

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG**

Minutes of a Meeting of

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

Held in Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS

**Tuesday, October 22, 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 John Veinot, District 4  
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

Regrets: Councillor Lee Nauss, District 3

Staff: Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO  
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. and began by acknowledging that the meeting was held in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RECOGNITION**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson congratulated MP elect Bernadette Jordan on her re-election and thanked the other candidates who ran for parliament and the many volunteers.

Councillor Hustvedt congratulated the South Shore Library staff on putting together a program for the Annual Provincial Library Conference held at White Point Beach Lodge. The line up included reports of recent developments.

Councillor Ernst congratulated the Blockhouse Fire Department as they dedicated a new pumper in memory of Aubrey Balcom who served as Chief from 1952-1975.

**3. PUBLIC INPUT (Nil)**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Councillor Ernst advised that he would be declaring a Conflict of Interest on Items 10.1.5 and 14.4.

**Carried unanimously.**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 24, 2019 and October 8, 2019**

**Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Carver that the Minutes of the September 24, 2019 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that the Minutes of the October 8, 2019 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

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

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

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

**10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS**

**10.1 Policy & Strategy Committee**

**10.1.1 Declaring a Climate Emergency**

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

**Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and:**

- **declare a climate emergency;**
  - **approve the Resolution to join the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Program;**
  - **work through the milestones of the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Program established by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Local Government for Sustainability (ICLEI Canada); and,**
- add climate emergency as a priority in its Strategic Plan. Carried unanimously.**

**10.1.2 Reinstate Sustainability Committee**

**Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and reinstate a Sustainability Committee for Council.**

It was noted that a Terms of Reference for the Sustainability Committee would be drafted and brought forward to Council for approval and that the committee would consist of councillors and members at large.

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

#### **10.1.3 MDL-49 Property Tax Rebate Policy Proposed Amendments**

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

**Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to Section 4 of Policy MDL-49 “Property Tax Rebate” and Section 1 of the Application as presented. Carried unanimously.**

#### **10.1.4 PRO Kids Administration Support for Mahone Bay Update**

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

**Moved by Councillor Veinot, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and enter into an agreement with the Town of Mahone Bay to administer the PRO Kids Program on their behalf with funding from the Town of Mahone Bay to support applications for their residents; and further, that the Town of Mahone Bay pay the Municipality of Lunenburg a rate of \$40 per hour to process applications. Carried unanimously.**

#### **10.1.5 Sponsorship Ad – Mahone Islands Conservation Association**

Councillor Ernst declared a Conflict of Interest as he is a member of the MICA Board, and Mr. Dumaresq declared a Conflict of Interest as he has a family member associated with MICA. They both left the room.

**Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve \$500 under the Sponsorship Ad Grant for the Mahone Islands Conservation Association (MICA) to assist them with their Annual Gala Dinner and Auction taking place on Friday, November 8, 2019 at Oak Island Resort and Conference Centre. Carried unanimously.**

Councillor Ernst and Mr. Dumaresq returned to the room.

#### **10.1.6 Sponsorship Ad – Mahone Bay & Area Lions Club**

**Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve the Sponsorship Ad Grant request of the Mahone Bay & Area Lions Club in the amount of \$400 to support their 50 Years of Service Charter Night, being**

held on November 16, 2019, through a full-page ad in their Charter Night booklet. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Merrill, Ms. Payne, and Ms. Veinot left the meeting.

## **9. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 Correspondence from NSTIR re Cost Share Agreement**

Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works, and Jamie Burgess, Municipal Engineer, were in attendance.

Mr. Pace reviewed his report, "J Class Road Paving Priorities" (circulated with the Agenda).

**Moved by Councillor Garland, seconded by Councillor Veinot that Municipal Council authorize staff to submit to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) the following roads as J Class road paving priorities, in this order:**

- 1. Charlie Lane**
- 2. Dawson Heights**
- 3. Lohnes Road**
- 4. Levi Hebb Road**
- 5. Hillside Drive**
- 6. Cove Road**
- 7. Darius Wile Road**
- 8. Pearl Street**

Carried unanimously.

## **13. ADDED ITEMS (Nil)**

## **14. IN CAMERA**

**At 9:22 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:**

- 14.1 Contract Negotiations re Town of Bridgewater under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 14.2 Contract Negotiations re Osprey Village under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 14.3 Legal Advice under Section 22(2)(g) of the MGA**
- 14.4 Land Negotiations re Oakland Property under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA**

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

**At 11:38 a.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.**

Municipal Council in session.

#### **14.2 Contract Negotiations re Osprey Village**

**Moved by Councillor Garland, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council approve proceeding with the Water Master Plan update for the Exit 12 area as proposed at an estimated cost of \$14,000 (exclusive of HST) and that the funding for same be taken from the Contingency Fund. Carried unanimously.**

### **11. STAFF REPORTS**

#### **11.1 Planning Department**

##### **11.1.1 Second Reading – Land-Leased Community By-law Repeal**

Byung Jun Kang, Planner, was in attendance.

**Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that Municipal Council conduct Second Reading of the By-law Respecting the Repeal of the Land-Leased Community By-law, as presented, and hereby adopts the By-law. Carried unanimously.**

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

#### **12.1 Postal Code Civic Addressing**

Councillor Hustvedt reported that for several years the communities of Voglers Cove, Cherry Hill, and Broad Cove have experienced challenges with mail and parcel deliveries due to the address falling under a rural route number for Queens County. He advised that Canada Post was planning to assign civic addressing to a nearby community and there was potential for including these 3 communities in their initiative.

**Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Carver that the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg formally request that Canada Post include the communities of Voglers Cove, Cherry Hill and Broad Cove in its upcoming civic addressing initiative.**

It was asked if this issue was also problematic in other districts and if the matter should be addressed on a larger scale. Mr. Hustvedt advised that other communities were experiencing the same problem but that this particular matter was time-sensitive.

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

### **12.3 Deputy Mayor's Update**

Deputy Mayor Moore reported that she attended the private road open house session and agenda briefings.

### **12.3 Mayor's Update**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she attended the private road open house session; a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Transportation; the Women's National Para-Hockey puck drop; the Open House at NSCC; and various community events and breakfasts.

It was noted that the Principal of NSCC, Craig Collins, had, in the past, invited Councillors to tour the facility and speak with students. Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that she would contact Mr. Collins to discuss the possibility of arranging a future tour.

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business at 11:48 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Bell that the meeting adjourn. Carried.**