

# **Municipality of the District of Lunenburg**

## **Minutes of a Meeting of Municipal Council**

Held via Video and Audio Conference

June 8, 2021 – 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  
Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance  
Dave Waters, Director of Business Development, Tourism & Infrastructure  
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services  
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk  
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer  
Darren Shupe, Senior Planner  
Norma Schieffer, Development Officer  
Tina Robichaud-Bond, Executive Assistant

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She began by acknowledging that the meeting was held in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people. She advised that the meeting was being held via audio and video conference.

## **2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RECOGNITION**

### **2.1 Proclamation – Recreation and Parks Month**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson proclaimed June 2021 as Recreation and Parks Month in the District of Lunenburg and acknowledged the year-round benefits of parks and recreation.

Councillor Greek recognized Mrs. Judith Mader and wished her a happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Council of May 25, 2021**

**Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the Minutes of the Council meeting of May 25, 2021 be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (Nil)**

**6. AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs (Nil)**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE (Nil)**

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS**

**9.1 Finance Committee**

**9.1.1 Canada Day Grants**

**2021-103 Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and award \$3,250 from the Canada Day Grant account to support community Canada Day Events on July 1, 2021 as follows:**

<b>Canada Day on the LaHave (Bridgewater)</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Riverport &amp; District Fire Department</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Petite Riviere Volunteer Fire Department</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Tancook Island Recreational Centre Association</b>	<b>\$250</b>

**Carried unanimously.**

**9.2 Nominating Committee**

**9.2.1 Appointee to Board of Trustees for Lunenburg Common Lands**

**2021-104 Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bell that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and recommend to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia that they appoint Errol Knickle as their representative on the Board of Trustees for the Lunenburg Common Lands. Carried unanimously.**

**10. STAFF REPORTS**

**10.1 Planning Department**

**10.1.2 Heritage Property By-law 043 – Second Reading**

**2021-105 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Oickle that Municipal Council conduct Second Reading to repeal By-law 004, the Heritage Property By-law (1996) and adopt**

**By-law 043, the Heritage Property By-law (2021) as presented in Appendix B of the staff memo dated June 8, 2021. Carried unanimously.**

**10.1.3 Adoption of Proposed By-laws 005C & 006 Amendments to Lunenburg Municipal Industrial SPS & LUB – Second Reading**

**2021-106 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council conduct Second Reading to adopt By-laws 005C and 006C, the amendments to Lunenburg Municipal Industrial Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law (2021) as presented at the Public Hearing. Carried unanimously.**

**7. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES**

**7.1 Biodiversity Act**

Anne Mills, Healthy Forest Coalition; George Buryani, South Shore Extinction Rebellion; Al Heubach, and Marion Moore were in attendance.

Ms. Mills spoke in favour of the Biodiversity Act, Bill 4 as stated in her letter (circulated with the Agenda). She noted that legislation resembling the original Bill 4 had already been in place in the province and referred to the Green Economy Act of 1995. Ms. Mills provided an explanation of “biodiversity” and its importance.

Mr. Buryani gave a presentation in favour of the Biodiversity Bill 4 as it was originally introduced (circulated with the Agenda). His presentation provided details on the following:

- Forestry practices
- Economic, Environment, and Social value
- Net Carbon Emitters

The Presenters were invited to contact the Sustainability Committee and share their information and experience. The Presenters left the meeting.

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

**11.1 MJSB Update**

Councillor Moore advised that there was no update from the MJSB Board to provide.

**11.2 LCLC Update**

Councillor Hubley provided an update on the following topics from the Lunenburg County Multi-Purpose Lifestyle Community Centre as follows:

- Financial Statements to April 30, 2021
- Options for a supplementary budget

- Objectives of the Capital Reserve
- Future capital investments
- Public internet access
- Communication & Development position awarded to Linnea Swinimer
- Registration portal (Connect2Rec) in the works
- Grant applications for outdoor green space, accessibility upgrades, and dehumidification project successful
- Tender package for design of energy project in the works
- Summer camp plans moving forward
- No hockey activity until September 1, 2021
- Closure due to COVID forced layoffs
- Ice temperature and savings

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that a recent power interruption caused damage to an area of the pool's system. Staff were evaluating the level of damage.

### **11.3 Deputy Mayor's Update**

Deputy Mayor Bell reported that he attended agenda briefings, committee meetings, and cheque signing. He noted that there were no special events to attend.

### **11.4 Mayor's Update**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she virtually attended weekly update meetings; a Council meeting with Municipal Affairs Minister Maquire; the Audit Committee workshop; the virtual FCM Conference; and CAO evaluation meetings.

## **12. ADDED ITEMS (Nil)**

## **10. STAFF REPORTS**

### **10.1 Planning Department**

#### **10.1.1 PACE Agreement, Clean Nova Scotia**

Kathy Giles, Manager of Energy Programs, Clean Foundation, was in attendance.

Mr. Merrill reviewed his report, "Clean Energy Financing Program Renewal" (circulated with the Agenda) which provided background on the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program, including details on the following:

- how the PACE Program works
- its benefits to residents
- the Agreement with Clean Foundation
- statistics
- budget implications

Mr. Merrill advised that the current agreement for Clean Energy Financing with the Clean Foundation had expired and a new agreement was required.

Ms. Giles gave a presentation on “Clean Energy Financing” (attached to Minutes) which included details on the following:

- Clean Foundation
- Upgrade programs in Nova Scotia
- Overview of the Clean Energy Financing Program
- Steps to financing
- Updates to the program
- Homeowner service fees
- Marketing and communications
- Program results
- Home upgrades
- Participation and energy savings

It was noted that funding from the PACE Program could be available in conjunction with other programs such as those offered by Nova Scotia Power or programs overseen by Efficiency Nova Scotia.

A discussion followed regarding the Program’s requirement for credit checks. It was determined that the credit financing offered low risk to the Municipality as the financing was attached to the property rather than the homeowner.

**2021-107 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council enter into a one (1) year contract with Clean Nova Scotia Foundation for the continued delivery of the Clean Energy Financing Program to the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg homeowners. Carried unanimously.**

Ms. Giles left the meeting.

### **13. IN CAMERA**

**At 10:26 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:**

**13.1 Personnel Matter re MJSB under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA**

**13.2 Contract Negotiations re LCLC under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**

**Carried.**

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**At 10:59 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Haysom 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 11:00 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Moore that the meeting adjourn. Carried.**