

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG  
Minutes of a Meeting of  
**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
Held in Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS  
**Tuesday, April 23, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

Regrets: Councillor Claudette Garland, District 6

Staff: Kevin Malloy, Chief Administrative Officer  
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk  
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer  
Joanne Powers, Executive 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 – Lyme Disease Awareness Month**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson read the following Proclamation:

“WHEREAS Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a black-legged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*; and

WHEREAS black-legged ticks carrying a variety of diseases or illnesses can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS awareness, education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, can help reduce your chances of contracting tick borne diseases;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, on behalf of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as “Lyme

Disease Awareness Month”.

Councillor Hustvedt announced that the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre will be hosting the Canadian Tire Para Hockey Cup in December of 2020.

Councillor Hustvedt extended praise for Matthew and Trish Dagley of Vogler’s Cove for, once again, offering an Easter Egg Hunt for approximately 100 children. The Dagley’s also offer programs and activities for children in the community.

Councillor Ernst recognized Nolan Langille of Oakland, a student at Bayview School, who received a Heritage Award from the Mahone Bay Founders’ Society.

### **3. PUBLIC INPUT**

Nate Bald of Rose Bay addressed Council with his concern over the research being conducted locally by OCEARCH. Mr. Bald’s main concern was the use of chumming (luring fish with bait) in areas often used by beach-goers, surfers, kayakers and canoeists. He requested the Municipality draft a letter to the Department of Fisheries asking that no chumming occur near recreational users, and that all OCEARCH vessels, including tenders, have their AIS systems on and functioning at all times.

Sharon Chisholm of Kingsburg, Vice President of Kingsburg Community Association, was in attendance representing Deborah Walsh, the head of the Environmental Committee. Ms. Chisholm also expressed concern over the activities of OCEARCH in regard to chumming and public safety.

Mr. Bald and Ms. Chisholm left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Special Council of April 2, 2019 & April 9, 2019**

**Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Bell that the Minutes of the April 2, 2019 Special Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

There was a question raised regarding what was reported in the newspaper about the site development for the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the new Administration Building. The approved RFP was for the site development only and not the construction of the building.

There was also discussion around Nathan Cirillo Drive and Champlain Drive and access to the new Administration Building. It was clarified that the extension to Nathan Cirillo Drive was not necessary for the new building.

**Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Carver that the Minutes of the April 9, 2019 Special Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Nil)**

7. **AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs**

7.1 **Tender Award - 2019-05-001 Onsite Sewage Disposal System Project Group #22**

Maria Butts, LaHave River Project Coordinator, and Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works, were in attendance.

Ms. Butts reviewed the report, "Tender Award: On-site Sewage Disposal System Installations for LaHave River Properties Project Group #22" (circulated with the agenda).

Ms. Butts advised that four bids were received and the lowest was by Dennis Lively Construction and Backhoe Services Limited in the amount of \$97,500 plus HST.

**Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council award Tender #2019-05-001 On-site Sewage Disposal System Installations for LaHave River Properties Group #22 to Dennis Lively Construction and Backhoe Services Limited in the amount of \$97,500 plus HST.**

It was requested that an update on installations be provided to Council Members.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Butts and Mr. Pace left the meeting.

8. **PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES**

8.1 **OCEARCH – White Sharks**

Mr. Chris Fischer, Founding Chairman and Dr. Robert Heuter, Chief Science Advisor of the OCEARCH Foundation, were in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Fischer explained that OCEARCH began assisting scientists on the water between 1999 and 2007 to help study other species including sailfish, tuna, etc. They assisted by bringing fishermen and scientists together to capture assorted species and create data. Mr. Fischer explained that scientists do not know where fish go, therefore, it is difficult to manage them and to ensure they live for future generations. During this time, a shark crisis began to emerge around the world largely due to the popularity of shark fin soup in Asia.

Mr. Fischer pointed out that sharks are the balance-keeper of the ocean because they prevent the second tier predator from exploding and wiping out all the commercially exploitable fish. Sharks keep seals ashore, which in our area, means they are not consuming our lobster and cod. Mr. Fischer's research then began in order to determine where the sharks were mating, migrating, and being born. He emphasised that OCEARCH is not a shark program, rather it is a program to ensure there is plenty of fish species for years to come.

Tagging of sharks is only 10% of what the OCEARCH team does with the sharks. Mr. Fischer stated that each animal has approximately, 15 research projects done to it in the first 15 minutes of handling. They perform blood work, tissue work, parasite work, ultrasound, semen samples, fecal samples, bacteria samples, and morphometrics, to name a few. Mr. Fischer explained that tagging identifies where the sharks are, but all the other samples tell what the sharks are doing.

In 2012 and 2013, they were able to tag 5 females, and Lidia, one of the sharks came to Canada and led them to Newfoundland. In 2016 they tagged a male shark named Hilton who also came to Canada and he spent the majority of his time between West Ironbound and Cross Island. This data made them think that maybe Canada was the fall mating area.

