

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 Conference

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore, District 5
Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1
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
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10 (via Teams)

Staff

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance (via Teams)
Bill Schurman, Direction of Recreation, Parks & Tourism (via Teams)
Dave Waters, Director of Economic Development (via Teams)
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services (via Teams)
Mark Strickland, Business Development Officer(via Teams)
Chris Kennedy, Fire & Emergency Services Coordinator (via Teams)
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk
Sarah Kucharski, Manager, Corporate Services & Communications
Tina Robichaud-Bond, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bolivar-Getson called the meeting to order at 9:01 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

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that in response to the concerns expressed by residents across the province regarding the negative impact of the non-resident property tax and Bill 149 **Financial Measures 2022 Act**, the provincial government removed the proposed non-resident property tax.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that the Nova Scotia government placed an indefinite hold on the application by WestFor Management Inc to log on crown land around the Petite Riviere watershed area, which is home to endangered Atlantic white fish.

3. Public Input - Nil

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes – April 12, 2022 and April 26, 2022

Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Oickle that the Minutes of the April 12, 2022 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Statton that the Minutes of the April 26, 2022 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. Business arising from Minutes – Nil

7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs - Nil

8. Presentations/Scheduled Times - Nil

9. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil

10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

10.1 Finance Committee

10.1.1 Region 6 Operating Grant Budget Amendment

2022-079 Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve the revised allocation of the Region 6 2022/2023 Budget with the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's share of the budget being \$36,028.07. Opposed: Mayor Bolivar-Getson. Carried.

10.1.2 Sponsorship Ad Grant: First Responders' Wellness Symposium

2022-080 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve the Sponsorship Ad request for the First Responders' Wellness Symposium, taking place September 24, 2022, at the NSCC Lunenburg Campus, as a Gold Level Sponsor for \$500. Carried unanimously.

10.1.3 Sponsorship Ad Grant: South Shore Lightning Basketball Association

2022-081 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve the Sponsorship

Ad request for the South Shore Lightning Basketball Association as a Bronze Level Sponsor for \$200. Carried unanimously.

10.1.4 Canada Day Grants

Deputy Mayor Moore declared a Conflict of Interest as she is the Chair of the New Germany Canada Day committee, and removed herself from the discussion.

2022-082 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Greek that that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and award \$1,875 in Canada Day grants to support community Canada Day events on July 1, 2022, as follows:

- **New Germany Canada Day Committee** **\$1200**
- **Tancook Island Recreational Centre Association** **\$675**

Carried unanimously.

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Administration Department

11.1.1 Letter of Support – Laconia Wind Project

Councillor Veinotte declared a Conflict of Interest and removed herself from the discussion.

Mr. MacEwan reviewed his report, “Letter of Support – Laconia Wind Energy Center”, (circulated with the Agenda).

2022-083 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council support the proposal submitted by Invenergy in response to the Rate Based Procurement RFP for the development of the Laconia Wind Energy Center and direct the Mayor to execute the Letter of Support, as presented. Carried unanimously.

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

12.1 MJSB Update

Deputy Mayor Moore provided an update from the Municipal Joint Services Board as follows:

- Covid 19 cases at facility had minimal affect on operations
- IT department completed move to VIC in Blockhouse
- Scotia Recycling expansion delayed – residual audit on hold until November 2022
- IT staff clarifying costs for services to Town of Yarmouth
- 2 new students hired for spring/summer season
- 16 employment files open
- 4th Quarter Comparative Update of Solid Waste Stream Revenue – circulated
- Flexible Work Policy in process

It was clarified that mixed C&D wood was wood with nails, paint, etc.

Mr. MacEwan reported that the MJSB hired Leslie McFarland as the new COO and would begin employment in July. He also advised that the Director of IT was hired and also begin employment in July. The name of the new Director of IT would be provided at a later date.

12.2 LCLC Update

Councillor Hubley reported that the de-humidification project at the Lunenburg County Multi-purpose Lifestyle Community Centre was over budget by \$574,952 for a revised budget amount of \$2,461,700. Taking into consideration the ICIP grant of \$1,354,368, the Municipality's share of the cost would be \$553,666, an increase of \$287,476.

It was noted that the increase was included in the proposed 2022/2023 budget.

12.3 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Moore reported that she attended the Volunteer Appreciation Award night; the NSFAM conference; agenda briefing meetings; cheque signing; and resident calls.

12.4 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she attended the LCLC meeting regarding the de-humidification system; NSFAM meetings; the MJSB meeting; a meeting with the Department of Transportation re Highway 10; the FESC meeting; the Volunteer Appreciation Awards; and the NSFAM conference.

13. Added Items - Nil

14. In Camera

At 9:40 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss Item 14.1 Land Negotiations re Sale of Land under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA. Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 9:40 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

14.1 Land Negotiations re Sale of Land - Scarsdale

2022-084 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council that Municipal Council approve the sale of PID 60502564 to Michael and Danielle Whynot at a price of \$14,000 as per policy MDL-065, Divestiture of Surplus Land. Carried unanimously.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business at 9:42 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Oickle that the meeting adjourn. Carried.