

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Meeting of
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Held in Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 – 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 (left at 11:31 a.m.)
Councillor John Veinot, District 4
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

Staff: Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
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

Mayor Bolivar-Getson asked for a moment of silence to remember those who perished in the recent Ukrainian flight PS752.

2.1 Ron MacPhee – Council Recognition

Mayor Bolivar-Getson recognized Ron MacPhee, Wastewater Operator for the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, for providing extraordinary support to his team during a period of time when staff was at a minimal and presented him with a Certificate of Recognition.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson welcomed Ali Elayyan, the Municipality's current Engineering Co-op Student.

Councillor Garland acknowledged Ben and Jiesheng Boutilier of Bridgewater for being named the 2020 Children's Miracle Network Canada Champions, representing children and youth who receive care and treatment at the IWK.

Councillor Hustvedt recognized Wayne Smith, prior Fire Chief of the United Communities Fire Department, for his long term service to his community as Chief and thanked him for his years of leadership and continued involvement as Deputy Chief.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (Nil)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 10, 2019

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the Minutes of the December 10, 2019 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (Nil)

7. AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs

7.1 Award of RFP 2019-05-403 Engineering Services to Study and Develop Options to Supply Water and Wastewater Services to Residents of Garden Lots

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

Mr. Burgess reviewed his report, "RFP Award 2019-05-403 Engineering services to study and develop options to supply water and wastewater services to the residents of Garden Lots" (circulated with the Agenda), and reviewed details regarding the following:

- Water and wastewater issues in Garden Lots
- Phases of the Project
- Proposal Evaluations
- Pricing Proposal Breakdown
- Budget Implications

Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council award RFP 2019-05-403 Engineering Services to Study and Develop Options to Supply Water and Wastewater Services to the Residents of Garden Lots to exp Services Inc. for the amount of \$55,269 plus HST. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Pace and Mr. Burgess left the meeting.

9. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE (Nil)

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS

10.1 Policy & Strategy Meeting

10.1.1 Sponsorship Ad Request – Bridgewater Curling Club

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve the Sponsorship Ad Request of the Bridgewater Curling Club for \$125 plus tax for the “Lead” level sponsorship, for their annual promotional campaign; and further, that the funds be redirected from the Community Recreation Program account to cover the outstanding request. Carried unanimously.

8. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES

8.1 Cermaq Canada

Vicki Savoie, Sustainable Development Director East Coast, and Linda Sams, Sustainable Development Director West Coast, were in attendance. Ms. Savoie advised that Kathleen Frisch, Fish Health Director, and Amy Jonsson, Communications & Engagement Manager, were also in attendance.

Ms. Savoie gave a presentation on “Opportunities in Nova Scotia South Shore Option Area” (circulated with the Agenda) and provided information regarding Cermaq Canada and its plans for a possible expansion of operations into Nova Scotia, including:

- Why Nova Scotia
- Maps of proposed farm sites
- Collaborative approach and Shared values
- Benefits to local economy
- Structure of typical farm
- Hello Nova Scotia website – www.HelloNovaScotia.ca

Discussions followed regarding the following:

- Possible closure of operations on West Coast
- Similarities between proposed Nova Scotia operations and Norway operations
- Sea Lice
- Waste products

Ms. Savoie and her colleagues left the meeting.

8.2 Bridgewater Fire Department Band – Trip to Ypres, Belgium

Wendell Eisener, Captain of the Bridgewater Fire Department and Director of Music for the Bridgewater Fire Department Band, was in attendance.

Mr. Eisener reported that the Bridgewater Fire Department Band had been invited to perform at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium in August 2020 and provided further details on the trip. He requested that the Municipality provide financial assistance in the amount of \$5,000 towards the cost of the trip.

Mr. Eisener was asked to present to Council again upon the Band's return from Belgium and provide photos and videos of the trip.

