

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

Tuesday, March 31, 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
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

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss one item, that being “Emergency Funding for Food Banks”. No items were requested to be added to the agenda.

3. STAFF REPORTS

3.1 Administration Department

3.1.1 Emergency Funding for Food Banks

Mr. MacEwan reviewed his report, “Financial Contribution to Food Banks”, (circulated with the Agenda) and advised that this initiative was to support the local food banks during the Covid-19 crisis and that these funds would be paid from the Council Approved Contingency Fund.

It was requested that the amounts provided to each food bank be rounded up or down to provide a more equitable showing of support for the municipal food banks as it is not known how many residents using the Towns' food banks are municipal residents.

Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council approve providing emergency funding in the amount of \$10,000 to assist the four (4) food banks serving the residents of Lunenburg County with the funds coming from the Council Approved Contingency Fund and being distributed proportionately based on the number of families that each food bank serves each month in the following amounts:

- **Town of Bridgewater Food Bank: \$5,500**
- **Town of Mahone Bay Food Bank: \$2,000**
- **Town of Lunenburg Food Bank: \$1,500**
- **New Germany Food Bank: \$1,000**

A concern was raised regarding whether the amount of \$1,000 provided to the New Germany Food Bank would be sufficient. It was noted that the use of the food banks would be monitored over the upcoming weeks, and if further assistance was needed, Council could contribute funds from the 2020/21 fiscal year .

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

Mayor Bolivar-Getson thanked both staff, for their part in ensuring that municipal work continued to flow, and Council, for continuing to share information to residents, and the federal and provincial governments for their action during this situation. She also thanked residents of the Municipality for adhering to the Provincial and Federal guidelines and urged them to continue to stay at home to help control the spread of the virus.

Mr. MacEwan advised that the Municipality was following its Business Continuity Plan and recommended that the Municipality follow the Province's lead and continue to work off-site until May 1, 2020. No objection was raised with respect to the extension of the closure of the Administration Building to May 1, 2020.

It was announced that a new website had recently been launched to give residents a forum to provide feedback and comments in a secure format. The website address is www.engage.modl.ca.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 9:18 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.