

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, March 14, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Deputy Mayor Pam Hubley, District 4
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 Reid Whynot, District 9
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

Regrets

Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1
Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8

Staff

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
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

2.1 Proclamation – Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness Month

Mayor Bolivar-Getson proclaimed March 26, 2023 Purple Day, and explained that this initiative was in an effort to raise awareness of Epilepsy.

3. Public Input - Nil

4. Approval of Agenda

It was requested that Item 10.2.1 Demolition & Clean Up 11 FC Dorey Drive be removed from the agenda and rescheduled for the March 28, 2023 Council meeting, to allow time for staff to investigate a possible legal issue.

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Bell that the Agenda be approved as amended with the removal of the above-noted item. Carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes – February 28, 2023

Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hubley that the Minutes of the February 28, 2023 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. Business Arising from Minutes - Nil

7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs

7.1 Award of Tender #2022-01-004 Sludge Removal Wastewater Treatment Facilities

A report from Larry Feener, Municipal Engineer, titled “Tender Award 2022-01-004 Sludge Removal – Wastewater Treatment Facilities 2023-2026” providing details on the maintenance required on equipment at the wastewater treatment facilities in Cookville, Conquerall Bank, and New Germany, was circulated with the agenda.

2023-038 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council award Tender 2022-01-004 Sludge Removal – Wastewater Treatment Facilities to Dalton Jodrey’s Plumbing and Heating for \$156,954.70 plus HST for a 3 year term. Carried unanimously.

9. Consideration of Correspondence

9.1 Letter from Region 6 re 2023-2024 Budget

2023-039 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hubley that Municipal Council approve the Region 6 2023-2024 Inter-Municipal Committee Budget in the amount of \$121,379.00, with the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg’s share being \$33,593.65.

Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance, was in attendance.

Ms. Wentzell reviewed correspondence from Region 6 (circulated with the agenda) providing details on the proposed 2023-2024 budget (circulated with the agenda).

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

10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

10.1 Finance Committee

10.1.1 Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations

The recommendation report from the Finance Committee providing details on the tax exemption of the three properties owned by LaHave Coastal Conservation Association, was circulated with the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Statton that that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve full tax exemption, with a three-year renewal term, for three properties owned by LaHave Coastal Conservation Association, AA#s 01811576, 10044995, and 11007880, as per MODL Policy 012 Tax Exemption/Reduction. Carried unanimously.

10.2 Dangerous & Unsightly Committee

10.2.1 Demolition & Clean Up 11 FC Dorey Drive

This item was removed from the agenda and rescheduled to the March 28, 2023 Council meeting.

10.3 Planning Advisory Committee

10.3.1 Amendments to MODL By-law 024 Blockhouse Land Use

The recommendation report from the Planning Advisory Committee providing details on the proposed amendment was circulated with the agenda.

2023-041 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and conduct First Reading of the proposed amendment to MODL By-law 024 Blockhouse Land Use By-law to add the Boulangerie La Vendéenne property to Schedule “B” Existing Uses Permitted to Expand by Site Plan; and further, that Council set a date for a Public Hearing on Tuesday April 11, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. Carried unanimously.

2023-042 Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and discharge the recorded Development Agreement with Boulangerie La Vendéenne Incorporee (Document #110824936) on PID 60220076 upon the amendment to MODL By-law 024 Blockhouse Land Use By-law becoming effective. Carried unanimously.

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Finance Department

11.1.1 Property Tax Rebate Policy

Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance, reviewed the report, “Property Tax Rebate Policy – Annual CPI Adjustment” (circulated with the agenda) providing details on the 2023 CPI increase.

2023-043 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council approve the property tax rebate amounts as per the 2023 Nova Scotia CPI adjustments as follows:

- **For Household Income under \$25,699, a maximum rebate of \$570;**

- For Household Income from \$25,700 to \$32,099, a maximum rebate of \$285; and
- For Household Income from \$32,100 to \$40,700, a maximum rebate of \$115.

Carried unanimously.

8. Presentations/Scheduled Times

8.1 Riverport & District Community Park Association

Natalie O'Mara, Chair of the Riverport & District Community Park Association (the "RDCPA"), was in attendance.

Ms. O'Mara gave a presentation on the status of the proposed plans for creating a community park on the former Riverport District Consolidated School property (circulated with the agenda).

The RDCPA requested that Council commit to not selling the lands, provide \$5,000 towards the cost of the design work and operations costs, and provide long term support towards the development of the park.

It was noted that fundraising efforts had not yet begun as the fundraising committee was waiting for confirmation that the project could move forward.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council approve the request of Greg Amos, Treasurer, to speak on behalf of the Riverport & District Community Park Association. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Amos explained that to move forward with the project, the RDCPA needed a commitment from Council of how much of the property would be available for the development of the park, and that a land management agreement would be put in place. RDCPA requested that the entirety of the acreage be made available.

It was noted that funds were available from the Province and that the deadline to receive the funds was June.

Council agreed to discuss the matter at a future meeting and have a response for the RDCPA before June.

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

12.1 LCLC Update

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

- Appointments to the General Manager review committee
- Arena helmet policy

- Consolidated insurance
- Capital budget
- Marketing strategy
- General Manager monthly report
- Financial statements

It was noted that the cost of a shared membership with the LCLC and the YMCA was 25% off each membership fee.

It was clarified that the capital budget amount was estimated at \$300,000.

12.2 MJSB Update

Councillor Oickle provided an update on the following matters of the Municipal Joint Services Board:

- Purchase of wheeled excavator
- Tipping fees
- Strategic planning
- Support & partnership for Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation Project
- Provincial paper & packaging EPR
- End of Life Fishing Gear Management Feasibility Study

12.3 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Hubley advised that she attended the public meeting regarding the Petite Riviere Flood Mitigation; the Lunenburg/Queens Business Excellence Awards; the funding announcement re regarding wastewater and active transportation infrastructure; agenda briefing meetings and cheque signing.

12.4 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that she attended the public meeting regarding the Petite Riviere Flood Mitigation; the Lunenburg/Queens Business Excellence Awards; a meeting with the Broad Cove Community Hall Association; the General Manager review meeting; the Fire & Emergency Services meeting; the funding announcement regarding wastewater and active transportation infrastructure; and various community events.

13. Added Items – Nil

14. In Camera

At 9:53 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss Item 14.1 Public Security Matter under Section 22(2)(h) of the MGA. Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 10:02 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Greek 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 10:03 a.m. the meeting adjourned.