Mr. Eisener left the meeting.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS

10.1 Policy & Strategy Meeting

10.1.2 Amending Terms of Reference for Advisory Committees

Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Garland that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and amend the Terms of Reference for all MODL advisory committees to specify that committee meetings will be held on an as-needed basis at the call of the Chair, or as directed by Council, and that any future Terms of References developed for advisory committees contain the same wording. Carried unanimously.

10.1.3 Strategic Priorities 2020/21

Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve the 2020/21 Strategic Priorities Chart as amended to include the change to the presentation chart by including Flood Mitigation with Climate Emergency Response. Opposed: Councillor Ernst Carried

11. STAFF REPORTS

11.2 Administration Department

11.2.1 MODL Representation at FCM 2020

A draw of names was done to determine the three Council members who would attend the 2020 Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference.

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council approve the following Council members to attend the 2020 FCM Conference in Toronto from June 4 – 7, 2020:

- 1. Councillor Martin Bell**
- 2. Councillor Claudette Garland**
- 3. Deputy Mayor Eric Hustvedt**

Carried unanimously.

11.1 Recreation Department

11.1.1 Financial Assistance Request – Bridgewater Fire Department Band

Tissy Bolivar, Acting Director of Recreation, was in attendance.

Ms. Bolivar reviewed her report, “Financial Assistance Request: Bridgewater Fire Department Band” (circulated with the Agenda).

Councillor Whynot declared a Conflict of Interest and left the table, as he serves as a member of the Bridgewater Fire Department.

It was noted that during the Bridgewater Fire Department Band presentation, Wendell Eisener, Captain/Director of Music, on behalf of the Bridgewater Fire Department Band requested financial assistance in the amount of \$5,000; \$2,500 from the current fiscal year and \$2,500 from the 2020/21 fiscal year.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council support the Bridgewater Fire Department Band for \$2,500 to perform at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium on Wednesday, August 12, 2020; and further, that the funding for same come from the following accounts: \$500 from the Remembrance Day Grant, \$500 from the Community Event Grant, and \$1,500 from the Contingency Fund, and further that the Bridgewater Fire department band’s request for an additional \$2,500 be forwarded to the finance committee for inclusion in the 2020/21 budget deliberations.

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

Ms. Bolivar left the meeting.

Councillor Whynot returned to the table.

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

12.2 Deputy Mayor’s Update

Deputy Mayor Hustvedt reported that he attended a social gathering hosted by the Lunenburg MLA; a meeting called by the Chester MLA; and agenda briefings.

12.3 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getston reported that she attended two New Year's Eve Levees; the annual meeting of the Lunenburg County Community Fund; various meetings with MODL residents; a meeting with Mayor Bailey; and agenda briefings.

12.1 New Municipal Building re Fire Suppression (M. Ernst)

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

Councillor Ernst reported that the new municipal building would not have a fire suppression system and advised of the potential dangers of not having such a system. He provided information on various zoned systems and requested that options for a zoned system be reviewed.

Mr. Pace provided background on reasoning behind not including a fire suppression system in the plans for the new municipal building and noted that the various engineering and design experts concluded that a fire suppression system was not necessary. He reviewed correspondence received from Andrew Amos, P.Eng. with Catalyst Consulting Engineers Inc. (circulated with the Agenda) which identified the various types of occupancy that determines the requirements for various safety systems in buildings.

It was noted that any changes to the design would be costly.

It was moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council direct staff to look at options for fire suppression including that of having a zoned fire suppression system in the new municipal building in areas of greatest fire risk.

It was noted that the mechanical design team and the architects would be required to determine the areas of high risk, at a cost. It was further noted that the building was designed in accordance with the National Building Code.

The Motion on the floor was voted on. Those Opposed: Councillors Carver, Garland, Moore, Veinot, Bell, Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, and Mayor Bolivar-Getson. Motion defeated.

13. ADDED ITEMS (Nil)

14. IN CAMERA

At 11:08 a.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

- 14.1 Contract Negotiations re Banking under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 14.2 Contract Negotiations re TNC Wireless under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 14.3 Contract Negotiations re PSSP Agreement under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**

Carried

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 11:23 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Garland that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

- 14.1 Contract Negotiations re Banking under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council award Banking RFP 2018-01-401 to BMO for a 5-year period as per their proposal. Carried unanimously.

