

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Meeting of Municipal Council

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS
and Via Audio/Video Teleconference
Tuesday, November 9, 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 (left at 11:13 a.m.)
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

Staff

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
Bill Schurman, Director of Recreation Services
Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance
Dave Waters, Director of Business Development, Tourism & Infrastructure (via Teams)
Darren Shupe, Senior Planner
Byung Jun Kang, Planner
Angela Veinot, Accounting Manager (via Teams)
Chris Kennedy, Fire & Emergency Services Coordinator (via Teams)
Mark Strickland, Business Development Officer (via Teams)
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer (via Teams)
Tina Robichaud-Bond, Recording Secretary

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 ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2. Announcements/Acknowledgements/Recognition

Mayor Bolivar-Getson congratulated both the Park View boys football team and New Germany girls' soccer team for winning provincial tournaments.

2.1 Proclamation – Municipal Awareness Week – November 22 to 28, 2021

Mayor Bolivar-Getson proclaimed November 22 to 28, 2021 as Municipal Awareness Week, in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, to recognize the role of municipal government and those whose efforts support it.

3. Approval Of Agenda

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

4. Approval Of Minutes – October 26, 2021

Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Oickle that the Minutes of the October 26, 2021 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

10.2 Dangerous & Unsightly Committee

10.2.1 Award of Property Clean up – 2104 Highway 208, Hemford

Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services, and Ryan Whynot, Assistant Building Official, were in attendance.

2021-159 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Dangerous and Unsightly Property Committee and approve the lowest bid from Verhagen Demolition for the demolition of the building and removal of debris at the property located at 2104 Highway 208, Hemford, PID 60266293, in the amount of \$16,500 + HST, for a total of \$18,975. Carried unanimously.

10.2.2 Award of Property Clean up – 154 School Road, LaHave

2021-160 Moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Dangerous and Unsightly Property Committee and approve the lowest bid from Verhagen Demolition for the demolition of the building and removal of the debris at the property located at 154 School Road, LaHave, PID 60352051; in the amount of \$14,400 + HST, for a total of \$16,560. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Merrill and Mr. Whynot left the meeting.

5. Business Arising from Minutes (Nil)

6. Nomination & Election by Ballot – Deputy Mayor

Mayor Bolivar-Getson introduced April Whynot-Lohnes, the Municipality's new Municipal Clerk.

Ms. Whynot-Lohnes reviewed the procedure in place under MODL Policy 011 to receive nominations by ballot for the position of Deputy Mayor and asked for nominations for the seat.

Those nominated for the position of Deputy Mayor were:

Councillor Haysom
Councillor Moore
Councillor Veinotte
Councillor DeLong

Councillors Haysom and Veinotte declined the nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor, leaving Councillors Moore and DeLong on the ballot for the vote.

On the first vote Councillor Moore was elected as Deputy Mayor.

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

- 7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs - Nil**
- 8. Presentations/Scheduled Times - Nil**
- 9. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil**
- 10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards**
 - 10.1 Nominating Committee**
 - 10.1.1 Annual Appointments to Boards & Commissions**

Councillor Bell gave a report on the Nominating Committee's recommendations.

2020-161 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Statton that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approve the appointments to Committees and Boards for the period of November 2021 to November 2022, as presented.

It was noted that the Audit Committee member-at-large position was still vacant and that a replacement was actively being pursued. As required to do by legislation, ads would be posted every 6 months until the position was filled.

Councillor Statton noted that her name was not listed as an attendee to any of the upcoming FCM conferences listed on the appointment list. It was noted that this was a clerical error and would be corrected.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that an Internal Transportation Committee had been formed in regards to future transportation needs. It was noted that Terms of Reference were required for this newly formed committee.

It was clarified that the member to the Western Regional Housing Authority was a provincial appointment, and that Council was not represented.

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

2021-162 Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council direct staff to draft the Terms of Reference for the new Internal Transportation Committee. Carried unanimously.

10.3 Police Advisory Board

10.3.1 Purchase of Additional Pole-Mounted Speed Radar Signs

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that the RCMP recommended an additional eight speed radar signs would be required to fully service the Municipality. The Police Advisory Board recommended that four signs be purchased in the next fiscal year.

