

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Special Teleconference Meeting of
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 24, 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 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
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk
Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance
Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator
Tina Robichaud-Bond, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bolivar-Getson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and advised that the meeting was being held by teleconference.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Nauss and Councillor Moore requested the item of Delay Due Date be added to the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt that the Delay Due Date item be added to the Agenda and that the Agenda be approved with the added item. Carried unanimously.

3. AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs

3.1 Award of RFP #2019-05-404 – Project Management and Environmental Site Professional Services for the Demolition & Remediation of the Former Riverport School

Mr. Pace reviewed the report, “RFP Award: 2019-05-404 Project Management and Environmental Site Professional Services for the Demolition & Remediation of the Former Riverport School (circulated with the Agenda) and recommended that Strum Consulting be awarded RFP 2019-05-404.

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council award RFP 2019-05-404 Project Management and Environmental Site Professional Services for the Demolition & Remediation of the Former Riverport School to Strum Consulting in the amount of \$38,745 + HST.

It was clarified that the successful proponent would prepare the tender documents and oversee the project through to completion.

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

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS

4.1 Fire & Emergency Services Committee

4.1.1 Fire Fighter Group Personnel Insurance Coverage

Mr. Dumaresq reviewed the report, “Group Personnel Insurance Coverage” (circulated with the Agenda) providing a summary of the project and details of the program.

Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Fire and Emergency Services Committee and award the Fire Services Personnel Insurance Contract to Provident in the amount of \$38,542 plus HST, and direct staff to implement the new firefighter personnel insurance program as presented.

It was noted that fire departments from other municipal units cover certain districts in the Municipality, and concern was raised regarding the difference in coverage between these municipal units. Mr. Dumaresq advised that MODL cannot tell another municipal unit what they require for insurance coverage and reported that other units had expressed interest in looking into the same coverage.

The Fire & Emergency Committee was thanked for all their work on this project.

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

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Administration Department

5.1.1 Fire Department 2020/21 Registration & Rate Payer Meetings

Mr. Dumaresq reviewed his report, "Extending Emergency Services Provider Registration" (circulated with the Agenda) and noted that various ratepayer meetings were scheduled to begin in April. Mr. Dumaresq advised that due to the spread of the Covid-19 virus, all public meetings were suspended, therefore, the ratepayer meetings cannot be held and an extension on the deadline for the submission of the registration packages was required.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council extend the deadline for the submission of the 2020/21 registration packages for the fire and emergency services providers and the date for ratepayer meetings, as required in Policy MDL-36 "Fire and Emergency Services", until August 15, 2020 for the 2020/21 fiscal year, and further, that Municipal Council extend the 2019/20 registration status of current fire and emergency services providers until the 2020/21 registration packages have been processed. Carried unanimously.

6. ADDED ITEM

6.1 Memo re Delay Due Date

Ms. Wentzell reviewed her report, "Delayed Due Dates for Tax Billing" (circulated and posted).

Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council approve delaying the due date of the interim tax billing by 90 days, moving the due date from May 31, 2020 to August 31, 2020; and further, that Municipal Council authorize the Municipal Treasurer to approve a deferral of monthly loan payments under the PACE or LaHave River Straight Pipe Programs of up to 90 days for residents who request it.

It was clarified that the interim tax bills would be distributed as scheduled, but that interest would only be calculated on outstanding amounts after August 31, 2020.

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

A moment of silence was held in memory of the late Don Zwicker, past Councillor, and condolences were extended to his family.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 9:35 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.