

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Meeting of
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Held in Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS
Tuesday, October 23, 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
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer
Tina Robichaud-Bond, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RECOGNITION

Councillor Hustvedt reported that the Petite Riviere School Advisory Council met with school advisory committees from the area to discuss issues of common interest. The next group discussion will be hosted by the Big Tancook Island Elementary School some time in the near future.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (Nil)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Ernst advised that he would be declaring a Conflict of Interest for Item 11.2.1 MICA – Sponsorship Ad.

Councillor Ernst requested an update on the letter to the MLA & MP regarding the resolution passed on offshore drilling.

Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Carver that the Agenda be approved with the addition of an update on the letter to the MLAs and MP regarding the resolution on offshore drilling. Carried unanimously.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Special Council Minutes of October 2, 2018 and October 3, 2018, and Regular Council Minutes of October 9, 2018

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the Minutes of the Special Council meetings of October 2, 2018 and October 3, 2018 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Garland that the Minutes of the Council meeting of October 9, 2018 be approved as circulated. Carried.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 **Update on Letter to MLAs & MP re Resolution Passed on Offshore Drilling**

Mr. Malloy reported that the letter was prepared, signed and sent but no response received to date. Councillor Ernst requested that a copy of the letter be provided to him.

7. **AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs (Nil)**

8. **PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES**

8.1 **Chasidy Veinotte-Dorey, Tourism & Marketing Coordinator**
Re: Announcement & South Shore Tourism Update

Chasidy Veinotte-Dorey, Tourism & Marketing Coordinator, and Marci Hirtle, VIC Manager, were in attendance.

Ms. Veinotte-Dorey reviewed her report, “South Shore Tourism – Winter Festivals” (circulated with Agenda), highlighting the importance of tourism in the off-season. She advised that the following festivals are taking place again this year on the South Shore in an attempt to entice visitors to the area during the off-season:

- Christmas Crawl – November 16, 2018 to January 6, 2019
- Lobster Crawl – February 1, 2019 to February 18, 2019

Ms. Veinotte-Dorey reported that she and her staff had reached out to local businesses to invite them to get involved with the festivals to help increase sales and business during the off-season. She asked that Councillors provide her with names of any businesses that may benefit from getting involved with the festivals. She also invited Councillors to get involved with this initiative by attending the various events.

The festivals cover areas stretching from Barrington to New Ross.

9. **CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE (Nil)**

10. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS**

10.1 **Policy & Strategy Committee**

10.1.1 Elimination of Non-taxable Allowance for Elected Officials

Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance, and Angela Veinot, Accounting Manager, were in attendance.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve the proposed salary structure for elected officials as per the attached proposal.

A discussion followed regarding concerns on how the proposed salary structure would affect Councillors' pay as for some it may provide a pay increase and others none. Mr. Malloy explained that each Councillor would be affected differently depending on their existing income scale and tax bracket. It was noted that the existing pay scale was put into place in 1999, and workload and expenses have increased due to the decrease in the number of Councillors and larger districts.

The Motion on the floor was voted on. Those Opposed: Councillors Veinot, Knickle, and Ernst. Motion carried.

Ms. Wentzell and Ms. Veinot left the meeting.

10.1.2 Proposed Amendments to Policy MDL-03

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve the amendments to Policy MDL-03 "Council Members' Remuneration and Expenses" as presented.

Clarification was requested on the wording of Section 3.2 Eligible Expenses regarding the requirement to request approval, in writing, to attend seminars, courses and conferences, and whether this requirement was just for out of province events or for all. Mr. Malloy explained that the written requests were to be provided to the Mayor for all events, regardless of location, with the exception of Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities and Federation of Canadian Municipalities events.

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

10.1.3 Proposed Amendments to Policy MDL-43

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve the proposed amendments to Policy MDL-43 "Community Grants Program/Sponsorship Request" as presented. Carried unanimously.

Trudy Payne, Acting Deputy CAO, arrived at the meeting.

10.1.4 Provincial Cost-sharing for Roads

Moved by Councillor Garland, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve the following prioritized list of roads for the 2019/20 Cost-Sharing Program for Subdivision Streets relating to the following J Class Roads: Stonehurst and Tanner; Fort Point and Pentz; and Dawson Heights, Lohnes Drive and Charlie Lane.

