

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG  
Minutes of a Meeting of  
**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
Held in Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS  
**Tuesday, July 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 Claudette Garland, District 6  
Councillor Wade Carver, District 7  
Councillor Michael Ernst, District 8  
Councillor Errol Knickle, District 10

Regrets: Councillor John Veinot, District 4  
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9

Staff: Alex Dumaresq, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk  
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**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson recognized Councillor Martin Bell for receiving the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Canadian Volunteer Fire Services Association.

Councillor Ernst acknowledged Bill Ludwick, a local boat builder, for his feature article in the Wooden Boat Magazine, and the Mahone Bay Museum on a successful House and Garden Tour.

**3. PUBLIC INPUT (Nil)**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the following matter be added to the In Camera portion of the Agenda:**

**14.2 Contract Negotiations re Town of Bridgewater be added to the Agenda.  
Carried**

**Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Carver that the following matter be added to the Agenda:**

**13.1 Nominating Committee – Appointment to MJSB Litter Committee Carried.**

**Moved by Deputy Moore, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the Agenda be approved as amended above. Carried unanimously.**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 9, 2019**

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

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor Ernst referred to the June 25, 2019 Council Minutes and requested an update on the proposed invitation to the Department of Environment to attend a future Council meeting to discuss the LaHave Straight Pipe Replacement Program. Mr. Dumaresq advised that staff had contacted the Department of Environment and extended the invitation.

**7. AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs**

**7.1 Award of RFP #2019-01-400 Safety Program Services**

Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works, was in attendance.

Mr. Pace reviewed his report, “RFP Award: Safety Program Services 2019-01-400” (circulated with the Agenda).

**Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council award Request for Proposal #2019-01-400 Safety Program Services to Safety Services Nova Scotia in the amount of \$49,350, inclusive of any applicable taxes and expenses; and further, that Council pre-approve \$10,000 in the 2020/21 budget to complete the portion of the Safety Program Services Project that will be completed in that fiscal year.**

Mr. Pace advised that the work to be carried out by Safety Services NS would include the following:

- Identify and evaluate risk for each job
- Identify training requirements
- Create a training database

He further noted that the program is strictly employee focused.

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

Mr. Pace left the meeting.

## **7.2 Award of RFP #2019-01-401 Petite Riviere Watershed Flood Risk Assessment and Mitigation Study**

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

Mr. Merrill reviewed his report, “RFP Award: Petite Riviere Watershed Flood Risk Assessment and Mitigation Study 2019-01-401” (circulated with the Agenda).

**Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council award Request for Proposal #2019-01-401 Petite Riviere Watershed Flood Risk Assessment and Mitigation Study Phase 1 to CBCL in the amount of \$77,122, net HST.**

The following matters were discussed:

- All stakeholders from the Petite Riviere watershed to the ocean would be included
- Difference between “Mitigation Planning” and “Mitigation Options”
- Costs and funds to complete project

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

Mr. Merrill left the meeting.

## **8. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES (Nil)**

## **9. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 Clean Ocean Action Committee (COAC) re Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia**

Mr. Dumaresq reported that correspondence was received from the Clean Ocean Action Committee (COAC) and Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia (CPONS) groups regarding their wish to call for a public inquiry on the impacts of offshore oil and gas exploration and extraction (circulated with the Agenda), and provided a summary on what Council has done to date, i.e., letters of concern, proclamation.

It was noted that Council indicated support on this topic in the past but further investigation was required on the impacts before Council could support the request. It was further noted that the press release was critical against other levels of government.

**Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council refer the matter to the next Policy & Strategy Committee for discussion and direct staff to gather more information. Carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that Municipal Council write to the Clean Ocean Action Committee advising that Council maintains the same position from its past Resolution calling for an independent inquiry into the pros and cons of the oil industry and offshore Nova Scotia. Carried unanimously.**

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

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

#### **10.1.1 Proposed Amendments to Policy MDL-48 Designated Community Project Fund**

**Moved by Councillor Garland, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to Sections 9 and 12 of Policy MDL-48 Designated Community Project Fund as presented.**

It was clarified that organizations not registered with the NS Society Act can apply for the Designated Community Project Fund as long as they are officially registered as a non-profit organization.

