

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Meeting of Municipal Council

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – 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 (via Teams)
Councillor Pam Hubley, District 4
Councillor Sandra Statton, District 6
Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7
Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8 (via Teams)
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

Regrets

Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1

Staff

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer (via Teams)
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk
Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Jamie Burgess, Municipal Engineer
Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation (via Teams)
Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator
Angela Veinot, Accounting Manager (via Teams)
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development
Reid Shepherd, Senior Planner
Norma Schiefer, Development Officer (via Teams)
Liz Carr, Planner 1
Ella Gindhi, Planner 1
Dave Waters, Director of Economic Development (via Teams)
Mark Strickland, Business Development Officer (via Teams)
Joanne Powers, Executive Assistant
Jeanette Renton, 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 territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2. Announcements/Acknowledgements/Recognition

2.1 Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged the passing of Queen Elizabeth the Second and a moment of silence was recognized.

2.2 Councillor Veinotte advised that she and Mayor Bolivar-Getson attended the Annual Fishers' Memorial Service in Lunenburg on September 13, 2022. She recognized the following captains who fish out of Blue Rocks and who were involved in the service: Captains Ben, David, Todd, Craig, Troy, and Jeff.

2.3 On September 13, 2022, Mayor Bolivar-Getson attended the Broad Cove Renovation Reveal. She encouraged everyone to drive by and observe the great facility that will serve the community well.

3. Public Input (Nil)

4. Approval of Agenda

In Camera Item 14.2 – Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA was added to the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the Agenda be approved as amended. Carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2022

Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Statton that the Minutes of July 26, 2022 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. Business Arising from Minutes (Nil)

7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs

7.1 Tender #2022-01-001 Snow Removal Services for Municipal Public Highways

Jamie Burgess, Municipal Engineer, explained that only one bid was received for Tender #2022-01-001 Snow Removal Services for Municipal Public Highways, and it was by Gerhardt Property Improvements Ltd. He added that the award of this tender will see a 22% reduction in cost over the previous year.

2022-140 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council award Snow Removal Services for Municipal Public Highways, for 2022-2025, Tender #2022-01-001 to Gerhardt Property Improvements Ltd. for an estimated cost of \$603,117.90, plus HST over a 3-year term. Carried unanimously.

8. Presentations/Scheduled Times (Nil)

9. Consideration of Correspondence (Nil)

10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

10.1 Finance Committee

10.1.1 Sponsorship Ad Grant – Walk YOUR Way for Autism NS

2022-141 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council approve the sponsorship ad request of Autism Nova Scotia for \$250, for the “supporter” level sponsorship for the Walk YOUR Way annual event on September 24, 2022. Carried unanimously.

10.1.2 Sponsorship Ad Grant – HB Studios Sports Centre

2022-142 Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council approve the sponsorship ad request of HB Studios Sports Centre for \$250 plus HST, as a bronze level sponsor. Carried unanimously.

10.2 Nominating Committee

10.2.1 LCMPC Alternate Appointment

2022-143 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the Nominating Committee’s recommendation and appoint Deputy Mayor Moore as the alternate board member on the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre Society Board. Carried unanimously.

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Administration Department

11.1.1 Fire Services Coordinator Update

A presentation from Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator, entitled, “Fire Service Coordinator Update” provided an update and overview of fire service in MODL. The presentation included the following items:

- Fire Service Coordinator Role
- Work with Fire Departments in MODL
- Service Awards
- Workshops
- Mutual Aid Agreement
- Scene Security
- Leadership Training
- Requirement for Mandatory Pump Testing Standard
- New Joint Pump Testing Facility
- Firefighter Safety Initiatives – Everyone Goes Home
- Registration Information Update from 2021
- Calls for 2021
- Recruitment and Retention

- Funding to Fire Services Outside of Fire District Area Rates
- Nova Scotia Firefighter 50/50 Draw

11.2 Planning & Development Department

11.2.1 Letter of Concurrence – MDL 69 Antenna Siting Protocol

Norma Schiefer, Development Officer, reported that the Municipality received an application from Eastlink to locate a telecommunication tower to provide additional Eastlink cellular coverage for the residences, businesses, and emergency services of Pentz, LaHave, and surrounding areas. She explained that the original request was submitted in 2019 but required further community consultation, and therefore, Eastlink moved the location further back on the property and re-applied.

2022-144 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council Issue a Letter of Concurrence for a telecommunication tower at PID 60647492, Highway 331 Pentz, as the application has met the requirements of MDL-69 Antenna Siting Protocol.

Carried unanimously.

11.2.2 Proposed Amendment – Small Options Homes

Ella Gindhi, Planner 1, advised that the Province sent a letter to all Nova Scotian municipalities with notice that a Statement of Provincial Interest (SPI) regarding housing, requires municipal planning documents to permit Small Option Homes licensed under the *Homes for Special Care Act* within all residential zones.

Presently, only Hemford Forest Secondary Planning Strategy (SPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) permits Small Option Homes in its residential zone.

Staff reviewed MODL Secondary Planning Strategies (SPS's) and Land Use By-laws (LUB's) and recommended that Small Option Homes be permitted in all residential zones where the building and lot meet the requirements of that zone, and SPS's and LUB's should be aligned with the SPI.

2022-145 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore, that Municipal Council direct staff to meet with the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) to review the proposed small options homes housekeeping amendments, and further that staff invite members of the Area Advisory Committees to attend the meeting. Carried unanimously.

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

12.1 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Moore reported:

- Attended the MODL Seniors' Corn Boil in Parkdale/Maplewood
- Attended agenda briefings
- Attended NSFM Virtual session

12.2 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported:

- Attended staff appreciation BBQ
- Attended MODL Seniors' Corn Boil in Parkdale/Maplewood
- Attended NSFM meetings
- Attended SERMGAR meetings
- Attended Annual Fishers' Memorial Service
- Attended Broad Cove's renovation reveal

13. Added Items

14. In Camera

At 9:55 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss 14.1 Land Negotiations re Acquisition of Land under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA. Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 10:06 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. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

14.1 Land Negotiations re Acquisition of Land under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA

2022-146 Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council approve an additional \$60,000 contribution towards purchasing of 55 acres of land within the Shaubac, in partnership with Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy, for the purpose of conservation.

Opposed – Councillors Statton, Veinotte and Greek. Motion carried.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business at xx:10:08 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that the meeting adjourn. Carried.