

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Meeting of Municipal Council

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

Tuesday, January 12, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson

Deputy Mayor Martin Bell, District 2

Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1

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

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO

Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning and Development Services

Bill Schurman, Director of Recreational Services

Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance

Darren Shupe, Senior Planner

Byung Jun Kang, Planner

Norma Schiefer, Development Officer

Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk

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 thanked Dr. Strang and Premier MacNeil for their commitment to keeping Nova Scotians safe during the COVID-19 pandemic and imposing strict measures to ensure the spread of the virus is slowed.

Councillor Greek recognized the Cornwall and District Fire Department for a successful Christmas Event.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 8, 2020 and Special Council of December 15, 2020

Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the Minutes of the December 8, 2020 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that the Minutes of the December 15, 2020 Special Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

5. DEREGISTRATION OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

2021-001 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council approve the deregistration of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church as a Municipal Heritage Property.

It was suggested that criteria for designating a property as a Heritage Property be reviewed to ensure that the Municipality does not lose all its designated Heritage Properties.

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

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (Nil)

7. AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs (Nil)

8. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES (Nil)

9. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE (Nil)

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS

10.1 Policy & Strategy Committee

10.1.1 Veterans' Parking Space at Municipal

2021-002 Moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and authorize the use of one of the parking spaces in the public parking area of the Municipal Services Building for veterans that have a designated veterans' license plate and, further, that the space be signed for Veterans' Parking. Carried unanimously.

10.2 Nominating Committee

10.2.1 Member at Large Appointment to Sherbrooke Lake Stewardship Committee

2021-003 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and appoint William

Baldrige to the Sherbrooke Lake Stewardship Committee for a 3-year term, expiring January 31, 2024. Carried unanimously.

11. STAFF REPORTS

11.1 Planning Department

11.1.1 Letter of Concurrence – MODL Policy 069-Antenna Siting Protocol

2021-004 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council issue a letter of concurrence for a telecommunication tower at 2877 Northfield Road, Upper Northfield as the application has met the requirements of MODL Policy 069 Antenna Siting Protocol. Carried unanimously.

11.1.2 Designation – Municipal Public Roads

2021-005 Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bell that Municipal Council designate Allée Champlain Drive, Chemin Petite Evangeline Court and Nathan Cirillo Road, PID 60716875, owned by the Municipality of Lunenburg, as Municipal Public Roads. Carried unanimously.

11.2 Finance Department

11.2.1 2021 Tax Sale – Adjustments for COVID Regulations

Ms. Wentzell reviewed her report, “2021 Tax Sale – Adjustments for COVID Regulations” (circulated with the Agenda) and explained the tender process.

Discussions followed regarding the following:

- Financial hardship on residents due to COVID
- Negative impact on MODL
- Ratio of residential, commercial, and woodland properties
- Timeline required to proceed with a tender call

The matter was set aside for one hour to provide staff time to prepare a report showing the number of residential, commercial, and woodland properties on the 2021 tax sale list and the total of outstanding taxes on the tax sale list.

Ms. Wentzell left the meeting.

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

12.1 MJSB Update

Councillor Moore reported that there was no update to provide as a December meeting was not held.

12.2 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Bell advised that he attended agenda briefings.

12.3 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that she attended a meeting with the Chief Operating Officer of the solid waste facility; a meeting of Mayors regarding MJSB matters; and presented a cheque to the trail group in New Germany regarding the South Shore Annapolis Valley trail link.

Mr. Merrill left the meeting.

13. ADDED ITEMS (Nil)

14. IN CAMERA

At 9:46 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

- 14.1 Land Negotiations re Sale of Land - Stonemount under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA**
- 14.2 Land Negotiations re Sale of Land – CSAP under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA**
- 14.3 Contract Negotiations re Legal Services Agreement under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 14.4 Update re Litigation MJSB under Section 22(2)(f) of the MGA**

Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 11:25 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

11.2.1 2021 Tax Sale – Adjustments for COVID Regulations

Ms. Wentzell gave a report on the breakdown of the number of residential, commercial, and resource properties on the 2021 tax sale. She reported that of the 37 properties on the tax sale, 24 properties were owned by non-residents of MODL.

After a discussion, it was decided to defer the matter to a Special Council meeting on January 19, 2021 to provide time to retrieve information on the following possible options:

- Remove the 16 residential properties from the tax list and proceed with the remaining 21 properties – solicitor advice required
- Proceed with a tender based process on all properties
- Defer the tax sale to March 2022

14.1 Land Negotiations re Sale of Land - Stonemount

2021-006 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the sale of land located at Highway 10 in Cookville, PID 60716313 as discussed In Camera. Carried unanimously.

14.2 Land Negotiations re Sale of Land – CSAP

2021-007 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council renew the Legal Services Agreement dated June 27, 2016 between the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, the Town of Bridgewater and Power, Dempsey, Leefe & Reddy for an additional two-year term from April 1, 2021 until March 31, 2023 as per Section 1(b) of the Agreement at the hourly rate outlined in Schedule A of the Agreement for that period. Carried unanimously.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 11:50 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the meeting adjourn. Carried.