations, fire departments and residents that opened their halls and homes to those in need. She also thanked REMO staff for keeping everyone up to date.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson also noted that, as part of the Canada 150 celebrations, the Canadian Heritage and Culture Pee Wee House Tournament was held in Ottawa. The local Western Riptide Team attended the trip, which was an engaging cultural, athletic and education experience.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no one in attendance for public input.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was requested that item 12.5 "FCM Sustainable Communities Conference" and item 12.6 "Update – Region 6 re Banning Plastics from Landfill" be added to the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that item 12.5 “FCM Sustainable Communities Conference” and item 12.6 “Update – Region 6 re Banning Plastics from Landfill” be added to the agenda. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Moore that the Agenda be approved as amended. Carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 12, 2017

Page 2, Section 5 “Deputy Mayor Bell was referred to as Deputy Mayor in these Minutes, however, he was not Deputy Mayor until November 28, 2017”. This needs to be amended to read November 14, 2017.

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Ernst that the December 12, 2017 Council Minutes be approved as amended. Carried unanimously.

For clarification, Councillor Ernst noted that on page 3, section 8.1, bullet 1 the Minutes read: “Legislation is currently going through to have the areas of McGowan, Medway and Rossignol Lakes protected under nature reserves and/or wilderness protected areas, therefore, only foot traffic would be allowed on this land”; however, Mr. Conrad stated that bicycle traffic would also be allowed.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – Nil

7. AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs – Nil

8. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES:

8.1 Ken Smith re HB Studios Sports Centre

Ken Smith, Treasurer; Doug Quinn, President; Lloyd Campbell; and, Melvin Skinner, members of the Board of Directors of the South Shore Field House Society, and Josh Goode, Manager of HB Studios Sports Centre, were in attendance to address Council.

Mr. Smith reviewed the report titled “Financial Request” (circulated with Agenda) and advised that South Shore Fieldhouse Society is currently requesting \$30,000 from the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, \$30,000 from the Town of Bridgewater, and \$6,000 from other municipal units to ensure the operations of the facility.

A discussion was held and the following points were noted:

- Councillors are willing to support the facility, but would prefer to include this request in the budget deliberations, which are finalized in May. They will bring forward a list of questions for the Board to have answered and the answers can be discussed at an upcoming Audit & Finance Committee meeting.
- They would like to have the group return to Council to provide a further update (March), and would like to continue to receive updates regarding the facility in the future.
- The facility provides a great opportunity to many athletes in the region and adds lifestyle value.
- The facility is located on property owned by the Town of Bridgewater, known as Generations Active Park.
- The facility leases 3.5 acres of the 17 acre property, which also includes a dog park.
- The lease was for \$1.00 and was for 20 years, with intent to renew into the future.
- There are no taxes paid on the land.
- There is a focus to increase usage of the facility, including adding different types of use.

- Consideration was made to purchase a cover for the field area, but the cost was not justified at the time.
- Soccer is a major use of the facility, but football, batting, community groups, ukulele groups, and the walking track are all examples of current usage.
- The business model was recently changed.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the request from the South Shore Fieldhouse Society for a grant in the amount of \$30,000 be referred to the 2018/19 Budget deliberations. Carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE: (Nil)

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES/BOARDS:

10.1 Policy & Strategy Committee

10.1.1 Strategic Priorities Chart

Mr. Dumaresq advised that the Policy & Strategy Committee reviewed the Strategic Priorities Chart and, as requested, a letter was sent to the Town of Bridgewater requesting the results of their transit pilot project.

Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council accepts the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approves the 2018/19 Strategic Priorities as presented.

Concern was raised with large projects that are on the chart as a priority, and continue to remain there for many years. For example, when will the LaHave River Straight Pipe Project and high speed internet eventually become part of a workplan and not a priority. This will allow other projects to be added.

Mr. Dumaresq advised that the Straight Pipe Project has a definite term of six years. At this time, it is not known how long internet will remain a priority.

