

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, May 23, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Deputy Mayor Pam Hubley, District 4, Chair
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

Regrets

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson

Staff

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk
Tina Robichaud-Bond, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Hubley 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 Oickle congratulated the Municipality's recreation staff for a successful Family Fun Day at the MARC.

Deputy Mayor Hubley recognized and thanked all the volunteers for their response to the New Elm wood fire.

2.1 Proclamation – Access Awareness Week

Deputy Mayor Hubley proclaimed the week of May 28 to June 3, 2023 as Access Awareness Week, marking 37 years of public awareness initiatives aimed at fostering an environment of equal participation for persons with disabilities.

3. Public Input – Nil

4. Approval of Agenda

It was requested that In Camera Items 14.3 and 14.4 be removed from the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Moore that In Camera Items 14.3 and 14.4 be removed from the agenda and that the Agenda be approved as amended. Carried unanimously.

Councillor DeLong advised that she would be declaring a conflict of interest with Item 11.3.1.

5. Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2023

Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor DeLong that the Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. Business Arising from Minutes - Nil

7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs

7.1 Award of Parks Accessibility Audit

Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism, was in attendance.

Ms. Payne reviewed the report, “Award of Parks Accessibility Audit” (circulated with the agenda), noting that the Municipality’s strategic priorities include an “Accessibility Plan” and a “Re-create Parks” priority.

It was clarified that a “Rick Hansen certification” was a national standard training under the accessibility lens. Ms. Payne also indicated that community input will be part of the community consultation process.

2023-084 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor DeLong that that Municipal Council award the Parks Accessibility Audit contract to EXP Services Incorporated for the amount of \$71,827, plus HST. Carried unanimously.

8. Presentations/Scheduled Times

8.1 Community Accountability Transparency Councils (CATCs)

Martin Broadmann, National Council Member of the Community Accountability Transparency Councils (CATCs), was in attendance to provide information on CATCs and its initiative (circulated with the agenda).

Mr. Brodmann gave detailed information on the following:

- CATCs’ vision and mission
- Engagement and beliefs

Mr. Brodmann brought a motion to the floor. A point of order was called by Councillor Bell. After consultation with staff the Chair declared the motion out of order.

Mr. Brodmann left the meeting.

7.2 Award of RFQ #2023-05-300 Indian Falls Culvert Replacement

Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works, and Jamie Burgess, Municipal Engineer, were in attendance.

Mr. Burgess reviewed the report, "RFQ Award 2023-05-300 Indian Falls Culvert Replacement" (circulated with the agenda), explaining that the culvert located at the Indian Falls Park needed to be replaced. He noted that the culvert was located in a fish habitat.

It was clarified that replacing the culvert would prevent future flooding of the road.

2023-085 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council award RFQ 2023-05-300 Indian Falls Culvert Replacement to Dexter Construction Company Ltd. for the amount of \$33,900, plus HST, and further that the overage be taken from the General Operating Reserves. Carried unanimously.

7.3 Award of Tender #2023-05-002 Osprey Village Off Highway Connector Trails

Mr. Burgess reviewed the report, "Tender Award 2023-05-002 Osprey Village Off Highway Connector Trail" (circulated with the agenda), providing details on the submissions received for the trail connection project in Osprey Village.

It was noted that the cost of the project exceeded the budgeted amount.

2023-086 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council award Tender 2023-005-02 Osprey Village Off Highway Connector Trail to Dexter Construction Company Ltd. for the amount of \$948,115, plus HST, and further that the overage be taken from the General Operating Reserves. Opposed: Councillor Haysom. Carried.

7.4 Award of Tender #2023-05-001 Sanitary Sewer Repairs, New Germany I&I Mitigation

Larry Feener, Municipal Engineer, Wastewater & Infrastructure Projects, was in attendance.

Mr. Feener reviewed the report, "Tender Award 2023-05-001 Sanitary Sewer Repairs – New Germany I&I Mitigation" (circulated with the agenda), noting that the sanitary sewer flow exceeded the design capacity of the New Germany Wastewater Treatment Plant and that repairs were required.

