

## **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, July 26, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

#### **Attendance**

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson

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 Kacy DeLong, District 8

Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9 (left at 9:17 a.m. & returned 9:45 a.m.)

Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

#### **Staff**

April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk

Sarah Kucharski, Manager, Corporate Services & Communications (via Teams)

Angela Veinot, Accounting Manager (via Teams)

Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services

Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance

Dave Waters, Director of Economic Development

Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation

Tissy Bolivar, Program Coordinator

Abhi Jain, Sustainability Planner

Reid Shepherd, Senior Planner

Elizabeth Carr, Planner 1

Michael Bohdanowicz, Planning Student

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator

Mark Strickland (via Teams)

Joanne Powers, Executive Assistant

#### **Regrets**

Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore, District 5

Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO

#### **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<sup>st</sup> as Emancipation Day in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg commemorating the anniversary date of 1834 when the British parliament abolished slavery across its empire, freeing about 800,000 enslaved people of African descent throughout the British colonies.

**3. Public Input (Nil)**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

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

**5. Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2022 and July 12, 2022**

**Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Statton that the Minutes of June 28, 2022, Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the Minutes of July 12, 2022, Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

**6. Business Arising from Minutes (Nil)**

**7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs**

**7.1 Award of RFP #2022-05-400 Design & Build Services – Indian Falls Riverside Trail**

**2022-128 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council award RFP #2022-05-400 Design and Build Services Indian Falls Park: Riverside Trail contract to Gerald DeLong Construction and Trucking in the amount of \$57,280, plus HST. Carried unanimously.**

**9. Consideration of Correspondence (Nil)**

**10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards**

**10.1 Internal Transportation Committee**

**10.1.1 Senior Wheels Association – Purchase of Used Accessible Vehicle**

Mr. Merrill reported that the consultant working with the Senior Wheels Association met with the Internal Transportation Committee. Senior Wheels are interested in expanding their service but are facing some challenges. They applied for federal funding to acquire four buses but will not hear back until the fall, and with recent supply chain issues, it could be the fall of 2023 before the buses are available.

**2022-129 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Veinotte that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Internal Transportation Committee and grant \$30,000, plus HST and delivery charges, to Senior Wheels for the purchase of a used accessible vehicle to expand transportation services in MODL. Carried unanimously.**

## **10.2 Sustainability Committee**

### **10.2.1 Local Climate Change Action Plan – Final List of Action Items**

A report from Abhi Jain, Sustainability Planner, titled, “LCCAP Final Action Items”, provided an update on the status of the PCP Program Milestones and a recommendation from the Sustainability Committee on the “Local Climate Change Action Plan’s Final List of Action Items”.

Councillor Whynot left the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

**2022-130 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Sustainability Committee and approve the “Local Climate Change Action Plan’s Final List of Action Items”, as presented. Carried unanimously.**

## **10.3 Nominating Committee**

### **10.3.1 Appointment to Sherbrooke Lake Stewardship Committee**

**2022-131 Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and appoint Ronald Renz to the Sherbrooke Lake Stewardship Committee for a three-year term. Carried unanimously.**

## **11. Staff Reports**

### **11.1 Administration Department**

#### **11.1.1 Proposed Fire Department Tax Rate 2022-2023**

**2022-132 Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council approve the fire tax rates per \$100 of assessment for the year ending March 31, 2023, as presented.**

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services, Coordinator, explained that most fire departments have not had increases in their fire tax rates for some time, but are now required due to rising fuel costs and increases in the cost of equipment.

**Carried unanimously.**

### **11.2 Recreation Department**

#### **11.2.1 Sponsorship Ad Grant – Ground Search & Rescue**

Councillor Whynot returned at 9:45 a.m.

**2022-133 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Statton that Municipal Council approve the Sponsorship Ad request of the Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue Association for a ¼ page black and white ad for \$340 to support their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Wilderness Survival Guide. Carried unanimously.**

#### **11.2.2 Designated Community Project Fund – Friends of Cherry Hill Cemetery**

**2022-134 Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council grant the Friends of Cherry Hill Old Community Cemetery \$1,240, as per the criteria outlined in the Designated Community Project Fund Policy MDL-48. Carried unanimously.**

### **11.3 Planning Department**

#### **11.3.1 Letter of Support – Petite Riviere Watershed Wilderness Area**

Elizabeth Carr, Planner 1, provided an overview of the presentation titled, "Petite Riviere Watershed Wilderness Area". The Bridgewater Watershed Protection Alliance (BWPA) is advocating for Crown Land located in the watershed, to be designated as a Wilderness Area.

