

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg Minutes of a Meeting of Municipal Council

Held at Tancook Island Recreational Center – Big Tancook Island, NS
Tuesday, November 22, 2022 – 11:30 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

Staff

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism
Dave Waters, Director of Economic Development
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services
Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Reid Sheppard, Senior Planner
Angela Veinot, Acting Director of Finance
Abhi Jain, Sustainability Planner
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk (via Teams)
Sarah Kucharski, Manager, Corporate Services & Communications
Tina Robichaud-Bond, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bolivar-Getson called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 advised that the World Para Hockey Tournament would be held at the LCLC beginning next week.

Councillors and staff introduced themselves to the residents in attendance at the meeting.

3. Public Input - Nil

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes - Nil

6. Business arising from Minutes - Nil

7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs - Nil

8. Presentations/Scheduled Times

8.1 Discussion on Tancook Ferry/Kiosk

MLA Danielle Barkhouse was in attendance to provide an update on the ferry terminal kiosk (shelter) and the new car ferry.

MLA Barkhouse reported that a tender was put out for work on the kiosk (shelter) located at the ferry terminal in Chester and that no response was received to the tender. It has since been put out again.

MLA Barkhouse further reported that the car ferry build was under way and the expected date of completion was scheduled for 2025. She advised that AF Theriault & Sons was procured to build the ferry.

It was noted that funds that would have been allocated to road infrastructure on the island have historically been used for barging goods and supplies to the residents of the island. Once the ferry is in place, graders and plows would be able to be transported to the island, allowing for road work to be done.

It was also noted that vehicle legislation would also change due to the implementation of the car ferry, obliging residents to insure and register their vehicles.

9. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil

10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

10.1 Policy & Strategy Committee

10.1.1 Flood Risk Engagement and Regulations

2022-182 Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and direct staff to stop all work on flood risk engagement and regulations; and further, send a letter to the Province stating that the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg will not be proceeding with flood risk land-use regulations as part of the MODL 2040 minimum mandatory planning project.

It was noted that there were residents who were concerned that the Municipality would not take steps regarding flood risks. It was clarified that the Municipality would still be looking into flood risk mapping and zoning regulations but would require more accurate data before moving forward.

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

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Planning & Development Department

11.1.1 Home Warming Program & Clean Energy Financing

Sonia Smith, Senior Lead with Outreach for Clean Foundation was in attendance.

Ms. Smith gave a presentation on the Home Warming Program, administered by Efficiency Nova Scotia. She noted that the program was developed to help low-income Nova Scotians and provided details on the following:

- Eligibility
- Home Upgrades
- How to Apply

Mr. Jain gave a presentation on the Clean Energy Financing program, a partnership with the Clean Foundation, providing details on the following:

- Availability & Terms of Financing
- Eligibility
- Types of Upgrades
- Number of Retrofits
- How to Apply

11.2 Economic Development Department

11.2.1 Business Development Opportunity Biomass Zone

Mr. Waters reviewed his report, "BDO Zone Initiative" outlining the Business Development Opportunity Biomass initiative. He explained that the study was an international initiative to give ratings to suitable areas for bio-based manufacturing investments.

Councillor Moore declared a Conflict of Interest and removed herself from the table.

Concerns were raised regarding the timing of the report, and it was noted that more information was required to make an informed decision.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council provide a letter of support to the Nova Scotia Innovation Hub (NSIH) in support of its project to evaluate the creation of a Bioeconomy Development Opportunity Zone in Lunenburg and Queens County, and further, that the Municipality contribute \$5,000 to this project, to be paid from the special projects fund for economic initiatives.

The Motion on the floor was voted on and defeated. Those Opposed: Councillors Haysom, Veinotte, Statton, Greek, and DeLong.

Councillor Moore returned to the table.

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

12.1 LCLC Update

Councillor Statton provided an update on the following matters of the Lunenburg County Multi-purpose Lifestyle Community Centre:

- New membership on the Board
- LCLC membership totals
- Energy project on schedule – to be completed in January 2023
- Para hockey update
- Second ice surface

12.2 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Hubley reported that she attended the "Welcome to Lunenburg" event; agenda briefing meetings; the Tri-District Fire Rescue banquet; and the REMO meeting.

12.3 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she attended the Sustainability meeting; the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Bridgewater and Lunenburg; the Hebbville Fire Department banquet; Service Exchange meetings; Para Hockey volunteer meetings; the LCLC meeting; the MODL holiday dinner; the Tri-district Fire Rescue banquet; a Fire Services workshop; and the REMO meeting.

13. Added Items - Nil

14. In Camera - Nil

15. Adjournment

There being no further business at 1:05 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Oickle that the meeting adjourn. Carried.