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the motion on the floor be amended to include School House Road.

A discussion followed regarding the priority of the roads listed. Mayor Bolivar-Getson explained that any roads listed on the previous year's list would be included in the current list.

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

MOTION ON FLOOR AS AMENDED:

Moved by Councillor Garland, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve the following prioritized list of roads for the 2019/20 Cost-Sharing Program for Subdivision Streets relating to the following J Class Roads: Stonehurst and Tanner; Fort Point, School House Road, and Pentz; and Dawson Heights, Lohnes Drive and Charlie Lane. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Payne left the meeting.

10.1.5 GoRural Transportation Network

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bell that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and give consideration to taking part in the GoRural Transportation Network Pilot Project pending provincial funding being available for the Project; and, that Council provide the assistance of our Grant Coordinator in exploring potential funding for this project. Carried unanimously.

11. STAFF REPORTS

11.1 Administration Department

11.1.1 Proposal re Connection Chats

Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer, reviewed her report, "Connection Chats: Proposal" (circulated with Agenda).

A discussion followed regarding the following:

- Funding
- Focus area
- Dates to be proposed

Direction was given to move forward with the proposal.

11.1.2 Municipal Awareness Week 2018

Ms. Kucharski reviewed her report, "Municipal Awareness Week" (circulated with Agenda), highlighting the scheduled events and strategies for promoting the events.

Ms. Kucharski noted that Council had requested a community Council meeting be held at some point and, although her report noted November 27th, she suggested December 11th may be a better timeline.

It was suggested that the community council meeting be held in one of the communities that a Your Government Your Ideas meeting was held, such as Mahone Bay or New Germany as this would provide a chance to respond to ideas/concerns brought up at one of those meetings.

Ms. Kucharski advised that she would look at those areas for availability of space.

It was noted that community meetings had been held in local schools in the past. Ms. Kucharski explained that schools require a fair amount of notice to hold events and suggested that she could contact a school in the spring to host a meeting in the fall.

11.2 Recreation Department

11.2.1 MICA Sponsorship Ad

Councillor Ernst declared a Conflict of Interest as he is a member of MICA and left the table.

Sandy Mair-Dodman, Acting Program Coordinator, was in attendance.

Ms. Mair-Dodman reviewed her report, “Mahone Bay Islands Conservation Association, Sponsorship Ad” (circulated with Agenda).

Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council approve \$500 under the Sponsorship Ad Grant for the Mahone Bay Islands Conservation Association to assist them with their 16th Annual Gala Dinner and Auction taking place on Friday, November 9, 2018.

It was noted that the Islands are open to the public but only accessible by boat.

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

Ms. Mair-Dodman left the meeting.

Councillor Ernst returned to the table.

12. MAYOR’S/DEPUTY MAYOR’S/COUNCILLORS’ MATTERS

12.1 Update – LCLC

The update on the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre was deferred to the next meeting as the meeting of the new Board was scheduled for October 25, 2018.

12.2 Update – Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Bell advised that he had no update to provide.

12.3 Update – Mayor

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she attended a meeting with residents regarding Lyme Disease Awareness; a NSFM internet workshop; the kick-off to the Empower Women Run; the Atlantic Mayors' Congress in St. John's, NF, and various breakfasts and suppers in the District.

13. IN CAMERA

At 10:25 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

13.1 Land Negotiations re Glendale Ave, Lower Branch, under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA

13.2 Contract Negotiations re LaHave Straight Pipe Contract under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA

Motion carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 11:30 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council rise and report. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

13.1 Land Negotiations re Glendale Ave, Lower Branch

Moved by Councillor Veinot, seconded by Councillor Garland that Municipal Council not deem the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg Property PID #60331345 as surplus and not sell any portion of it, and further, that Council deny the offer of purchase of same. Carried unanimously.

13.2 Contract Negotiations re LaHave Straight Pipe Contract

Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council not reduce the Recovery Charge for the ATU installation at 3300 Highway 331. Carried unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 11:35 a.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the meeting adjourn. Carried.