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

### **10.2 Joint Accessibility Committee**

#### **10.2.1 Amend Terms of Reference & Appointments to Accessibility Committee**

Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation Services, was in attendance.

Mr. Dumaresq reviewed the report, “Amendments to Terms of Reference, Recommendations re: appointments for community committee members” (circulated with the Agenda) and advised that it was recommended by the Lunenburg County Joint Accessibility Committee that the Terms of Reference be amended to permit any “Commission” within Lunenburg County to join the Committee. Mr. Dumaresq noted that the Department of Municipal Affairs was agreeable to including villages without having their full participation on the Committee.

Mr. Dumaresq further noted that the Committee reviewed applications for membership.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Joint Accessibility Committee and approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Lunenburg County Joint Accessibility Committee to allow for participation by the Lunenburg County Village Commissions. Carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Joint Accessibility Committee and approve of the following six Community Members to the Committee and for the following terms:**

<b>David Outhouse</b>	<b>3-year Term</b>
<b>Louise Hooper</b>	<b>3-year Term</b>
<b>Patricia George-Zwicker</b>	<b>2-year Term</b>
<b>Ellen Johnson</b>	<b>2-year Term</b>
<b>Sue Rushton</b>	<b>1-year Term</b>
<b>Linda Ann Marie Mills</b>	<b>1-year Term</b>

It was clarified that the recommended community members were selected based on their involvement with residents who have accessibility concerns or who have personal accessibility concerns.

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

Ms. Payne left the meeting.

## **11. STAFF REPORTS**

### **11.1 Administration Department**

#### **11.1.1 Proposed Fire Tax Rates for 2019-2020**

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator, was in attendance.

**Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council approve the fire tax rates per \$100.00 of assessment for the year ending March 31, 2020 as attached. Carried unanimously.**

Mr. Kennedy left the meeting.

#### **11.1.2 Lunenburg Lyme Association – Request for Funding**

**Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Garland that Municipal Council award up to \$10,000 from the Lyme Disease Project Fund to the Lunenburg Lyme Association to support the Conference on Lyme Disease planned for November 16 & 17, 2019 in Bridgewater. Carried unanimously.**

#### **11.1.3 Extension of Boat Harbour Act**

Deputy Mayor Moore declared a Conflict of Interest and left the table.

**Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg write to Premier Stephen MacNeil urging an immediate extension of the Boat Harbour Act deadline so the effluent plant and pipeline can be completed, with the condition that Northern Pulp press forward with all the required studies and obtain environmental approvals as required.**

It was reported that approximately 6% of all wood harvested in Nova Scotia comes from Lunenburg County. It was noted that, although the environmental issues needed to be addressed, the impact on the local economy would be substantial.

It was noted that Northern Pulp had made some progress towards a plan to reduce the stress on the environment and that the motion on the floor would provide them time to move forward with the proposed Effluent Treatment Plan.

**The Motion on the floor was voted on and carried. Opposed: Councillor Hustvedt**

Deputy Mayor Moore returned to the table.

## **11.2 Planning Department**

### **11.2.1 Riverport Fire Department Expansion**

Byung Jun Kang, Planner, and Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services, were in attendance.

Mr. Kang referred to the Public Hearing held prior to this Council meeting and confirmed that no written submissions were received on the proposed amendment.

**Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that Municipal Council conduct Second Reading of the By-law Amending the Riverport & District Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law, dated May 7, 2019, as presented at the Public Hearing, and hereby adopts the documents. Carried unanimously.**

### **11.2.2 Letter of Concurrence – MDL-69 Antenna Siting Protocol**

Norma Schiefer, Development Officer, was in attendance.

Ms. Schiefer reviewed her report, “Letters of Concurrence – MDL 69 Antenna Siting Protocol” (circulated with the Agenda).

**Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council issue a letter of concurrence for internet towers at the Big Tancook Island, Newcombville and Chelsea locations as the applications have met the requirements of MDL-69 Antenna Siting Protocol. Carried unanimously.**

Mr. Merrill, Ms. Schiefer, and Mr. Kang left the meeting.

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

### **12.1 Update – Deputy Mayor**

Deputy Mayor Moore reported that she attended the Mayors/Wardens/CAOs meeting, agenda briefing meetings, and the official opening of the River Ridge Commons.

### **12.2 Update – Mayor**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she attended the Seniors’ Mussel Bake; the opening and closing of the Heartland Tour campaign; a meeting of the Commonwealth Women’s Parliamentarians; the opening of River Ridge Commons; the Mayors/Wardens/CAOs meeting; the Pride Flag raising; a workshop with forestry leaders; the first round of CAO interviews; a meeting with the Nustadia group; and various community events.

**13. ADDED ITEMS****13.1 Nominating Committee – Appointment to MJSB Litter Committee**

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Knickle that Municipal Council appoint Councillor Claudette Garland as the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's representative on the MJSB Litter Committee and Councillor Michael Ernst as the Alternate Member. Carried unanimously.

**14. IN CAMERA**

At 10:38 a.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

**14.1 Contract Negotiations re Town & Country Property Improvements under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**

**14.2 Contract Negotiations re Town of Bridgewater under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**

**Carried**

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 12:17 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

**14.1 Contract Negotiations re Town & Country Property Improvements**

Moved by Councillor Garland, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council discontinue with the services of the Contractor that was awarded Tender 2018-05-022 Parking Lot Reconstruction – 417 Harold Whynot Road at the Council meeting of May 14, 2019 and request the next lowest bidder, Dexter Construction Ltd., to prepare a price to complete the remaining scope of work; and further, that the Director of Engineering and Public Works be directed to proceed with a subsequent award to Dexter Construction Ltd. if the amount is deemed reasonable to the Director. Carried unanimously.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business at 12:18 p.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Carver that the meeting adjourn. Carried.



# Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

## Fire & Emergency Services

### Municipality of the District of Lunenburg Fire Tax Rates per \$100 of Assessment For the year ending March 31, 2020

Fire Department	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
Name	Rate	Rate	Proposed
Big Tancook Island ERA	0.10	0.10	0.10
Blockhouse FD	0.143	0.143	0.142
Clearland Fire Protection (MAB)	0.10	0.11	0.11
Conquerall Bank FD	0.15	0.15	0.15
Cornwall and District FD	0.10	0.10	0.10
Dayspring & District Fire Protection	0.15	0.15	0.15
District 1 and 2 Fire Commission	0.065	0.065	0.07
Hebbs Cross FD	0.15	0.15	0.15
Hebbsville FD	0.113	0.113	0.11
Hemford & District FD	0.15	0.15	0.16
Indian Point FD	0.10	0.10	0.10
Italy Cross/Middlewood FD	0.12	0.12	0.12
Lahave FD	0.11	0.11	0.13
Lapland and District FD	0.12	0.12	0.12
Maders Cove Fire Protection (MAB)	0.10	0.10	0.11
Martins River FD	0.15	0.17	0.20
Midville and District FD	0.17	0.17	0.17
New Germany Volunteer FD	0.10	0.15	0.15
Northfield and District FD	0.14	0.14	0.14
Oakhill and District FD	0.17	0.17	0.17
Oakland Fire Protection (MAB)	0.10	0.11	0.11
Petite Riviere FD	0.20	0.19	0.17
Pleasantville and District FD	0.13	0.13	0.13
Riverport FD	0.12	0.12	0.12
Tri District Fire/Rescue	0.15	0.15	0.15
United Communities FD	0.12	0.12	0.12
Walden FD	0.15	0.15	0.15
Wileville FD	0.12	0.11	0.134

**Shaded area denotes a change in fire tax rate.**

In addition to the above noted rates all Fire Departments have a rate of .01 per acre for forestry land assessment class code 06 and 07.

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Chris Kennedy, Fire Service Coordinator