In September 2018, they planned their trip to Nova Scotia to create more data. The first mature female, Luna, was tagged off of Lunenburg and Hal, a mature male, was also tagged.

Discussion followed, and included the concern around chumming, and the possibility of erecting shark awareness signage in the areas where white sharks are known to be living. Mr. Fischer agreed that signage is a very good idea. The topics of tagging and permitting were also discussed. He noted that they do not chum off beaches and that they found chumming in the area of Ironbound and Cross Island was not needed because of the abundance of seals in the area. They caught seven sharks without chumming. Sharks have always been here, but people were not aware of them.

Mr. Fischer extended an open invitation to go on their ship for a day to see exactly what it is they are doing in the local waters.

Mr. Fischer and Dr. Heuter left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

## **9. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 Petition re Route 331**

**Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council authorize the Mayor to write a letter to the Minister of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting the Department address the concerns of residents over the poor condition of Route 331 between Petite Riviere Bridge and Broad Cove.**

It was suggested that anyone wishing to report poor road conditions to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, should phone the toll free number to register and then receive a ticket number.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **8.2 Lyme Disease – Dr. Jennifer Cram, Medical Officer of Health, Western Zone, Nova Scotia Health Authority**

Dr. Jennifer Cram, Medical Officer of Health, Western Zone, Nova Scotia Health Authority, and Jessica McCarthy, Manager, Health Protection, Public Health were in attendance at the meeting.

Dr. Cramm explained that she is a community doctor which means that she supports and advocates for the health needs of a community, and on the South Shore one of the issues is Lyme disease.

Dr. Cramm explained that Lyme disease in Nova Scotia is endemic, meaning that the bacteria that causes Lyme disease is established and not going away. She covered the following topics in her presentation (included in the agenda package):

- Clinical presentation and treatment
- Lyme disease diagnosis
- Prevention is the key public health priority
- Toward a new Lyme vaccine?
- Working to fight Lyme disease
- Challenges
- Conflicting information and messages
- Moving forward as a community
- Lyme disease resources

Ms. McCarthy explained that research is scheduled to begin this summer and once the protocol is in place, individuals will be encouraged to sign up for the research.

Dr. Cram and Ms. McCarthy left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS**

### **10.1 Policy & Strategy Committee**

#### **10.1.2 Sponsorship Ad – The Rose Fund’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner & Auction**

**Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council approve a Sponsorship Ad request from The Rose Fund’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner & Auction in the amount of \$250 for the “Silver” level sponsorship for their community fundraising event taking place May 4, 2019. Carried unanimously.**

### **10.2 Fire & Emergency Services Committee**

#### **10.2.1 Reappointment of Committee Members**

**Moved by Councillor Veinot, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Fire and Emergency Services Committee and reappoint the following representatives: Brian Keizer, Chief Tom Lockwood, Deputy Chief Steve Patterson, and Deputy Chief Dean Schmeisser. Carried unanimously.**

## **11. STAFF REPORTS**

### **11.1 Administration Department**

Amy Wamboldt, Grant Coordinator, was in attendance at the meeting.

#### **11.1.1 Approval of Municipal Service Exchange Road Projects 2019**

**Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council accept the proposed paving of provincial subdivision street projects as specified in the correspondence from Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, namely: Stonehurst Road, Tanner Road, Fort Point Road (including Fort Point Branch), School House Road, St. Peter's Hall Road, and Pentz Road. Carried unanimously.**

#### **11.1.2 2019 PCAP Funding**

**Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that Municipal Council endorse the Garden Lots Water and Wastewater Study as the funding priority for the 2019 Provincial Capital Assistance Program. Carried unanimously.**

Ms. Wamboldt left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

### **12. MAYOR'S/DEPUTY MAYOR'S/COUNCILLORS' MATTERS**

#### **12.1 Update – Deputy Mayor**

Deputy Mayor Moore reported that, in her last report, she forgot to mention that she attended the Provincial Volunteer Awards in Halifax. Since then, she attended the Municipal Volunteer Awards Reception, the announcement of the 2020 Canadian Tire Para Hockey Cup, South Shore/Halifax Regional Municipality Regional Meeting and an agenda briefing.

#### **12.3 Update – Mayor**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she attended the Annual Fire & Emergency Services meeting, the Municipal Volunteer Awards Reception, the Easter Egg Hunt at the Municipal Activity and Recreation Complex (MARC), the announcement of the 2020 Canadian Tire Para Hockey Cup, the Open House at Hope Landing in Dayspring, South Shore/Halifax Regional Municipality Regional Meeting, and various briefings with residents and community events.

### **13. ADDED ITEMS - NIL**

### **14. IN CAMERA - NIL**

### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business at 10:55 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Knickle that the meeting adjourn. Carried.**