

# **Municipality of the District of Lunenburg**

## **Minutes of a Meeting of Municipal Council**

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS  
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

### **Attendance**

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson  
Deputy Mayor Pam Hubley, District 4  
Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1  
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2  
Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3  
Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5  
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**

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO  
Dave Waters, Director of Economic Development  
Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works  
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services  
Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance  
Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism  
Mark Strickland, Development Officer (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 9:00 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 - Nil**

### **3. Public Input - Nil**

### **4. Changes/Approval of Agenda**

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

**5. Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2022**

**Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor DeLong that the Minutes of the December 13, 2022 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

**6. Business Arising from Minutes - Nil**

**7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs – Nil**

**11. Staff Reports**

**11.1 Administration**

**11.1.1 Representation at Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2023 Conference**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that the three representatives to attend the 2023 FCM Conference were Councillors Veinotte, Oickle, and Greek.

**2023-001 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council approve the following Council members to attend the 2023 FCM Conference in Toronto, Ontario from May 25 – 28, 2023:**

- **Councillor Wendy Oickle**
- **Councillor Michelle Greek**
- **Councillor Chasidy Veinotte**

**Carried unanimously.**

**11.2 Recreation, Parks & Tourism**

**11.2.1 Amendments to Policy 058 Fees**

A report from Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism, titled “Amendment to Policy 058 Fees”, providing details of the proposed amendment to the Fees Policy, was circulated with the agenda.

**2023-002 Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to Policy 058 Fees by adding the Sawpit Floating Docks fee of \$125.00 per season under Recreation Services Fees, as presented. Carried unanimously.**

**11.2.2 Repeal & Replace Policy 043 Community Grants Program/Sponsorship Request**

A report from Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism, titled “Repeal and Replace Policy MDL-43 Community Grants Program/Sponsorship Request”, providing details of the proposed amendments to the Policy, was circulated with the agenda.

**2023-003 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Statton that Municipal Council repeal Policy MDL-43 Community Grants Program/Sponsorship Request, dated October 23,**

**2018, and replace it with the new Policy MODL 043 Community Grants Program/Sponsorship Request, as presented. Carried unanimously.**

### **11.2.3 Sponsorship Ad Grant – Bridgewater Curling Club**

A report from Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism, titled “Bridgewater Curling Club Sponsorship Requests”, providing details of the request for sponsorship, was circulated with the agenda.

**2023-004 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council approve the sponsorship ad request of the Bridgewater Curling Club for \$143.75 for the “Lead” level sponsorship for their annual promotional campaign. Carried unanimously.**

**2023-005 Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council approve the sponsorship ad request of the Bridgewater Curling Club for \$200 for a full-page ad for the Nova Scotia Police Curling Championship booklet. Carried unanimously.**

## **11.4 Planning & Development**

### **11.4.1 Transfer of Provincial Flood Risk Funds**

A report from Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services, titled “Transfer of Provincial Flood Risk Funds” providing details on the provincial funding received to manage the flood line mapping project, was circulated with the agenda.

Mr. MacEwan explained that the Municipality decided to not move forward with flood risk engagement and regulations at this time and therefore, the Province requested that the funds contributed to the flood line mapping project be transferred to another municipality.

**2023-006 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hubley, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council authorize the transfer of \$170,000 in provincial flood risk funding to another municipality, as requested by the Province.**

It was noted that citizens were not opposed to the project but were concerned with the data collected.

**The Motion on the floor was voted on and carried. Opposed: Councillor Bell.**

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

### **8.1 Co-Developing Sustainable Lyme Disease Intervention Strategies**

Camille Guillot, Research Assistant, and Jean-Phillippe Rocheleau, Associate Professor, both with the University of Montreal, were in attendance via TEAMS, and Pamela Scott-Crace, Citizen Researcher with the Lyme Disease Network was in attendance in person.

Ms. Guillot gave a presentation on “Co-Developing Sustainable Lyme Disease Intervention Strategies” (circulated with the agenda), and provided details on the plan to develop strategies against the risk of Lyme Disease, emphasizing the following:

- Lyme Disease – what is it?
- Public Health interventions
- Project plan
- Outcomes
- Role of the municipal representatives
- Next steps

It was explained that the outcome of the project was to develop a plan to decrease the risks of Lyme Disease by increasing awareness around the disease and creating an intervention toolbox. It was clarified that the project was not aimed at investigating the treatment of the disease.

