

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Meeting of Municipal Council

Held via Audio & Video Conferencing

Tuesday, July 27, 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
Bill Schurman, Director of Recreation Services
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services
Dave Waters, Director of Business Development, Tourism & Infrastructure
Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Darren Shupe, Senior Planner
Byung Jun Kang, Planner
Norma Schieffer, Development Officer
Jamie Burgess, Municipal Engineer
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 – Emancipation Day

Mayor Bolivar-Getson proclaimed August 1, 2021 as Emancipation Day, commemorating the anniversary date of the abolishment of slavery by the British parliament in 1834.

Councillor DeLong announced that the Four Points Vintage Market and the Lobster Roll Fundraiser were scheduled for the upcoming weekend in Blockhouse.

3. Approval Of Agenda

Mr. MacEwan requested that Item 13.4 Contract Negotiations re Sale of Lot 4 under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA be added to the agenda.

Councillor Veinotte advised that she would be declaring a Conflict of Interest on Item 10.1.3 Emergency Assistance Fund for Community Facilities.

Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Moore that the Agenda be approved with the addition of above-noted item. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval Of Minutes – Special Council of July 6, 2021 & Council of July 13, 2021

Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that the Minutes of the July 6, 2021 Special Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the Minutes of the July 13, 2021 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

5. Business Arising from Minutes (Nil)

6. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs

6.1 Award of Member Family Assistance Program for Fire Service Members

Chris Kennedy, Fire & Emergency Services Coordinator, was in attendance.

Ms. Kucharski reviewed her report, “Member Family Assistance Program for Fire Service Members” (circulated with the Agenda) and advised that the Program was recommended by the Municipality’s insurance broker.

2021-122 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bell that Municipal Council award the Fire Services Member Family Assistance Program contract to Homewood Health in the amount of \$13,125 plus HST annually for two years, and direct staff to implement the new firefighter Fire Services Member Family Assistance Program, as presented. Carried unanimously.

8. Consideration of Correspondence (Nil)

9. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

9.1 Policy & Strategy Committee

9.1.1 Repeal & Replace By-law 022 Regional Emergency Measures with By-law 046 Regional Emergency Management 2021

Angela Henhoeffler, REMO Coordinator, was in attendance.

2021-123 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council give Notice of Intention to repeal the existing By-law 022 Regional Emergency Measures that was approved by Council on March 8, 2005, the Minister responsible for the Emergency Measures Act on December 18, 2006, and the Minister of Service NS and Municipal Relations on March 5, 2007, and replace it with the new MODL By-law 046 Regional Emergency Management (2021) and conduct First Reading of same; and hereby give notice of Second Reading to consider repealing By-law 022 and approving and adopting By-law 046. Carried unanimously.

9.1.3 First Reading - Proposed By-law 008A By-law Respecting the Repeal of By-law 008 Fire Department Tax Exemption

2021-124 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council give Notice of its Intention to adopt By-law 008A By-law Respecting the Repeal of By-law 008 Fire Department Tax Exemption and conduct First Reading of same and gives notice of Second Reading to consider the adoption of By-law 008A. Carried unanimously.

7. Presentations/Scheduled Times

7.1 SWEB Development LP – Renewable Energy

Jason Parise, Development Manager, SWEB Energy, was in attendance.

Mr. Parise gave a presentation of the Nova Scotia Green Choice Program (attached to Minutes). He advised that SWEB Energy was in the process of developing wind and solar energy projects in Nova Scotia and provided an overview of the following:

- The Company – SWEB Development
- Operational Projects in the Maritimes
- Rate-Based Program
- Green Choice Program
- Project Site Selection and Timelines
- Participation/Partnership/Responsibilities

Discussions Followed on the following:

- Flip in governing body
- Site selection
- Strength of equipment
 - strong hurricane winds
- Longevity of equipment, i.e., recycling of materials after 25 year lifecycle

- Reserve fund after 25 year lifecycle
- Decommissioning reserve
- Experience and number of employees
- Project megawatts

Mr. Parise left the meeting.

9.1.2 Proposed Amendments to MODL Policy 058 Fees re Electric Vehicle Charger

Councillor DeLong declared a Conflict of Interest and removed herself from participation in the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council amend the Fees Policy, as presented in Appendix A of the Staff Report dated July 20, 2021, and further that the fee for the Electric Vehicle Charging Station be reviewed in one year.

Through District Councillors, Council heard remarks from residents who were both in favour and against a free charging station service.

Discussions regarding the Electric Vehicle Charging Station fee were as follows:

- Implement fee immediately and review in one year
- Numbers/percentages provided are based on LCLC charging stations
- Maintenance fees/activation fees

It was noted that the charging stations located at the municipal building had the capability of collecting charges.

The Motion on the floor was voted on and defeated. Those Opposed: Deputy Mayor Bell, and Councillors Veinotte, Whynot, Greek, and Statton.

Council referred the matter to the next Finance Committee meeting for further information and discussion around costs.

