

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Meeting of MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Held in Council Chambers, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS
January 28, 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
Councillor John Veinot, District 4
Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5
Councillor Wade Carver, District 7
Councillor Michael Ernst, District 8
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9
Councillor Errol Knickle, District 10

Regrets: Councillor Claudette Garland, District 6

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 reported that the PeeWee Lumberjacks were named as finalists in the Chevrolet Good Deeds Cup and, if successful, they could be awarded \$100,000 to donate to a charity of their choice. She advised that the winner is chosen by the number of views received on their Facebook video (one view equals one vote) found on the Chevrolet Good Deed Cup Facebook page, and asked that the councillors and public members view the video as often as possible.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (Nil)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 14, 2020

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the Minutes of the January 14, 2020 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (Nil)**7. AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs (Nil)****10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS****10.1 Policy & Strategy Committee****10.1.1 2020 Municipal Election Report**

Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and hire a Returning Officer and an Assistant Returning Officer for the 2020 Municipal Election. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and authorize the Returning Officer to contact Elections Nova Scotia to request the use of the Provincial Voters List for the 2020 Municipal Election and authorize the Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia for same. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Veinot, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to establish the Tariff of Fees and Expenses for the 2020 Municipal Election and that Council be provided with a report on same. Carried unanimously.

10.1.2 Proposed Solid Waste By-law re Repeal & Replace – 1st Reading

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and give Notice of its intention to repeal the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal By-law that was adopted by Council on February 19, 2014 and amended on June 24, 2014 and replace it with a new Solid Waste Collection and Disposal By-law; and further, that Council conduct First Reading of same and give notice of Second Reading. Carried unanimously.

10.1.3 NSFM Spring Workshop Suggestions

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

Council reviewed and discussed the five (5) suggested topics listed on the report, “NSFM 2020 Spring Workshop Suggestions” (circulated with the Agenda), to be presented to NSFM for consideration of topics to be featured at the NSFM spring workshop and fall conference.

A further discussion followed regarding the requirement for mandatory planning. It was noted that correspondence was received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Chuck Porter, advising that mandatory planning regulations were to be put in place by the end of 2022.

Mr. Merrill explained that the following five statements of provincial interest would be addressed through the legislation:

- Flood Risk
- Housing
- Agriculture
- Infrastructure
- Drinking Water Supply

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council forward the following three items to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities for consideration as topics at their Spring 2020 Workshop:

- 1. A panel on current challenges and potential opportunities in the forest sector**
- 2. Municipal Recycling Centres 2025: Trends and Forecasts**
- 3. Bringing in Municipal-wide planning: Information & Support**

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Merrill left the meeting.

8. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES

8.1 Nova Scotia Power

Matt Drover, Director of Regional Operations with Nova Scotia Power, was in attendance along with a contingency of experts in various departments of NS Power.

Mr. Drover advised that NS Power had a key contact number for government officials to use for access to information on behalf of their constituents. He further gave a presentation, “Government Relations Updates” (circulated with the Agenda), and provided details on the following:

- Critical Customer Communication Program
- Customer Impact from storms

- Juan compared to Dorian
- Safety
- Restoration Response and Process
- Emergency Management Office (EMO) Response
- Changing Weather Patterns
- Vegetation Management and Engineering Investments
- Capital Investment

10.2 Nominating Committee

10.2.1 Planning Advisory Committee – New Member

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and appoint Ms. Ann Mech as the new member-at-large from the public to the Planning Advisory Committee for a two-year term. Carried unanimously.

11. STAFF REPORTS

11.2 Planning Department

11.2.1 Letter of Concurrence – MDL-69 Antenna Siting Protocol

Norma Schiefer, Development Officer, and Dave Waters, Director of Business Development, Tourism and Infrastructure, were in attendance.

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

Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council issue a Letter of Concurrence for the internet towers at the North River, Parkdale and Union Square locations as the applications have met the requirements of MDL-69 Antenna Siting Protocol.

The matter of fibre connection at the Newcombville tower was discussed. Mr. Waters advised that he would confirm the status of the connection and provide an update.

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

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

12.1 Police Advisory Board Update

Councillor Nauss provided an update on the following topics from the Police Advisory Board:

- Blockhouse speed study
- Speed Trailer
- Photo Op – 3 churches in Mahone Bay
- Signage on Fancy Lake
- Stolen Generator
- Deer Crossing signs

8.2 Atlantic Fisheries Fund

Brennan Goreham, Provincial Director, Atlantic Fisheries Fund, was in attendance.

Mr. Goreham gave a presentation on the Atlantic Fisheries Fund (circulated with the Agenda), and provided information on the following:

- Various licenses in Lunenburg County
- Overview of Atlantic Fisheries Fund
- Eligible Applicants
- Eligible Projects
- Approved Projects
- Provincial Areas of Focus

Mr. Goreham left the meeting.

11. STAFF REPORTS

11.1 Administration Department

11.1.1 LaHave River Straight Pipe – Year 2 Update

Maria Butts, LaHave River Project Coordinator, was in attendance.

Ms. Butts reviewed her report, “LaHave River Straight Pipe Project – Year 2 Update” (circulated with the agenda), and reported that at the end of year 2 of the project, the target number of installs had been met, (150 installs) and the project remained under budget. She further advised that the inspection program began in year 2 and that over 300 inspections had been completed.

Ms. Butts recommended adjustments to the program for year 3 to allow for an improved approach to the program.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council direct staff to issue an RFP for the installation in Year 3 of the LaHave River Straight Pipe Replacement

Program, and that the Program Administration Fee for year 3 be set at \$1,627 per system. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Butts left the meeting.

9. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE (Nil)

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

12.2 Accessibility Committee Update

Councillor Moore reported that of the members on the Accessibility Advisory Committee, six were community members from the five municipal units. She noted that an overall accessibility plan was required to be provided to the Province by April 2021.

Mr. MacEwan reviewed the Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) report (circulated with the Agenda), and provided a timeline of the Committee's requirements as follows:

- Fall 2019 – committee created
- February 2020 – work plan development – hire consultant
- March/April 2020 – public consultation
- June 2020 – draft and final report
- July 2020 – develop framework and template for each individual municipal plan
- September 2020 – create operational plans
- March 2021 – community input and council approvals
- April 2021 – submit plan to Province

Mr. MacEwan also reviewed the draft Budget for the Committee and advised that the uniform assessment formula was used to determine the sharing of expenses. He reported that the Municipality's share of the costs was \$16,104.06.

12.3 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Hustvedt reported that he attended the REMO meeting; the Alzheimer's Awareness Breakfast; the Mayors/Wardens meeting; and agenda briefings.

12.3 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she attended the Alzheimer's Awareness Breakfast, the Pleasantville Fire Department annual banquet; participated in the ATV Rally put on by the Shore Club; attended the Mayors/Wardens meeting; and various breakfast and fundraisers throughout

the Municipality. Further, she advised that she would be presenting to the All Party Committee, speaking against the removal of the CAP.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson congratulated Councillor Knickle's grandson who is a team member of the South Shore Mustangs, as they have, for the 1st time in the history of the organization, finished first in the league providing them an opportunity to play for the provincial title.

13. ADDED ITEMS (Nil)

14. IN CAMERA

At 11:03 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss Land Negotiations re Osprey Village under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA. Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 11:27 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Carver 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 11:27 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Bell that the meeting adjourn. Carried.