Ms. Guillot advised that intervention strategies would include:

- Study of complex ecological cycle i.e., forestry and animal host
- Target factors such as landscape management, rodent management/treatment
- A way to kill the tick like we do with fleas

It was noted that a vaccine against Lyme Disease was not yet available and that the project was proceeding as though a vaccine would not be an option.

It was suggested that there be an educational component in schools to teach intervention strategies at a younger age.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson directed that the matter be added to a future Policy & Strategy Committee agenda for further discussion.

Ms. Guillot, Mr. Rocheleau, and Ms. Scott-Crace left the meeting.

## **9. Consideration of Correspondence**

### **9.1 Correspondence from Anti Racism Task Force**

A letter from the Anti Racism Task Force dated December 20, 2022 was reviewed.

Mr. MacEwan advised that the Town of Lunenburg had hired a consulting firm to draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for a Regional Anti-Discrimination Committee. It was anticipated that the draft TOR would be reviewed at the January 18, 2023 Mayors/Wardens, Deputies & CAOs meeting. He noted that units could create their own plan, and that MODL had taken a different approach focusing on internal training.

## **11. Staff Reports**

### **11.1 Administration**

#### **11.1.2 Lunenburg County Regional Anti-Racism Work**

Sarah Kucharski, Manager, Corporate Services & Communications, reviewed her report, “Lunenburg County Regional Anti-Racism Work”, providing details on the approach being taken in Lunenburg County regarding the formation of a Regional Anti-Racism Committee, was circulated with the agenda.

Municipal Council recessed at 9:57 a.m. and resumed at 10:12 a.m.

## **10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards – Nil**

### **11.3 Economic Development**

#### **11.3.1 Lunenburg Queens BRE Report**

Dave Waters, Director of Economic Development, gave a presentation on the Lunenburg Queens Regional Triage Report from Deloitte (circulated with the Agenda), and reviewed the results of the parallel business satisfaction survey completed by businesses located in the Municipality of the District of Chester, the Region of Queens Municipality, and the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.

It was noted that the Region scored above the national average index.

Mr. Waters explained that he and the Municipality’s Economic Development Officer, Mark Strickland, created a list of approximately 350 businesses, using a broad scope of types of businesses and locations, to provide the survey to. He noted that 100 responses were received.

Mr. Waters advised that although the survey was done in confidence through Deloitte, the businesses had approved the sharing of the data.

#### **11.4.2 Amendment Application to Blockhouse Planning Document**

Elizabeth Carr, Planner I, was in attendance. Ms. Carr reviewed her report, “Amendment Application: Blockhouse Land Use Bylaw Boulangerie La Vendeene bakery – PID 60220076” providing details on the bakery’s application to amend the By-law, was circulated with the agenda.

**2023-007 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council refer the Boulangerie La Vendeene bakery amendment application to the Blockhouse Area Advisory Committee for review and recommendation to the Planning Advisory Committee, and further, direct staff to hold an information session for the amendment application per MODL Policy 066 – Public Engagement Policy. Carried unanimously.**

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

**12.1 Deputy Mayor's Update**

Deputy Mayor Hubley advised that she attended the Council/Staff luncheon; agenda briefing meetings; served Christmas dinner at Soul's Harbour; and to cheque signing.

**12.2 Mayor's Update**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that she attended the Council/Staff luncheon; the MODL Seniors' Christmas lunch; the Lunenburg County Community Fund meeting; MOU discussions re SERMGAR (Service Review and MGA Review); the New Years Levee at the Bridgewater Curling Club; and regular meetings.

**13. Added Items – Nil**

**14. In Camera**

**At 10:36 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:**

**14.1 Legal Advice re Development on Second Peninsula under Section 22(2)(g) of the MGA**

**14.2 Litigation Matter re Straight Pipes Program under Section 22(2)(f) of the MGA**

**14.3 Potential Litigation re Private Roads under Section 22(2)(f) of the MGA**

**Carried.**

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

**At 12:24 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.**

Municipal Council in session.

**15. Adjournment**

**There being no further business at 12:24 p.m. the meeting adjourned.**