Councillor DeLong returned to participate in the meeting.

9.1.4 Proposed Policy MODL 093 Temporary Water Relief Program

2021-125 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council adopt MODL Policy 093 Temporary Water Relief Program, as presented. Carried unanimously.

10. Staff Reports

10.1 Administration Department

10.1.1 Fire Department Area Rates 2021-2022

2021-126 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council approve the fire tax rates per \$100 of assessment for the year ending March 31, 2022, as presented. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Henhoefer left the meeting.

10.1.2 ACOA Grant re Wayfinding

Amy Wamboldt, Grant Coordinator, was in attendance.

Ms. Wamboldt reviewed her report, "Canada Community Revitalization Fund for the Wayfinding Project" (circulated with the Agenda). She advised that the budget amount allocated for this project was \$705,000 but it was anticipated that the full cost of the project could be more aligned to \$1.3 million to cover the construction costs of erecting the signs.

2021-127 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bell that Municipal Council endorse the application to the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) for the Wayfinding Project at a total budget of \$1.3 million.

It was noted that the Wayfinding Project was chosen for this particular funding as it was already a council approved project and would as well provide the maximum amount permitted under the grant.

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

Ms. Wamboldt left the meeting.

Mr. Kennedy left the meeting.

10.1.3 Emergency Assistance Fund for Community Facilities

Councillor Veinotte declared a Conflict of Interest and removed herself from participation in the meeting.

Mr. Dumaresq reviewed his **revised** report, "Emergency Assistance Fund for Community Facilities" (attached to Minutes) and reported that the total funding awarded for Round 3 of the Fund was \$125,083. He explained that the report was revised for the following reasons:

- The Bridgewater Farmer's Market Association application was removed from the list as it did not meet the criteria of the grant;
- The Hemford & District Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary application was added for consideration.

It was noted that Council could consider new applications as they were received provided there were funds available in the Emergency Assistance Fund for Community Facilities.

2021-128 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council award the Emergency Assistance Fund for Community Facilities to the organizations listed in the staff report for the total amount of \$125,083 from the Emergency Fund established for community facilities in response to the Covid-19 public health protection measures.

It was clarified that the eligible criteria for owning a facility included the financial responsibility for the operation and maintenance of a facility. This also included outdoor facilities such as ball fields.

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

Councillor Veinotte returned to participate in the meeting.

11. Mayor's/Deputy Mayor's/Councillors' Matters

11.1 LCLC Update

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

- Grant Thornton's year end review was presented to Board
- Facility Capital life-cycle report received. A more detailed update on the recommendations will be provided at a later date.
- Member Recognition Campaign launched
- Regional opportunities being sought
- Fresh Air Films have two shows booked – dates to be confirmed
- LCLC seeking experienced teachers for new classes
- Connect2Rec software launch scheduled for August 15th
- Bike loan program underway
- Ball hockey program running in lower parking lot
- Day camps well attended
- Adult hockey and figure skating started up
- Swimming pool user numbers capped at 70
- Provincial and federal funding for energy conservation and dehumidification upgrades
- Para Cup preparations moving forward

11.2 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Bell reported that he attended agenda reviews, cheque signing and regular duties with committees, and that there were no public events to attend.

11.3 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she attended a cheque presentation to the River Ridge Common; a meeting with Staff Sergeant Victor Whelan; Zoom meetings with NSFM and Minister Maguire, and with the Chamber of Commerce; the FCM Clean Energy announcement; the virtual Change of Command; the PVEC and New Germany graduation ceremonies; a REMO meeting; and various meetings with residents and constituents.

Mr. Merrill, Mr. Shupe, Mr. Kang, Ms. Schieffer, and Ms. Kucharski left the meeting.

12. Added Items

Item 13.4 Contract Negotiations re Sale of Lot 4 was added to the In Camera portion of the Agenda.

13. In Camera

At 2:31 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

- 13.1 Personnel Matter re Active Smarter Kids Program under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA**
- 13.2 Contract Negotiations re Indian Falls Easement under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 13.3 Contract Negotiations re Billie Lane under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 13.4 Contract Negotiations re Sale of Lot 4 under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**

Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 3:52 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

13.1 Personnel Matter re Active Smarter Kids Program

2021-129 Moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council enter into an agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia Communities, Culture & Heritage – Communities, Sport & Recreation Division to host the Active Smarter Kids (ASK) Project up to July 31, 2024, contingent on funding support being available from the Province of Nova Scotia. Carried unanimously.

13.2 Contract Negotiations re Indian Falls Easement

2021-130 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council authorize Staff to complete a formal easement agreement between MODL and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of , as represented by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, on the understanding that it will be recorded at the Lunenburg County Land Registration office as an easement/right of way burden against Indian Falls lands, also known as PID 60632932 and PID 60527181, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the said agreement

14. Adjournment

There being no further business at 3:56 p.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the meeting adjourn. Carried.