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

11. STAFF REPORTS: (Nil)

12. MAYOR'S/DEPUTY MAYOR'S/COUNCILLORS' MATTERS:

12.5 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference (M. Bell)

Deputy Mayor Bell requested permission to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Conference from February 6-8 in Ottawa. He attended a similar conference in the past and feels that the workshops, study tours, lectures and networking are great benefits. He will present a summary of the conference at an upcoming Council meeting, upon his return.

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Garland that Municipal Council approve Deputy Mayor Bell's attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Sustainable Communities Conference and cover all applicable expenses.

Deputy Mayor Bell declared a conflict of interest on the vote and left the table.

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

Deputy Mayor Bell returned to the table.

12.1 Update – Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (M. Ernst/E. Hustvedt)

The following update was given on the December Board meeting:

- Councillor Ernst replaced Mayor Bolivar-Getson and Bill McInnis replaced Andrew Tanner.
- The income statement was presented to the end of November and the budget is on course.
- As a result of Council's decision with regard to the Board's proposal for a Capital Budget process, the Board will submit the capital budget to both Councils' and the representatives will answer any questions of their Council. It is assumed that both Councils will get together to make a joint decision.
- A motion was made to review IT services and invite the Municipal Joint Services Board to make a presentation.
- Councillor Ernst presented statistics on geographical membership, which showed that 43.96% came from the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, while 35.02% came from the Town of Bridgewater, the remaining percentage include the Town of Lunenburg and Town of Mahone Bay. This only reflects membership, and does not reflect attendance at events, usage of the library or track.
- The Board approved a strategic plan, which included four items: develop an agreement between the LCLC and municipal partners; create financial models for events hosted; increase usage of the facility; and, establish a stable business model.
- A new Aquatic Manager was hired, and numerous applications were received for the Marketing Coordinator. A committee was formed to conduct interviews.

12.2 Update – Municipal Joint Services Board (MJSB) (C. Bolivar-Getson/C. Moore/E. Knickle)

There was no meeting in December.

12.6 Update – Region 6 re Banning Plastics from Landfill (M. Ernst)

Councillor Ernst noted that there are misconceptions in the news media regarding the banning of plastics. China stopped taking film plastic, such as plastic bags and saran wrap, as it was often mixed, and therefore contaminated, with other plastics. The Waste Site has a contract with Scotia Recycling, so local film plastic is not being kept at the site. Other units, who can no longer sell their film plastic, are having to accumulate it at their waste sites. The Province is considering a moratorium on it from landfills for 6 months. Other options include banning single-use plastic bags. This issue could cause a higher cost of waste removal. The recent decline in film plastic does not include other types of plastic. There are other markets out there and higher grades are still being recycled. This messaging needs to get out to the public. A meeting is being held with Regional Chairs and the Minister of Environment.

12.3 Update – Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Bell advised that he attended normal Council activities, a meeting regarding Artie's Pond, and noted the storms over Christmas and New Years.

12.4 Update – Mayor

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that she attended: a tour of the family resource centre; a meeting in Truro with Hockey Canada regarding the Esso Cup; the Seniors' Christmas Party; a meeting with NS Health Authority with Councils on the South Shore regarding the doctor shortage; the Senior Christmas Party in Baker Settlement; a NOW Lunenburg County presentation; a meeting with Minister Miller of Department of Natural Resources regarding Lyme Disease and trail issues; facilitated a meeting of stakeholders for Artie's Pond; and, kept in contact with the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator during the storms on Christmas and New Years.

13. IN CAMERA

At 10:35 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

- 13.1 Contract Negotiations re Centre School under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 13.2 Land Negotiations re Kingsburg under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA**
- 13.3 Personnel Matter under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA**

Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 12:30 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council rise and report. Carried unanimously.

Municipal Council in session.

13.1 Contract Negotiations re Centre School

Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council approve the Purchase of Sale Agreement for part of the Centre School complex as discussed In Camera and authorize the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute same. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Knickle that Municipal Council approve the demolition of the remainder portion of the Centre School building not being sold and authorize the expenditure of same to come out of the depreciation reserve. Carried unanimously.

13.3 Personnel Matter

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council direct staff to develop a Respectful Workplace Policy for Council's consideration; and further, that all Council and staff members complete respectful workplace training. Carried unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

At 12:35 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the meeting adjourn. Carried .