

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Meeting of
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Held in Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS
Tuesday, May 28, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore, District 5
Councillor Lee Nauss, District 3
Councillor John Veinot, District 4
Councillor Claudette Garland, District 6
Councillor Wade Carver, District 7
Councillor Michael Ernst, District 8
Councillor Errol Knickle, District 10

Regrets: Councillor Eric Hustvedt, District 1
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9

Staff: Kevin Malloy, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk
Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works
David Waters, Director of Business Development, Tourism and Infrastructure
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer
Byung Jun Kang, Planner
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 (Nil)

3. PUBLIC INPUT (Nil)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Councillor Ernst and Mr. Dumaresq advised that they would be declaring a Conflict of Interest with Item 14.1 Land Negotiations re Oakland.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 9, 2019; April 23, 2019; and Special Council of May 8, 2019**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Carver that the Minutes of the April 9, 2019 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the Minutes of the April 23, 2019 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the Minutes of the May 8, 2019 Special Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

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

7. **AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs**

7.1 **Award of Tender #2019-01-001 – Road Maintenance**

Jamie Burgess, Municipal Engineer, was in attendance.

Mr. Burgess reviewed his report, “Road Maintenance Tender” (circulated with Agenda), noting that two bids were received and accepted.

Moved by Councillor Veinot, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council award Tender #2019-01-001 – Municipal Public Road General Maintenance to William A. Gerhardt Property Improvements for \$137,350.65 plus HST.

A question was raised whether the bid received was within the budgeted amount for this project. Mr. Burgess explained that the pricing was lower because unit prices and the estimated quantities required were lower than anticipated. He further explained that the tender for the Maintenance of Municipal Roads was divided into two tenders; General Maintenance and Road Suppression and Grading.

It was requested that a report be prepared outlining the costs of the two tenders for municipal roads maintenance and how they compared to the previous year’s tender figures and this year’s budget.

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

Mr. Burgess left the meeting.

7.2 **Award of Tender #2019-05-004 LaHave River On Site Sewage Disposal System Installations Project Group #24**

Maria Butts, Project Coordinator LaHave River Straight Pipe Replacement Project, was in attendance.

Ms. Butts reviewed her report, “On-Site Sewage Disposal System Installations for LaHave River Properties, Project Group #24” (circulated with the Agenda).

Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council award Tender #2019-05-004 On-Site Sewage Disposal System Installations for LaHave River Properties Group #24 to CK Earthworks in the amount of \$65,088 plus HST.

In response to a question, Ms. Butts explained that the cost of the systems were not publically disclosed but that pricing in the current year was comparably better than the previous year.

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

It was noted that, to date, this year, 28 systems have been installed.

7.3 Award of RFP #2018-005 – Curbside Waste Collection Services

Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works; Siew Secord, COO, Municipal Joint Services Board; Jamie Burgess, Municipal Engineer; Matt Appleby, Certified Engineering Technician; and Tyler Richardson, Engineering Student, were in attendance.

Mr. Pace reviewed his report, “MJSB RFP Award 2018-005: Curbside Waste Collection Services” (circulated with the Agenda) and reported that two bids were received and accepted.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Garland that Municipal Council award MJSB RFP #2018-005 Curbside Waste Collection Services to G.E.’s All Trucking Ltd. O/A GE Environmental for \$1,080,574 plus HST.

It was noted that all five municipal units were included in the bid and that bulk purchasing provides for more competitive pricing. It was further noted that all five municipal units had awarded the contract to G.E.’s All Trucking Ltd. O/A GE Environmental. The current bid provided a cost saving to the Municipality of \$308,999 per year for waste collection.

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

Ms. Secord and Mr. Pace were thanked for their efforts and work on the contract.

Mr. Pace, Ms. Secord, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Appleby, and Mr. Richardson left the meeting.

9. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE (Nil)

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS

10.1 Policy & Strategy Committee

10.1.1 NOW Lunenburg County’s Doctor Recruitment Initiative

Moved by Councillor Garland, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and award \$5,000 to the Lunenburg County Community Fund/Community Foundation of Nova Scotia for NOW Lunenburg County’s Doctor Recruitment Initiative. Carried unanimously.

10.1.2 Signage in Blockhouse Community

Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Knickle that Municipal Council contact Mr. Glen Strang, NS Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, giving the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's support for signage to be established in the Blockhouse Community by the Blockhouse and Area Ratepayers' Kinship. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged the work completed by the organization at the Blockhouse corner.

10.2 Nominating Committee

10.2.1 Sherbrook Lake Stewardship Committee

Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and appoint Michael Morrison as a representative from the Municipality of the District of Chester, as per the Terms of Reference, to the Sherbrooke Lake Stewardship Committee for a three-year term. Carried unanimously.

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

12.1 MJSB UPDATE

Councillor Garland provided updates on the following:

- Community litter clean up program incentive
 - Earth Day Challenge growing
- 4th Quarter Report
 - Land purchase and equipment affected the capital
 - Increase in billable revenue
- Negotiations with the Town of Lunenburg are ongoing

11. STAFF REPORTS

11.1 Planning Department

11.1.1 PACE Report

Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning and Development Services, was in attendance.

Mr. Merrill reviewed his report, "Clean Energy Financing Program Renewal", (circulated with the Agenda), advising that the program was up for renewal and already had residents on a waitlist for the 2019/2020 year.

Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council enter into a one (1) year contract with Clean Nova Scotia Foundation for the continued delivery of the Clean Energy Financing Program to the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's homeowners and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute same.

The following was noted:

- Financing is tied to the property, not the property owners
- Maximum financing amount is \$10,000
- Revenues are from interest and fees
- Program available to non-residents of Canada who own property in the Municipality

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

Mr. Merrill left the meeting.

11.2 Economic Development Department

11.2.1 Develop Nova Scotia Internet Process

David Waters, Director of Business Development, Tourism and Infrastructure, and Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer, were in attendance.

Mr. Waters reviewed his report, "Develop NS Internet Process", (circulated with the Agenda), providing an update regarding the status of Develop NS' strategy for improving internet access to Nova Scotians. He explained that Develop NS released RFP for internet improvement projects across the province.

Ms. Kucharski reviewed the Municipality's strategy for improving connectivity for its residents.

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

12.2 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Moore advised that she attended agenda briefings, a planning meeting for River Ridge Common, and the 62 Niobe Sea Cadets annual ceremony review.

Deputy Mayor Moore noted that the River Ridge Common grand opening was scheduled July 12, 2019 at 6:00p.m. with a rain date July 13, 2019 at 2:00p.m.

12.3 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson met with a group of residents regarding the status of roads; attended the GOWS Home Hardware grand opening, the planning meeting of River Ridge Common, and the Rural Week reception for doctors; participated in the Mahone Bay Centre strategy; and attended various fundraising events.

13. ADDED ITEMS (Nil)

14. IN CAMERA

At 9:45 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss Contract Negotiations re Shared Services under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA

Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 10:05 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Knickle that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

8. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES

Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation Services, and Tissy Bolivar, Program Coordinator, were in attendance.

8.1 Michael Graves, United Way – Annual Update

Michael Graves, Coordinator for the United Way, Lunenburg County, was in attendance.

Mr. Graves gave a presentation, “United Way Lunenburg County Improving Lives Locally” (attached to Minutes), providing an update on the following:

- Community Issues
- Top 12 funded programs
- Locally funded partners and programs
- How to help

Mr. Graves noted that all money collected in Lunenburg County is used to fund local programs for low income children, youth, families, and seniors.

Mr. Graves reported that revenues are decreasing, and many families are still struggling. He advised that the United Way uses Facebook as a promotional tool where the public can access information on dates and locations of events. It was noted that events could be included on the Events Listing page of the Municipal Newsletter.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged the work that the United Way has contributed in the community and thanked Mr. Graves for his work with the organization. She further thanked staff and Council for their contributions to the United Way.

