

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Meeting of
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Held in Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS
Tuesday, November 12, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Deputy Mayor Eric Hustvedt, District 1
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2
Councillor Lee Nauss, District 3
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

Regrets: Councillor John Veinot, District 4

Staff: Tom MacEwan, 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. 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

Councillor Ernst commended the Mahone Bay Legion for a job well done in organizing the Remembrance Day ceremony in Mahone Bay.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson recognized and congratulated Dave Waters, Director of Business Development and Infrastructure, for his induction into the Lunenburg County Sport Heritage Society Wall of Fame.

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.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 22, 2019

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the Minutes of the October 22, 2019 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Nil)

7. NOMINATION & ELECTION BY BALLOT – DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Bolivar-Getson thanked outgoing Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore for her service as Deputy Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Moore thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson called for nominations, by ballot, for the position of Deputy Mayor. Those nominated were:

Councillor Michael Ernst
Councillor Eric Hustvedt
Councillor Claudette Garland
Councillor Martin Bell
Councillor Reid Whynot

Councillors Garland, Whynot, and Bell declined to have their names put forth. A vote was taken and Councillor Hustvedt was elected Deputy Mayor for 2019/2020 on the first ballot.

Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the ballots be destroyed. Carried unanimously.

8.1 AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs

8.1 Extension of Design Services LaHave River Straight Pipe Replacement Project RFP#2017-05-400

Maria Butts, Project Manager-LaHave River Straight Pipe Replacement Project; Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works; and Mubbashir Umar, Engineering Student, were in attendance.

Ms. Butts reviewed her report, “RFP Renewal: On-Site Sewage Disposal System Design for LaHave River Properties” (circulated with the Agenda).

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council approve the extension of RFP 2017-05-400 On-site Sewage Disposal System Design for LaHave River Properties Project with ABLE Engineering Services Inc. for the remaining years of the Program at a cost not to exceed \$79,350 annually. Carried Unanimously.

Ms. Butts, Mr. Pace, and Mr. Umar left the meeting.

8.2 Award of RFP#2019-01-401 Petite Riviere Watershed Flood Risk Assessment & Mitigation Study Phase II

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

Mr. Merrill reviewed his report, “RFP Award: Petite Riviere Watershed Flood Risk Assessment and Mitigation Study 2019-01-401 Phase II” (circulated with the Agenda), and noted that a Public meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Hebbville Fire Hall.

Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council award RFP#2019-01-401 Petite Riviere Watershed Flood Risk Assessment & Mitigation Study Phase II to CBCL Limited in the amount of \$20,858 net HST.

A question arose regarding the budget implications. Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance, joined the meeting and explained how the funds were expended.

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

Mr. Merrill left the meeting.

9. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES (Nil)

10. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE (Nil)

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS

11.1 Finance Committee

11.1.1 Christmas on the LaHave

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and provide the Christmas on the LaHave event with a \$1,000 grant from the Municipal Celebrations Account. Carried unanimously.

11.1.2 Pinegrove Outdoor Play Association – Splash Pad

Moved by Councillor Garland, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and award \$2,872.60 to the Pinegrove Outdoor Play Association to cover the remaining costs associated with the Splash Pad project and that these funds come from the Recreation Department’s operating budget.

A request was made to recommend to the Pinegrove Outdoor Play Association to have signs erected identifying where the playground is located.

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

11.1.3 Tax Exemption Request – West Dublin Hall

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve the West Dublin Hall Property Exemption Renewal Application for full exemption under Policy MDL-12 for the fiscal year 2019-20. Carried unanimously.

It was clarified that under Policy MDL-12 the approval of the exemption is for a 3 year period.

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

11.2 Nominating Committee

11.2.1 Annual Appointments to Boards & Committees

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approve the Appointments to Committees, Boards and Commissions for 2019-20 as presented. Carried unanimously.

12. STAFF REPORTS

12.1 Administration Department

12.1.1 Litter Incentive Program

Ms. Conrad provided some background on the proposed Litter Incentive Program and detailed the three options provided in the report of February 2019 which were:

1. MODL provide grants to non-profits and community groups who complete cleanups through the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal's programs;
2. MODL provide grants to non-profits and community groups and implement the program; and
3. MODL reach out to the Municipal Joint Services Board and Region 6 to see if they would be interested in implementing a program.

Council chose Option 3, and in response, Region 6 advised (circulated with the Agenda) that they were not in a position to administer the program but would assist in investigating and developing the program. The Municipal Joint Services Board advised (circulated with the Agenda) that it would be interested piloting the project (circulated with the Agenda).

Moved by Councillor Garland, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council direct staff to advise the MJSB that they would accept their offer for the MJSB staff to develop and implement a proposal for a Litter Clean-up Incentive Program; and, to bring the program back to Council for approval prior to implementation. Carried unanimously.

12.2 Recreation Department

12.2.1 Designated Community Fund – Lunenburg Yacht Club

Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Knickle that Municipal Council grant the Lunenburg Yacht Club \$7,590 as per the criteria outlined in the Designated Community Project Fund Policy MDL-48. Carried unanimously.

12.2.2 Designated Community Fund – Pinegrove Outdoor Play Association

Moved by Councillor Garland, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council grant the Pinegrove Outdoor Play Association \$1,865 as per the criteria outlined in the Designated Community Project Fund Policy MDL-48. Carried unanimously.

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

13.1 MJSB Update

Councillor Moore provided an update on the following Municipal Joint Services Board matters:

- Financial Statements for 2018/19
- Outsourcing blue bags
- Composting business
- Tancook Island garbage collection
- Class B compost
- Efficiency Report

It was noted that with changing technology comes more challenges for small municipalities, and options for a regional approach to waste should be explored.

It was requested that the financial statements of the MJSB be circulated to Council.

13.2 Deputy Mayor’s Update

Councillor Moore, while in the position of Deputy Mayor, attended the monthly Hemford Planning meeting; the Your Government Your Ideas meeting; the Nominating Committee meeting; the TNC Wireless update meeting; agenda briefings; the Health & Wellness Expo; a meeting with a resident regarding an unsightly property; the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Conference; and the Remembrance Day ceremonies in New Germany.

13.3 Mayor’s Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she attended the Your Government Your Ideas in Blockhouse; worked the Poppy table at Walmart; attended the Health & Wellness Expo; the 1st draw for the

Rural Riches Toonie draw; the 3rd Annual Wall of Fame; a meeting with a resident regarding a dangerous/unsightly property; the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Conference; the Remembrance Day services at the Hebbville Academy, Newcombville Elementary School, and Lutheran Church in Bridgewater; the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Bridgewater Cenotaph; the Open House at Veterans Wing; and the Bridgewater Legion banquet.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged the Lumberjack Peewee B Hockey team for fundraising and presenting the Veteran's Wing with a donation of \$2,000.

14. ADDED ITEMS

15. IN CAMERA

At 10:21 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

- 15.1 Legal Advice under Section 22(2)(g) of the MGA**
- 15.2 Contract Negotiations re Economic Development under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 15.3 Contract Negotiations re Town of Lunenburg under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**

Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 11:02 a.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

Council took a break.

At 11:10 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council go In Camera to continue discussions on Item 15.2 Contract Negotiations re Economic Development under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA. Carried

Councillors Ernst & Knickle left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

At 12:14 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 12:14 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the meeting adjourn. Carried.