

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 27, 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
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

Regrets

Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1

Staff

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
Dave Waters, Director of Economic Development
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services
Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance
Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism
Tissy Bolivar, Program Coordinator
Reid Sheppard, Senior Planner
Sarah Kucharski, Manager, Corporate Services & Communications (via TEAMS)
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

Mayor Bolivar-Getson offered condolences to the three individuals who lost lives in the recent tropical storm and to those rebuilding. She also thanked the front-line workers who came from various areas of the country to help with the relief.

2.1 Introduction of Lesley McFarlane, Chief Operating Officer, MJSB, and Lisa Bozek, Director of IT, MJSB

Mayor Bolivar-Getson introduced Lesley McFarland and Lisa Bozek.

3. Public Input - Nil

4. Approval of Agenda

It was requested that an item be added to the agenda under Added Items - Tropical Storm Fiona Aftermath.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Delong that Item 13.1 Tropical Storm Fiona Aftermath be added to the agenda. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Bell that the Agenda be approved as amended. Carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes – Council of September 13, 2022 and Special Council of September 16, 2022

Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that the Minutes of the September 13, 2022 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Statton and the Minutes of the September 16, 2022 Special Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. Business arising from Minutes -Nil

7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs – Nil

9. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil

10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

10.1 Audit Committee

10.1.1 Approval of Financial Statements – Year Ended March 31, 2022

2022-148 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee and accept the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg’s Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2022. Carried unanimously.

10.2 Policy & Strategy Committee

10.2.1 Approval of MODL Policy 095 Asset Retirement Obligations

2022-149 Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve the proposed MODL Policy 095 Asset Retirement Obligations, as presented.

It was explained that Asset Retirement Obligations is an accounting requirement of the Public Sector Accounting Board which focuses on the retirement of tangible capital assets and the legal obligations associated with disposing of these assets. Policy 095 was created to ensure that the requirements and obligations were consistently applied.

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

11. Staff Reports

11.2 Recreation Department

11.2.1 Sponsorship Ad – Annual O’Regan’s Subaru Riverport Duathlon

A report from Tissy Bolivar, Program Coordinator, titled “Sponsorship Ad Grant: Bridgewater Triathlon Club: Annual O’Regan’s Subaru Riverport Duathlon”, providing details on the Bridgewater Triathlon Club and the annual duathlon, was circulated with the agenda.

2022-150 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council approve the Sponsorship Ad request of the Bridgewater Triathlon Club for the Annual O’Regan’s Subaru Riverport Duathlon for \$250 for their event taking place October 1, 2022. Carried unanimously.

11.2.2 Designated Community Fund – Friends of Cherry Hill Old Community Cemetery

A report from Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism, titled Designated Community Fund Project – Friends of Cherry Hill Old Community Cemetery”, providing details on the funds received through the Fund, was circulated with the agenda.

2022-151 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Statton that Municipal Council grant the Friends of Cherry Hill Old Community Cemetery \$240 as per the criteria outlined in MODL Policy 048 Designated Community Project Fund. Carried unanimously.

11.2.3 Funding Request – Para Hockey Cup

Ruth Wawin, Tourism & Event Development Officer, was in attendance.

A report from Ruth Wawin, Tourism & Event Development Officer, titled “Para Hockey Cup: Funding Request”, providing details on the event and the funding provided by other units, was circulated with the agenda.

2022-152 Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council approve the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre’s request for funding to support the Para Hockey Cup in the amount of \$7500.

It was noted that the funds would come from the Events Promotion Grant account and that there were funds in the account to cover the requested amount.

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

Ms. Wawin left the meeting.

8. Presentations/Scheduled Times

8.1 Riverport & District Community Park Association

Natalie O’Mara, Chair, and Nathan Bald, Secretary, both with the Riverport & District Community Park Association (the “RDCPA”) were in attendance.

Ms. O’Mara and Mr. Bald gave a presentation on the Association’s proposed plan for creating a community park on the grounds of where the Riverport District Consolidated Elementary School was located, a copy of which was circulated with the Agenda. The presentation highlighted:

- Timeline
- Community Consultation
- Partners
- Next Steps

The RDCPA requested that Council commit to not selling the land and provide funds in the amount of \$4,000 for the cost of the design work and operational costs, and for long-term support of \$12,000 to \$15,000 for the development of the park.

Ms. O’Mara and Mr. Bald left the meeting.

Ms. Payne and Ms. Bolivar left the meeting.