Mr. Graves, Ms. Payne, and Ms. Bolivar left the meeting.

At 10:39 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver, that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss Land Negotiations re Oakland under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA.

Councillor Ernst and Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO, declared a Conflict of Interest in regards to In Camera Item 14.1 and removed themselves from the room for the In Camera discussion.

Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 11:57 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

14.1 Land Negotiations re Oakland under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA

Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that Municipal Council enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase of properties PID 60231032 – Lot C and PID 60439304 – Lot WR-2, as acceptable to the Municipal Solicitor and as per the terms and conditions discussed In Camera and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an acceptable Purchase and Sale Agreement. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council authorize the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to sign a Contribution Agreement between the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the Mahone Island Conservation Association as discussed In Camera, and as acceptable to the Municipal Solicitor. Carried unanimously.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 12:00 p.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Carver that the meeting adjourn. Carried.



United Way Lunenburg County Improving Lives Locally

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Who we are

The United Way is a volunteer driven organization that improves lives and builds community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action.

Community Based Support

The United Way is powered by 75 + volunteers.

Board + Citizens Review Panel + Workplaces + Programs



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What we do

We raise money in the local community and reinvest that money into local programs.

We help people from all walks of life; kids, youth, families, women, seniors, people living in and on the edge of poverty.

And we do this in partnership with over 30 community groups and organizations.



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Community Issues

People Living with Low Income Using Low Income Measure, (LIM-AT) 2015
24,863 population

- County Low-income Rate 18.8% = 8,670 people (17.1% 4,230)
- Child Low-income Rate
 - (0 – 17 yrs.) 23.2% = 1,655 kids (19.8% 745)
 - (0 – 5 yrs.) 27 % = 580 kids (22 % 240)
- Senior Low-income Rate 21% = 2,445 seniors (21.1% 1,245)

Lone Parent Families 2016

There are 2,035 lone parent families living in Lunenburg County (8.6% 950)

- 1,580 female and 455 male households
- 690 female and 260 male households



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Community Issues

Households - County (2016)

- Total Households 21,440
- Households spending more than 30% on shelter costs is 18.4%
 - 42% of renters and 12.9% of homeowners

Households – Lunenburg Municipality (2016) SSHAC Housing Report

- Total Households 11,010
- Households spending more than 30% on shelter costs is 13.7%
 - 33.2% of renters and 11.4% of homeowners
- 24% of households in MoDL are one person households. (2,640)



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People in our community are having problems meeting their basic day to day needs.



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Since 2006 the United Way of Lunenburg County has invested **\$1,746,422** in numerous Lunenburg County community organizations and projects.

This total does not include donor's choice/ designations.

The breakdown by focus area is as follows;

All That Kids Can Be	\$1,103,881
From Poverty to Possibility	\$204,635
Healthy People Strong Communities	\$437,926



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Our top 12 funded programs represent 54.35% of total funding

YMCA Youth Programs	\$185,950	Since 2009
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$164,138	Since 2006
St Vincent de Paul	\$163,100	Since 2006
Better Together Family Resource Ctr.	\$126,260	Since 2006
PRO Kids MoDL	\$110,830	Since 2010
Second Story Women's Ctr. Girl Talk	\$69,068	Since 2008
Chester PRO Kids	\$60,440	Since 2007
Harbour House	\$53,917	Since 2006
Chester Community Wheels	\$52,400	Since 2007
Bridgewater PRO Kids	\$45,040	Since 2011
Hinchinbrook Farm	\$43,220	Since 2011
Senior Safety Coordinator	\$42,180	Since 2014

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So how can you help your community?

Donate

If every single worker donated just \$0.15 per day to the United Way of Lunenburg County we would raise over \$1.2 million dollars every year.

Advocate

Be a United Way of Lunenburg County Champion.

