

# **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 conferencing  
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

### **Attendance**

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson  
Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore, District 5  
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2  
Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3  
Councillor Pam Hubley, District 4  
Councillor Sandra Statton, District 6  
Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7  
Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8  
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9 (arrived at 9:45 a.m.)  
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

### **Regrets**

Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1

### **Staff**

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO  
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services  
Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance  
Dave Waters, Director of Business Development, Tourism & Infrastructure (via Teams)  
Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works (via Teams)  
Darren Shupe, Senior Planner  
Jamie Burgess, Municipal Engineer (via Teams)  
Mark Strickland, Economic Development Officer (via Teams)  
Norma Schieffer, Development Officer  
Abhi Jain, Sustainability Coordinator  
Chris Kennedy, Fire & Emergency Services Coordinator  
April Lohnes-Whynot, 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**

### **2.1 60 Year volunteer Firefighter Service Award**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson recognized Mervyn Joudrey for 60 years of service as a volunteer member of the Blockhouse & District Fire Department. Mr. Joudrey was presented with the first municipally commissioned Challenge Coin.

Mr. Kennedy left the meeting.

## **3. Approval Of Agenda**

It was requested that Item 13.5 Contract Negotiations re Sale of Land under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA be added to the In Camera portion of the Agenda.

**Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor DeLong that the Agenda be approved as amended by adding Item 15.5 Contract Negotiations re Sale of Land. Carried unanimously.**

## **4. Approval Of Minutes – November 23, 2021**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the Minutes of the November 23, 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)**

## **10. Staff Reports**

### **10.1.1 Second Reading – Hebbville Rezoning Application (McCarthy's Towing)**

Mr. Kang provided a summary of the rezoning application brought forth by McCarthy's Towing and heard at the earlier Public Hearing.

**2021-170 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council approve the adoption of By-law 027G, amendments to Hebbville Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law (2021).**

It was clarified that property assessments were conducted by the Property Valuation Services Corporation, not the Municipality, and that rezoning an area did not guarantee an increase or decrease in property value.

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

It was noted that Councillor Veinotte did not have a vote as she was not in attendance at the Public Hearing.

## **9. Recommendations from Committees & Boards**

### **9.1 Finance Committee**

#### **9.1.1 Senior's Safety Program – Support for Provincial Funding Request**

**2021-171 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and write a letter to the Honourable Barbara Adams, Minister of Seniors and Long-Term Care, to support the Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Partnership Society's request for increased provincial funding for Seniors' Safety programs. Carried unanimously.**

### **9.2 Nominating Committee**

#### **9.2.1 Internal Transportation Committee – Terms of Reference**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson explained that the Internal Transportation Committee was created to review transit options for a proposed transit system in the Municipality.

Mr. Merrill reviewed the Terms of Reference of the Internal Transportation Committee.

**2021-172 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approve the Terms of Reference for the Internal Transportation Committee as presented. Carried unanimously.**

#### **9.2.2 Planning Advisory Committee – Appointment of Members**

**2021-173 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Oickle that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and appoint to the Planning Advisory Committee, James Makaruk for a one-year term, and re-appoint Kathleen Gray and Ann Mech each for a two-year term. Carried unanimously.**

### **9.3 Sustainability Committee**

#### **9.3.1 Community Engagement Plan – Local Climate Change Action Plan**

Abhi Jain, Sustainability Coordinator, was in attendance.

**2021-174 Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Sustainability Committee and approve the community engagement plan for the Local Climate Change Action Plan as presented. Carried unanimously.**

## **10. Staff Reports**

### **10.1 Planning & Development Department**

#### **10.1.2 Municipal Public Road Transfer – Concordia Drive**

Norma Schiefer, Development Officer, was in attendance.

Ms. Schiefer reviewed her report, “Ziegler Homes Ltd. – Municipal Public Road Transfer – Concordia Drive” (circulated with the Agenda), and confirmed that all the steps of Phase 2 have been completed.

**2021-175 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Statton that Municipal Council accept the deed for Parcel A as an addition to the existing Lot 43, Concordia Drive, a new Municipal Road and road reserve in Conquerall Bank, a total of 0.239km, subject to the Municipal solicitor confirming clear and marketable title. Carried unanimously.**

### **10.2 Finance Department**

#### **10.2.2 2022 Tax Sale**

Ms. Wentzell reviewed her report, “2022 Tax Sale” (circulated with the Agenda).

Ms. Wentzell noted that the tax sale process would be changed in 2022 to request a deposit with each bid, with deposits returned to the unsuccessful bidders.

It was clarified that in the event of identical bids, the bidders would be given 24 hours to submit another bid.

**2021-176 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council approve that the Treasurer proceed with a tender call for the March 7, 2022 Tax Sale. Carried unanimously.**

## **11. Mayor’s/Deputy Mayor’s/Councillors’ Matters**

### **11.1 MJSB Update**

Deputy Mayor Moore provided an update on the following MJSB matters:

- New COO hire date – January 2022
- Sampling project for residuals in bluebags
- Accessibility obligations
- Cyber security - insurance
- Strategic Priorities session – January 2022
- Succession planning for site supervisor
- Review of personnel files

- Resignation of IT Director
- Scotia Recycling contract extension

### **11.2 Deputy Mayor's Update**

Deputy Mayor reported that she attended agenda briefing meetings.

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

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she attended regular meetings of Council; the Parade of Recognition for Mervyn Joudrey; the NSFM two-day workshop; Christmas and other functions throughout MODL.

Deputy Mayor Moore added to the MJSB updated that the Department of Environment and Climate Change announced that in January, they will begin a 90 day targeted stakeholder consultation on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and single use plastic and paper package (PPP).

## **12. Added Items**

Item 13.1 Contract Negotiations re Sale of Land was added to the agenda and discussed in the In Camera portion of the meeting.

## **13. In Camera**

**At 9:41 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:**

- 13.1 Contract Negotiations re Straight Pipe Installation, Middle LaHave, under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 13.2 Contract Negotiations re Response to Rate Based Procurement RFP under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 13.3 Litigation Matter under Section 22(2)(f) of the MGA**
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- 13.5 Contract Negotiations re Sale of Land under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**

**At 11:52 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.**

Municipal Council in session.

### **13.1 Straight Pipe Installation, Middle LaHave**

**2021-177 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that Municipal Council deny the appeal regarding the Recovery Charge for a property under the LaHave Straight Pipe Replacement Program as discussed In Camera. Carried unanimously.**

**14. Adjournment**

**There being no further business at 11:53 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the meeting adjourn. Carried.**