

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Meeting of Municipal Council

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, N.S.
Tuesday, February 14, 2023

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 (via TEAMS)
Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9

Regrets

Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10
Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8

Staff

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO (via TEAMS)
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk
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

Councillor Haysom acknowledged and congratulated the volunteers of the Coastal Village Community Radio on their first radio broadcast. She noted that the program would be broadcasted online weekly on Saturdays.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson congratulated Councillor Greek on receiving the Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that the Gift from the Heart Radiothon was happening on this day between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. She noted that the radiothon was a fundraiser for the Brighter Days Capital Campaign fundraising initiative to raise funds for the redevelopment projects at the South Shore Regional Hospital.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2023

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the Minutes of the January 24, 2023 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. Business Arising from Minutes - Nil

7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs - Nil

8. Presentations/Scheduled Times - Nil

9. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil

10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

10.1 Finance Committee

10.1.1 2023/24 Proposed Area Rates: Streetlights, Hydrants & Sewers

2023-023 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve the:

- **2023/24 Fire hydrant rate at \$0.1713/\$100 of assessment**
- **2023/24 Streetlight rates as presented**
- **2023/24 Sewer rates at \$0.43/\$100 of assessment for global rate and \$0.25/\$100 of assessment for Hebbville rate.**

Carried unanimously.

3. Public Input

Gary Rivers and Diana Smith of Conquerall Mills were in attendance to provide comments on the Botany Woods Landowners Association's (the Association) request to include their property in the proposed additions to the charge area, and their subsequent request to have their property exempted.

10.1.2 2023-2025 Strategic Priorities

2023-024 Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hubley that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve the strategic priorities for 2023-2025, as presented. Carried unanimously.

10.2 Nominating Committee

10.2.1 Appointments to Planning Advisory Committee

2023-025 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approve the appointment of Larry Hagell and Peter Simpson as members at large to the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) with terms ending in November 2024. Carried unanimously.

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Administration

11.1.1 Request for Medical Leave – Councillor DeLong

2023-026 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council approve the medical leave request submitted by Councillor DeLong for the period of February 14, 2023 to March 15, 2023 which includes, but is not limited to, the regular meetings of MODL Council scheduled for February 14 and 28, 2023 and March 14, 2023. Carried unanimously.

11.2 Planning & Development

11.2.1 Letter of Concurrence – MDL 69 Antenna Siting Protocol

A report from Norma Schiefer, Development Officer, titled “Letter of Concurrence – MDL 69 Antenna Siting Protocol” providing details of Nova Scotia Power’s proposed location of a communication tower, was circulated with the agenda.

2023-027 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Statton that Municipal Council issue a letter of concurrence for a communication tower at 2259 Highway 325, Oakhill, PID 60443967, as the application has met the requirements of MDL-69 Antenna Siting Protocol. Carried unanimously.

11.2.2 Increase Charge Area – Botany Woods Landowners Association

Norma Schiefer was in attendance and reviewed the report, “Request for Decision – Increase Charge Area – Botany Woods Landowners Association” (circulated with the agenda).

Ms. Schiefer reported that the Botany Woods Landowners Association (the Association) requested to add four properties to their charge area. She further reported that Gary Rivers and Diana Smith, owners of PID 60716230, had requested an exemption from being added to the charge area as access to their property is not maintained by the Association.

Mr. Rivers and Ms. Smith were in attendance and were asked to provide further clarification on their request for an exemption to the charge area. Mr. Rivers explained that they are able to access their property using a different road and do not travel over the roads maintained by the

Association. He further explained that the Developer of subdivision agreed to maintain the road under its association to which the owners are prepared to pay the fees.

It was noted that the four identified properties were deemed to be within the Botany Woods charge area by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

2023-028 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council approve the addition of PIDs 60708336, 60716255, 60708344, and 60716230 to the Botany Woods Private Road Maintenance Charge Area; and further, that the Municipal Clerk and the Mayor be authorized to sign an addendum to the Private Road Maintenance Agreement with the Botany Woods Landowners Association to implement the same. Carried unanimously.

2023-029 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hubley that Municipal Council exempt PID 60716230 from the Botany Woods Private Road Maintenance Charge Area fees as per Section 13.1(b) of By-Law 040 Private Roads, and further, notify the Botany Woods Landowners Association of same. Carried. Those Opposed: Councillors Bell and Statton.

11.3 Engineering & Public Works

11.3.1 Pre-Budget Approval re New Germany I&I Mitigation Capital Project

A report from Larry Feener, Municipal Engineer, titled "Request for Pre-Budget Approval New Germany I&I Mitigation Capital Project" providing details on the upgrades required to the inflow and infiltration system at the New Germany Wastewater Treatment Plant, was circulated with the agenda.

2023-030 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council give pre-budget approval for the New Germany I&I Mitigation project for \$800,000, including net HST, as identified in the 5-year Capital Budget Plan for 2023/2024.

Mr. Feener clarified that the tender was not yet issued and that it would be approximately two months before the tender was awarded.

It was noted that residents in the area would receive notification of the work being carried out.

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

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

12.1 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Hubley advised that she attended the NSFAM meeting; volunteered at the Family Fun Day at the LCLC; attended agenda briefings; the equity & diversity workshop; the African Heritage flag raising; a craft show in Hebbs Cross; the music jam at Baker Settlement; and cheque signing.

12.2 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that she attended the African Heritage flag raising; a meeting with the newly appointed RCMP Commissioner for Nova Scotia, Dennis Daley; the para hockey de-brief meeting; and SERMGAR meetings.

Council recessed at 10:03 a.m. and resumed at 10:16 a.m.

13. Added Items – Nil

14. In Camera

At 10:17 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Oickle that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following Item 14.1 Land Negotiations re Sale of Land under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA. Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 10:31 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom 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 10:31 a.m. the meeting adjourned.