

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Meeting of
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Held in Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS
Tuesday, March 27, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Deputy Mayor Martin Bell, District 2, Chair
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 (left at 11:55 a.m.)
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
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:

2.1 Proclamation – Purple Day for Epilepsy

Mayor Bolivar-Getson declared March 26, 2018 as Purple Day for Epilepsy.

Councillor Ernst recognized Have a Laugh Players, for their recent performances of the play titled “Godspell”, that have been ongoing throughout the area.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson congratulated the South Shore Lumberjacks on their first series victory, during their game on March 26, 2018.

3. PUBLIC INPUT: Nil

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the Agenda be approved as circulated.

Councillor Ernst noted that he will be declaring a Conflict of Interest for item 13.4 Land Negotiations re Oakland under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA.

Carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 27 & March 13, 2018

Councillor Hustvedt requested to remove bullet 2, Page 5, Section 12.1 “Update – Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre” and to replace it with the following:

“The Board received a letter from the Town of Bridgewater requesting the LCLC Board build a budget based on a total \$390,000 grant, including operating and capital, for fiscal year 2018/2019. Mr. Malloy noted that the LCLC Board reviewed the budget process at the last meeting. Currently, the LCLC capital and operating budgets are approved through separate processes by the Town and MODL. The Town is looking to approve a combined LCLC operating and capital budget. Bridgewater had earlier agreed to approve a total amount for LCLC capital budget rather than approve it item by item. Our Council did not agree to this approach. The different approaches are causing a delay in approving an LCLC capital budget. Meanwhile, Mr. Malloy expressed concerns that it is almost March 1 and there is no LCLC operating budget yet. The LCLC capital budget will be brought to the March 6, 2018 Audit & Finance Committee meeting for review.”

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Ernst that the Minutes of February 27, 2018 be approved with the above noted amendment. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the Minutes of March 13, 2018 be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Ernst noted that in the February 27, 2018 Minutes, under Section 11.1.1 “Update on LaHave River Project”, a discussion was held regarding crushed glass in septic systems. He advised that the Nova Scotia Department of Environment does allow the use of crushed glass in septic systems, but an installer must be given a certificate to do so.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – Nil**7. AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs - Nil****8. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES: (Nil)****9. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE: (Nil)****10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS****10.1 Policy & Strategy Committee****10.1.1 Summer Office Hours**

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve that the Municipality annually modify office hours to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in July and August only. Carried unanimously.

10.1.2 Repeal Policy MDL-63 “Osprey Ridge Fee Policy”

Moved by Councillor Garland, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and repeal Policy MDL-63 Osprey Ridge Fee. Carried unanimously.

10.1.3 Year 1 Lyme Disease Budget

Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Garland that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and authorize a year one (1) budget of \$40,200 for the Lyme Disease project, that the costs incurred in the 2017/18 fiscal year be taken from the Administration Contingency account; and further, that staff continue to seek participation of federal and provincial governments in this disease prevention project. Those opposed: Councillors Nauss and Veinot. Motion Carried.

10.1.4 Fire & Emergency Services Committee Review

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Veinot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and defer the review of the Fire & Emergency Services Committee, that was directed by Council at the April 11, 2017 meeting, until the evaluation is carried out on the Fire Services Coordinator position and a decision is made on whether the position will continue. Carried unanimously.

10.1.5 Audit & Finance Committee Proposed Changes

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and abolish the Audit & Finance Committee and create two separate committees, being the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve the Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve the Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee as amended. Carried unanimously.

11. STAFF REPORTS:

11.1 Economic Development

11.1.1 Internet Project – Provincial Internet Announcement

Dave Waters, Economic Development Officer, was in attendance and reviewed a report titled “Provincial Internet Announcement and Draft IValley Report” (circulated with Agenda).

A discussion was held and the following points were noted:

- The Province’s messaging is indicating they may not be interested in owning infrastructure related to internet.
- The funds could be provided to existing Internet Service Providers (ISPs) such as Bell, Eastlink and others, which will extend the fibre backbone and give a better business case for last mile solutions.
- The Province has indicated that municipal assistance may be required to assist with future projects.
- The estimated \$31 million will cover the fibre backbone and last mile solutions for the District of Chester, Region of Queens and District of Lunenburg.

- The IValley report considered 15 Mbps service, with an 80% connectivity rate. The Brightstar report considered 10 Mbps, with a 95% connectivity rate.
- There are concerns with providing funding directly to Bell and Eastlink.
- The funding being requested, at this time, is to have the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) create a test for internet speeds, lag, latency, etc. Residents will go online and do the test, which will be collected and registered in a database by the CIRA and interpreted by IValley. This information will be public information that will show an accurate picture of the internet service being provided.

Councillor Moore left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Mr. Waters noted that the Sweetland Pilot Project Report will be coming to Council in the near future. Also, there will be an education session for Councillors and staff to help better understand the terminology used when discussing internet service.

Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bell that Municipal Council approve a pre-budget allowance of \$4,500 for the development of a Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) Report; and further, that this be conditional on the Region of Queens and the District of Chester approving same. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Waters left the meeting at this time.

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

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

Councillors Hustvedt and Ernst provided an update on the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (LCLC). They discussed the capital and operating budgets, recent and upcoming events, the Municipal Joint Services Board IT proposal, the financial statements, and the new Marketing Coordinator position.

Councillor Moore returned to the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

12.2 Update – Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Bell advised that he attended the following: the Lunenburg County Christmas Tree Producers Association Annual Meeting, agenda briefings, and his regular Council duties.

12.3 Update – Mayor

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that she attended the following: Respectful Workplace Training, the family/staff skating event, the New Germany Fire Department open house, a Joint Building Services meeting; a Lumberjacks Hockey game, and the Atlantic Immigration Pilot breakfast.

13. IN CAMERA:

At 10:15 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

- 13.1 Land Negotiations re Osprey Village under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA**
- 13.2 Land Negotiations re Harold Whynot Road under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA**
- 13.3 Contract Negotiations re Econ. Development under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 13.4 Land Negotiations re Oakland under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA**

13.5 Contract Negotiations re Municipal Modernization under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA

13.6 Personnel Matter under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA

Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

Councillor Ernst declared a Conflict of Interest for item 13.4 Land Negotiations re Oakland.

Councillor Garland left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Council had a recess from 12:05 p.m. to 12:35 p.m.

At 1:25 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that Municipal Council rise and report. Carried unanimously.

Municipal Council in session.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor ~~Ernst~~ Whynot (amended April 10, 2018) that pursuant to Section 14 of the Inter-Municipal Agreement establishing the South Shore Regional Enterprise Network dated January 12, 2017, Municipal Council hereby gives one year's notice that the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg will withdraw as a partner in the South Shore Regional Enterprise Network and authorizes the Mayor to send a letter to the Chair of the Board of Directors and the Chair of the Liaison and Oversight Committee to confirm withdrawal. The motion on the floor was voted on and carried. Those opposed: Councillor Ernst.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business at 1:30 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver that the meeting adjourn. Carried.