**2022-135 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Haysom that:**

- (1) that Municipal Council write a letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change in support of designating the Crown lands within the Petite Riviere Watershed as a protected Wilderness Area. Carried unanimously**

**2022-136 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor DeLong that:**

- (2) that Municipal Council refer the potential divestiture of PID 60293669 to Staff, and that Staff report to the Policy & Strategy Committee. Carried unanimously.**

### **14. In Camera**

**At 9:47 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss Item 14.1 Land Negotiations re Acquisition of Land under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA. Motion carried.**

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

**At 10:14 a.m., it was moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Motion carried.**

Municipal Council in session.

Council recessed at 10:14 a.m. and returned at 10:24 a.m.

### **8. Presentations/Scheduled Times**

**8.1 Uniform Signage Exit 10 Mahone Bay – Suzanne Lohnes-Croft & George Anderson, Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce (MBTCC)**

Suzanne Lohnes-Croft of 381 Main Street, Mahone Bay and a property owner in MODL, and George Anderson of 7626 Highway 3, Martins River, were in attendance on behalf of the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce (MBTCC), to provide a presentation on “Uniform Signage Exit 10 Mahone Bay”.

Ms. Lohnes-Croft and Mr. Anderson discussed Exit 10, off Highway 103, and the vast number of dilapidated signs illegally erected at this exit. MBTCC hopes to follow the lead of the Municipality of Chester’s Uniform Signage Project by improving the advertising along Highway 3 and creating a wildflower garden up the hill behind where the signs are located.

The request was for MODL to consider approving a Uniform Signage Initiative as a compliment to MODL’s Wayfinding Strategy. MBTCC felt that since the neglected signs are located within the Municipality’s jurisdiction, that MODL should be responsible for the removal of the signs. They were advised that the request would be forwarded to the Policy & Strategy Committee and to Economic Development for discussion.

Ms. Lohnes-Croft and Mr. Anderson left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

**14. In Camera**

**At 10:53 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss Item 14.2 Land Negotiations re Sale of Land under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA. Motion carried.**

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

**At 11:25 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Motion carried.**

Municipal Council in session.

**2022-137 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council approve up to \$300,000 contribution toward purchasing 55 acres of land within the Shaubac, in partnership with the Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy, for the purpose of conservation. Opposed – Councillors Statton and Veinotte Motion carried.**

**2022-138 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Statton that Municipal Council approve the sale of PID 60583267 to Richard Woodworth for \$19,858.70 as per Policy MDL-65, Divestiture of Surplus Land. Carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council approve the sale of PID 60253101 to Kent and Angela Eisnor for \$47,858.75, as per policy MDL-65, Divestiture of Surplus Land. Opposed – Councillors Haysom, Bell, Veinotte, Whynot, DeLong and Statton. Motion defeated.**

**2022-139 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the matter be directed back to staff for review of MDL-65, Divestiture of Surplus Land, with a focus on the definition of abutting and bring back to the Policy & Strategy Committee. Carried unanimously.**

## **12. Mayor's/Deputy Mayor's/Councillors' Matters**

### **12.1 LCLC Update**

Councillor Hubley provided an update on the following matters of the July 21, 2022 Lunenburg County Multi-purpose Lifestyle Community Centre as follows:

- Grant Thornton in-depth review of Year End March 31, 2022
- Revenue & Expenditure Increase directly related to Covid 19 recovery
- Videos were shown of events over the past month
- Upcoming events
- Town of Lunenburg joining Connect2Rec
- Dehumidification project on schedule
- Membership numbers up
- Atmosphere at LCLC is positive and happy due to recent hires

### **12.2 MJSB Update**

Councillor Statton provided an update from the Municipal Joint Service Board as follows:

- Lesley McFarlane, COO, and Lisa Bozek, Director of IT, were introduced to the Board
- Municipality of the District of Guysborough selling their Solid Waste Facility Operation to GFL on September 1, 2022
- 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report – site finished with a small surplus of \$93,000
- 7 submissions received for replacement of CAT 938 loader – only one met specification – a Volvo L90 was purchased for \$292,000 plus HST
- Green cart and mini cart tender awarded to Saunders Equipment Ltd from New Brunswick at a cost of \$62,016 plus HST
- Comprehensive Investment Policy to be drafted and brought back to board for approval

### **12.3 Deputy Mayor's Update**

There was no update from the Deputy Mayor.

### **12.4 Mayor's Update**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported:

- Attended RCMP Musical Ride and took salute
- Attended meetings with residents
- Attended a 2-day NSFM SERMGAR for MGA review
- Met with Logan Webb, NS Department of Public Works re trail development
- Receiving reports of issues with dust control from residents on provincial roads
- Attending South Shore Exhibition parade

**13. Added Items - Nil**

**14. Adjournment**

**There being no further business at 11:50 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the meeting adjourn. Carried.**