- 14.2 Contract Negotiations re TNC Wireless under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**

Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council approve the TNC Fixed Wireless Service Level Agreement for two internet towers (Whynotts Settlement and Big Tancook Island). Carried unanimously.

At 11:31 a.m., the Council meeting recessed for lunch.

At 1:15 p.m., the Council meeting resumed.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that Councillor Nauss provided regrets.

At 1:16 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss Item 14.3 Contract Negotiations re PSSP Agreement under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA. Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson declared a Conflict of Interest and left the room as she has family members on staff. Deputy Mayor Hustvedt took the Chair.

At 1:51 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

14.3 Contract Negotiations re PSSP Agreement under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Garland that Municipal Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to conclude transfer of the Municipal Defined Benefit Pension Plan (the "DB Plan") to the PSSP and the enrollment of members of the Defined Contribution Pension Plan (the "DC Plan") in the PSSP (collectively, the "Transfer"), including, without limitation, the following:

1. To finalize the form of agreement (the "Transfer Agreement") with the PSSP Trustee ("PSSPTI") documenting the Transfer, with such further amendments to the draft Transfer Agreement as are necessary to conclude an agreement with PSSPTI in respect of the Transfer;
2. To execute such other notices, agreements and other documents as may be necessary to give effect to the Transfer, including, without limitation, providing for the amendment of the DB Plan to provide for the Transfer, and the amendment and wind up of the DC Plan; and,
3. To ensure that the anticipated financial limit of the Municipality's exposure to give effect to the Transfer does not exceed the assets in the DB Plan that will be transferred plus the balance in the employee contingency reserve (\$776,000).

Those opposed: Councillors Ernst and Knickle. Carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 1:56 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

Report to MODL / 14-Jan-20

Wendell Eisener, Director of Music / Bridgewater Fire Department Band

Overview

In July 2018 the Bridgewater Fire Department Band was invited to perform at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium on 12-Aug-20. Through our ongoing international partnership with the Band of the West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service this has developed into a ten-day international working tour (i.e., NOT a holiday). The Band will perform in England, France, and Belgium at a number of sites of historical significance to Canada and Nova Scotia (e.g., Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Tyne Cott, St-Julien, Ypres).

Budget

The preliminary budget, as provided to MODL by email to the Mayor on 09-Aug-19, was set at \$66,000.00 for travel and accommodations. While some travel details have yet to be finalised, that figure is still the goal.

Fundraising

The Band began 2019 with \$17,000.00 set aside for this project. Through revenue generated by concerts, parades, and other events, as well as receiving corporate, individual, and philanthropic donations, and a \$5,000.00 grant from TOB, 2019 ended with \$45,174.59 either set aside or already spent on the trip (i.e., \$4,500.00 for air fare deposits). We have \$5,390.00 in outstanding fundraising including member contributions and promised corporate support, for a total of \$50,564.59 set aside, spent, or promised. This leaves a shortfall of approximately **\$15,500.00** to be made up by 01-Jun-20. No provincial or federal support has been received towards this project.

Members of the Band

The thirty-three members of the BFD Band range in age from pre-teen to octogenarian and represent all walks of life. Members come from six counties—Lunenburg, Shelburne, Annapolis, Kings, Hants, and Halifax—with the highest percentage of the membership being represented by residents of MODL (60.6%). In November 2018 Her Excellency the Governor General of Canada recognised the thirteen most senior members of the band for a combined total of 431 years of service with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

Request to MODL

No specific amount was requested in the Band's letter to MODL of 09-Aug-19. However, if MODL could provide a total of **\$5,000.00** over this (\$2,500.00) and the next (2,500.00) budget year, that would be of immense help. *That sum would represent 11.3% of the total cost of the trip for the 20 residents of MODL who play in the band.*

Respectfully submitted,



Wendell Eisener
Director, BFD Band