

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Meeting of Municipal Council

Held Via Video and Audio Conference

May 11, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Deputy Mayor 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

Regrets

Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1

Staff

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Bill Schurman, Director of Recreation Services
Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services
Dave Waters, Director of Business Development, Tourism & Infrastructure
Jamie Burgess, Municipal Engineer
Darren Shupe, Senior Planner
Byung Jun Kang, Planner
Chris Kennedy, Fire & Emergency Services Coordinator
Angela Veinot, Accounting Manager
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer
Erin Murray, Communications Student
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, and advised that the meeting was being held via audio and video conference.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RECOGNITION

2.1 Proclamation – Falun Dafa Day – May 13, 2021

Mayor Bolivar-Getson proclaimed May 13, 2021 as Falun Dafa Day, honouring truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged Gladys Veinot of Auburndale on celebrating her 100th birthday.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 27, 2021

Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor DeLong that the Minutes of the April 27, 2021 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (Nil)

6. AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs (Nil)

7. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES (Nil)

8. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE (Nil)

9. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS

9.1 Planning Advisory Committee

9.1.1 By-laws 005C & 006C Amendments to Lunenburg Municipal Industrial Zone Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law

Mr. Corey Zinck, Chief, Oakhill & District Fire Department, was in attendance via Teams.

Mr. Kang advised that amendments were required to the Lunenburg Municipal Industrial Zone Secondary Planning Strategy (SPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) to accommodate the development proposal of Osprey Ridge GP Limited. The Planning Advisory Committee reviewed the amendments and recommended them for approval. (Report outlining the amendments was circulated with the agenda.)

Mr. Kang reported that, during the discussion of the proposed amendments at the Planning Advisory Committee, concern was expressed regarding the boundaries of the fire protection districts with respect to the proposed development at Osprey Village and questioned whether the boundaries should be reconsidered.

Mr. Kennedy advised that neither the Oakhill Fire Department nor the Northfield Fire Department had any concerns or issues with the current boundaries.

A number of Councillors spoke in favour of keeping the boundaries as they exist as the Oakhill and District Fire Department has direct address to the Highway 103 and can respond quickly.

It was agreed that the Fire District Boundary would stay the same, and that there was no need to take this matter any further.

2021-086 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and give notice of its intention to approve By-laws 005C and 006C, the amendments to the Lunenburg Municipal Industrial Zone Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law, and conduct First Reading of same. Carried unanimously.

2021-087 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council give notice of Second Reading to consider the approval and adoption of By-laws 005C and 006C; and further, that Municipal Council set a Public Hearing in regard to Council's intention to approve By-laws 005C and 006C for June 8, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Zinck left the meeting.

9.2 Dangerous & Unsightly Committee

9.2.1 Approval of Contractor for Property Clean up – Mines 2 Road, Hebbs Cross

Mr. Merrill reviewed the report, "Quote Recommendation, Dangerous Premise- Werner Keller Property, Mines 2 Road, Hebbs Cross, PID 60293511, AAN 08188556, NC190056" (circulated with the Agenda).

2021-088 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bell that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Dangerous & Unsightly Committee and accept the lowest bid from Cay Construction to clean up the property located at Mines 2 Road, Hebbs Cross, PID 60293511 being \$2,000 plus \$300 HST for a total price of \$2,300.00. Carried unanimously.

10. STAFF REPORTS

10.1 Administration Department

10.1.1 Council Summer Schedule

Ms. Conrad reviewed her report, "2021 Council Summer Meeting Schedule" (circulated with the Agenda).

2021-089 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council approve a summer break from Council and Council committee meetings from August 2 – 27, 2021.

It was clarified that should a Special Council meeting be called during the summer break, Councillors had the option to attend virtually.

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

10.1.2 Extension of Current Fire and Emergency Services Committee (FESC) Members

Mr. Kennedy reviewed the report, “Extension of Current Fire and Emergency Services Committee (FESC) Members” (circulated with the Agenda).

2021-090 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council approve an extension to the terms of the current fire and emergency services representatives appointed to the Fire and Emergency Services Committee until the Municipality can safely hold the Annual General Meeting, at which time nominations and voting for committee members will take place. Carried unanimously.

10.2 Engineering Department

10.2.1 Notification of Installation of Streetlights on Copeland Road

Mr. Pace reviewed his report, “Notification of Installation of Streetlights on Copeland Road” (circulated with the Agenda).

It was noted that residents were contacted, and none were opposed to having the streetlights installed.

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

11.1 Deputy Mayor’s Update

Deputy Mayor Bell reported that he attended to exchanges of emails with the Mayor and CAO on regular business matters but, because of COVID, no public meetings or special events were scheduled.

11.2 Mayor’s Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she attended a Strategic Priorities Workshop; the Police Advisory Board meeting; the NSFM meeting; CAO updates; a meeting with the Department of Transportation and Active Transit; a meeting with Deputy Minister of Paul Lafleche; the Fire & Emergency Services Committee meeting; a telephone conference with MP Bernadette Jordan; and fielded calls from residents regarding new COVID restrictions. Mayor Bolivar-Getson noted that all these meetings were attended virtually.

Mr. MacEwan provided an update on the operations of the MJSB. He noted that the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre was closed to the public until June 5, 2021, at which time a reassessment would be carried out. He explained the procedures that were put in place to continue with waste collection and to address the closure of the Centre to the public.

12. ADDED ITEMS (Nil)

13. IN CAMERA

At 9:46 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss Item 13.1 Legal Advice re Litigation under Section 22(2)(f) of the MGA. Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 10:51 a.m., it was moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 10:52 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bell that the meeting adjourn. Carried.