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Planning Department

11.1.1 Senior Wheels Vehicle Funding

Mr. Merrill reviewed his report, “Senior Wheels Vehicle Funding” (circulated with the Agenda) and explained that Senior Wheels were requesting that the word “accessible” be removed from the motion made by Council on July 26, 2020 to grant funds for the purchase of a vehicle.

Jerome Tanner, Chair of the Senior Wheels Board, was in attendance. Mr. Tanner explained that Senior Wheels was having difficulty finding a fully accessible vehicle within their financial means. He advised that they had located a suitable vehicle, but it was not accessible, and they were asking for the accessible criteria be removed from Council's July 26, 2022 motion granting them funds.

Mr. Tanner noted that Senior Wheels already operates an accessible vehicle which would be used when needed. The second vehicle would be used when accessibility was not a requirement.

It was noted that Senior Wheels kept records of ride requests. Mr. Tanner advised that the plan was to expand the service to the entirety of the municipality.

2022-153 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that Municipal Council amend Motion #2022-129, previously approved by Council on July 26, 2022, which states that 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 for the purpose of expanding transportation services in MODL, be amended by striking out the word "accessible" before the word "vehicle". Carried unanimously.

A new motion was required, as follows:

2022-154 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council grant \$30,000 plus HST and delivery charges to Senior Wheels for the purchase of a used vehicle for the purpose of expanding transportation services in MODL.

Mr. Tanner left the meeting.

Council recessed at 9:49 a.m. and resumed at 10:01 a.m.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson asked that Councillors introduce themselves to Lesley McFarlane, Chief Operating Office, and Lisa Bozek, Director of IT, both of MJSB.

Ms. McFarlane provided the following examples of what Council could approve in terms of relief for residents in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Fiona:

- Forego tipping fees for a specific amount of time
- Add a special waste collection within the 3 units

It was clarified that foregoing the tipping fees for hurricane debris had already been implemented.

It was suggested that a policy be developed to provide financial relief to residents with respect to fees associated with waste drop off to the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre in the aftermath of storms.

Mark Strickland, Economic Development Officer, joined the meeting.

13. Added Items

13.1 Tropical Storm Fiona Aftermath

Council discussed ways the Municipality could assist with one of the disaster relief programs for those affected by Tropical Storm Fiona.

It was suggested that an article on the proper use of generators be included in the Municipal Matters newsletter on a yearly basis to remind residents of safe usage.

Staff was directed to compile information on ways the Municipality could contribute to the disaster relief.

Mr. Sheppard left meeting.

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

12.1 LCLC Update

Councillor Hubley gave an update on the Lunenburg County Multi-purpose Lifestyle Community Centre and provided details on the following:

- Aged receivables ending July 31, 2022
- Resignation of Events & Marketing Coordinator
- New Events & Marketing Coordinator, Anestasha Smallwood
- Marketing Strategy & Plan
- Kim Mitchell concert
- Para Hockey Cup
- Gary Wentzell Hockey Tournament
- Renovations/Upgrades to LCLC facility
- First Lumberjacks' exhibition game
- Possible joint membership with YMCA

12.2 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Moore reported that she attended agenda briefing meetings, resident phone calls, and the LCLC meeting.

12.3 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she attended a Special Council meeting; the Para Hockey meeting; the New Germany Fire Department open house; the Michelin update meeting; the residentiary subdivision by-law meeting; and the NSFPM meeting. She also toured the Municipality to check on the damage in the aftermath of Fiona.

Ms. McFarlane and Ms. Bozek left the meeting.

14. In Camera

At 10:27 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

14.1 Land Negotiations re PID 60716883 under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA

14.2 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA

Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 11:57 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 PID 60716883

2022-155 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council direct staff to bring back a formal Agreement of Purchase & Sale for the sale of part of PID 607168893 within the Osprey Village Development. Carried unanimously.

13.1 Tropical Storm Fiona Aftermath

Mr. Dumaresq advised that the MJSB provided estimated costs on adding an additional curbside collection and waiving tipping fees for residents of the Municipality.

It was clarified that the collection period would be from October 10 to 24, 2022.

2022-156 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council approve waiving the tipping fees from residents dropping off storm debris at the waste site to a maximum of \$3000, and that the funds be taken from the Council Contingency account.

It was noted that residents will be asked for their civic address when dropping off debris to ensure that the fee is waived.

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

2022-157 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council authorize an additional \$21,395.24 plus any applicable taxes for additional post storm collection costs, and that the funds be taken from the Council Contingency account. Those Opposed: Councillors Bell, Statton, and Hubley. Carried.

15 Adjournment

There being no further business at 12:11 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the meeting adjourn. Carried.