

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Meeting of Municipal Council

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson

Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1

Councillor Martin Bell, District 2

Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3

Councillor Pam Hubley, District 4

Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5

Councillor Sandra Statton, District 6

Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7

Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8

Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9

Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

Staff

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO

Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk

Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance

Bill Schurman, Director of Recreation Services

Darren Shupe, Senior Planner

Byung Jun Kang, Planner

Tissy Bolivar, Program Coordinator

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

2.1 Proclamation – Municipal Awareness Week

Mayor Bolivar-Getson proclaimed the week of November 15 to 22, 2020 as Municipal Awareness Week in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.

Councillor Haysom recognized volunteers in the Broad Cove area for garbage collection efforts in their communities. She also reported that the Petite Riviere Pastoral Charge's unbaked apple pie fundraiser was completely sold out.

Councillor Oickle recognized Kade Nilsson for his aerial film photography in areas of Lunenburg County. Mr. Neilson's work has been featured on CTV's Your Morning and the National Evening News.

Councillor Veinotte reported that federal and provincial governments would be providing funds towards the cost of a new Tancook Island ferry and the construction of new landings. The project was expected to be completed in the Spring of 2022.

Councillor Greek recognized Marcella Wentzell of Maplewood. Ms. Wentzell founded "Marcella's Magnificent Masks" and has donated \$1 for every mask sold, for a total of \$260 to date, between the New Germany Rural High School Free Store, the SHAID Tree, and the New Germany Rural High School IWK Toy Drive.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that the 2020 Remembrance Day would be celebrated with no fanfare. Residents were encouraged to watch the services online and/or on television and to observe a moment of silence from their homes. She advised that 2020 marked the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands, and the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson congratulated Stella Bowles, a local youth activist who rallied government support for the LaHave River Straight Pipe Replacement Program, for being appointed to the Order of Nova Scotia. Mayor Bolivar-Getson also recognized Linda Best of Wolfville; David Fountain of Halifax; Natalie McMaster of Cape Breton; the Honourable Donald Oliver of Pleasant River, Queen's County; and Shawna Paris-Hoyte of Halifax.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Greek that "Remembrance Day Grants" be added to the Agenda. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the Agenda be approved as amended. Carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 16, 2020

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that the Minutes of the October 16, 2020 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (Nil)

6. NOMINATION & ELECTION BY BALLOT – DEPUTY MAYOR

Ms. Conrad reviewed the procedure in place under Policy MDL-11 to receive nominations by ballot for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Those nominated for the position of Deputy Mayor were:

Councillor Moore
Councillor Bell
Councillor Statton
Councillor Veinotte
Councillor Whynot

Councillors Moore, Statton, and Whynot declined the nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor, leaving Councillors Bell and Veinotte on the ballot for the vote.

On the first vote, Councillor Bell was elected as Deputy Mayor.

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

7. AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs - Nil

8. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES (Nil)

8.1 Operation A Pittance of Time

Mr. Dan Hennessey, Honourary Colonel with the Royal Canadian Air Force, was in attendance to provide details on "Operation A Pittance of Time". He advised that the project was created by Terry Kelly and himself and was launched in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Canadian Military to encourage Canadians to remember their veterans and fallen soldiers. He encouraged residents to reach out on social media platforms, using hashtags "#apittanceoftime #remembranceday #canadaremembers and share how they remembered the veterans and fallen soldiers.

Mr. Hennessey then showed a video, "A Pittance of Time".

9. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE (Nil)

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS

10.1 Nomination Committee

10.1.1 Annual Appointments to Boards & Committees

2020-030 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approve the appointments to Committees and Boards for the period of November 2020 to November 2021 as presented. Carried unanimously.

10.2 Previous Council

10.2.1 Proposed Development of Municipal Conservation Plan

Mr. Dumaresq advised that a motion was put forward at a Council meeting during the previous Council term to consider the development of an environmental conservation plan.

2020-031 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the previous Council that the 2020-2024 Council consider the development of a Municipal Conservation Plan for inclusion in the new Municipal Planning Strategy; and further, that the matter be referred to staff for consideration in the development of the Municipal Wide Planning Project.

Darren Shupe, Senior Planner, was in attendance. Mr. Shupe clarified the following:

- Recently collected LYDAR data would be included in the plan. He noted that the LYDAR data provides precise elevation maps used to get a better idea of impacts on the various ecosystems.
- Province mandated that the Plan Review be completed by the end of 2022.
- Early phase of the Plan was to collect data and priorities would be developed as data and public input was collected.
- Much public engagement would be done online and in-person consultations would have to adhere to the requirements as set out by Public Health.
- HRM has established protocol for reaching out to First Nations groups and diversity groups, etc.

It was questioned as to whether the motion was specific enough to include certain aspects of conservation. It was clarified that staff would be considering a number of aspects during the project and would bring some forward for consideration in the report. Items missed could be added at that time.

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

11. STAFF REPORTS

11.1 Recreation Department

11.1.1 Sponsorship Ad – Bridgewater Curling Club

2020-032 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council approve the sponsorship ad request of the Bridgewater Curling Club for \$125 plus tax for the “Lead” level sponsorship for their annual promotional campaign. Carried unanimously.

11.1.2 Sponsorship Ad – Lunenburg Curling Club

2020-033 Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Oickle that Municipal Council approve the sponsorship ad request of the Lunenburg Curling Club for \$200 plus tax for their annual promotional campaign for 2020-21.

Tissy Bolivar, Program Coordinator, was in attendance and explained that the Sponsorship Ad grant was available to non-profit organizations or individuals seeking funding. She further explained that these grants were available year round.

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

11.2 Finance Committee

11.2.1 2020 Water Coupon Program

Ms. Hiltz reviewed her report, "2020 Water Coupon Program" (circulated with the Agenda) providing details on the water coupon program and updating Council on the 2020 program. She advised that with the rainfall received, the number of coupons given out is dwindling and recommended that the program end.

2020-034 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Statton that Municipal Council end the 2020 Water Coupon Program effective 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020.

It was noted that the effective date of November 13, 2020 to end the program may not provide residents enough notice.

Motion to amend:

2020-034 Move by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor DeLong that the motion on the floor be amended to state the 2020 water program end effective 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Amended motion:

2020-034 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Statton that Municipal Council end the 2020 Water Coupon Program effective 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2020. Carried unanimously.

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

12.1 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson commented that she was present at the old administration office during the transition to the new building and commended staff for the smooth transition. She reported that she attended meetings with individual Councillors; the Nominating Committee meeting; and various community events.

13. ADDED ITEMS**13.1 Remembrance Day Grants**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson explained that in past years, the Municipality had provided grants to organizations who hosted Remembrance Day events. Due to COVID-19, many organizations were not hosting public events and were, therefore, not eligible to receive funds, leaving \$1500 in the budget. It was, therefore, suggested that the funds allocated be donated to the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Campaign.

2020-035 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council reallocate money from the Remembrance Day Grants to provide a grant in the amount of \$375 to each of the following Royal Canadian Legions for their Poppy Campaign in lieu of their Remembrance Day Grant as they were not allowed to have public ceremonies: Branch 24, Bridgewater; Branch 23, Lunenburg; Branch 49, Mahone Bay; and Branch 102, New Germany. Carried unanimously.

14. IN CAMERA - Nil**15. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business at 10:13 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that the meeting adjourn. Carried.