2021-163 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council refer the recommendation of the Police Advisory Board for the purchase of four additional pole-mounted speed radar signs to the Finance Committee for discussion during the 2022/2023 budget deliberations. Carried unanimously.

10.4 Planning Advisory Committee

10.4.1 Hebbville Rezoning Application – McCarthy’s Towing & Recovery Ltd.

2021-164 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and give notice of its intention to approve the Hebbville Rezoning Application submitted by McCarthy’s Towing and Recovery Ltd., by adopting MODL By-law 027G Amendments to the Hebbville Secondary Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-law (2021), and conduct First Reading of same; and, give notice of Second Reading to consider the approval and adoption of By-law 027G; and further, that Municipal Council set a Public Hearing December 14, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., in regard to Council’s intention to approve By-law 027G. Carried unanimously.

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Finance Department

11.1.1 Public Service Superannuation Pension Plan Final Transfer Report

Mayor Bolivar-Getson declared a Conflict of Interest and left the table. Deputy Mayor Moore took the Chair.

Ms. Wentzell reviewed her report, “Public Service Superannuation Pension Plan Final Report”, (circulated with the Agenda). She advised that the cost of the actuarial and legal fees associated with the transfer were received and came in at \$296,000.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson returned to the table.

11.2 Recreation Department

11.2.1 Major Recreation Capital Grant – Broad Cove Community Association

Bill Schurman reviewed his report, “Major Recreation Capital Grant – Broad Cove Community Association (BCCA)”, (circulated with the Agenda).

2021-165 Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council approve the application of the Broad Cove Community Association (BCCA) for a Major Recreation Capital Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for accessibility renovations of the Broad Cove Community Hall. Carried unanimously.

11.2.2 Remembrance Day Grant 2021 Reallocation

Mayor Bolivar-Getson summarized the report included in the agenda, “Remembrance Day Grant 2021 Reallocation”.

2021-166 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that Municipal Council approve the reallocation of funds awarded to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #49 (Mahone Bay) for a Remembrance Day Grant in the amount of \$250 to support their Poppy Campaign. Carried unanimously.

11.2.3 Designated Community Fund Project – Dynamite Trail Association

Mr. Schurman reviewed his report, “Designated Community Fund Project – Dynamite Trail Association” (circulated with the Agenda).

2021-167 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council grant the Dynamite Trail Association \$995 as per the criteria outlined in the Designated Community Project Fund MODL Policy 048. Carried unanimously.

12. Mayor’s/Deputy Mayor’s/Councillors’ Matters

12.1 LCLC Update

Councillor Veinotte provided an update on the following matters from the October 21, 2021 Lunenburg County Multi-purpose Lifestyle Community Board meeting:

- Vaccine checking – staff person checking status from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Facility naming – sponsorship opportunities received; looking for local interest
- Energy project – going back out to tender
- Usage and awareness strategies
- Aquatics program – new supervisor, autism swims resuming
- Arena – Lumberjack attendance good; Glenn Murray Tournament scheduled for November 19, 20, and 21

12.2 MJSB Update

Mr. MacEwan advised that a strategic priorities session for MJSB Board members, hosted by Brian Smith and Rachel Jones, was scheduled for November 24, 2021.

12.3 Deputy Mayor's Update

Councillor Bell reported that during his last two weeks as Deputy Mayor he attended to cheque signing duties and committee meetings.

12.4 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she attended the debt free celebration and the NSFM virtual conference; meetings with the Police Advisory Board, the Special LCLC Board, MLA Susan Corkum Greek, and the LCLC Marketing Coordinator, Linnea Swinamer; a call with the Mayors/Wardens; and regular community events.

13. Added Items - Nil

14. In Camera

At 10:08 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

- 14.1 Contract Negotiations re Visitor Information Centre Sublease under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 14.2 Land Negotiations Update re Lot 1 Osprey Village under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA**
- 14.3 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**

Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 11:22 a.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.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business at 11:22 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the meeting adjourn. Carried.