Concerns were raised over the increase of the budgeted amount of the repairs, however, this project has been placed on hold for several years and needs to be completed.

2023-087 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council award Tender 2023-05-001 Sanitary Sewer Repairs, New Germany I&I Mitigation to Dexter Construction Company Ltd. for \$987,840, plus HST, and further that the overage be taken from the Sustainable Services Growth Fund Capital Reserve. Carried unanimously.

9. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil

10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

10.1 Policy & Strategy Committee

10.1.1 Clean Energy Financing Program Contract Renewal

2023-088 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy and Strategy Committee and award a 5-year contract to Clean Foundation from 2023-24 to 2027-28 fiscal years for the continued delivery of the Clean Energy Financing Program to MODL homeowners. Carried unanimously.

10.1.2 Dissolution of the Sustainability Committee

2023-089 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy and Strategy Committee and dissolve the Sustainability Committee effective May 23, 2023, and further, assigns the Finance Committee, and the Policy and Strategy Committee the role of working with staff and making recommendations to Council on the implementation of the Local Climate Change Action Plan 2030. Carried unanimously.

10.2 Nominating Committee

10.2.1 2023 MODL Volunteer Representative – Lisa Tanner

2023-090 Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and appoint Lisa Tanner as the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg’s 2023 Provincial Volunteer. Carried unanimously.

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Recreation, Parks & Trails

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

A report from Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism, providing details of the Fund was circulated with the agenda.

2023-091 Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council grant the Friends of Cherry Hill Old Community Cemetery \$488 as per the criteria outlined in Policy 048 Designated Community Project Fund. Carried unanimously.

11.2 Administration

11.2.1 Letter of Support to LCLC re Fall 2025 55+ Games

Zander Zwicker, Co-op Student, reviewed the report, “Endorsement of the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre Bid on 55+ Games” (circulated with the agenda).

2023-092 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council authorize the Mayor to write a letter of support for the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre’s bid on the 2025 Nova Scotia 55+ Games. Carried unanimously.

11.3 Planning Services

11.3.1 2023 South Shore Climate Summit: Regional project

Councillor DeLong left the table.

Abhi Jain, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager, was in attendance and gave a presentation on the 2023 South Shore Climate Summit. He explained that the Municipality partnered with AIM Network for assistance with hosting a climate summit in September in conjunction with the Town of Bridgewater and the Town of Mahone Bay.

Mr. Jain advised that AIM Network prepared a list of four potential projects to work on and provided details on each of the following:

- Advance REMO Efforts
- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
- Public Transport
- Natural Assets

It was clarified that the four recommended projects align with the Municipality’s action plan.

2023-093 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council prioritize “Natural Assets” as priority one and “Public Transport” as priority two, for the 2023 AIM Network South Shore Climate Cohort Regional Project. Carried unanimously.

Councillor DeLong returned to the table.

Council recessed at 10:20 a.m. and resumed at 10:31 a.m.

8. Presentations/Scheduled Times

8.2 Protect Broad Cove Beach Lands, Mary Frier

Mary Frier, member of the Broad Cove Community Association, was in attendance and gave a presentation on “Protect Broad Cove Beach Lands” (circulated with the agenda), highlighting the need to protect the lands adjacent to the Broad Cove Beach. She explained that the lands were listed as “Owner Unknown” and that the Association was proposing that the Municipality acquire the land so that it would have the legal right to conserve the environmental status of the property and ensure that the property remained accessible to the public with regulated use.

It was clarified that the Association was not interested in owning the property, but was interested in entering into a management agreement with the Municipality.

Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism, explained the provincial “Owner Unknown” process required to divest the property to the Municipality.

Staff was directed to prepare a report detailing options for Council to consider.

Mary Frier left the meeting.

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

12.1 Region 6 Update

Councillor Whynot provided an update on the following Region 6 matters:

- Staff reinstated
- Discussion on recyclable garbage

12.2 Deputy Mayor’s Update

Deputy Mayor Hubley advised that she attended the Mayor’s breakfast; the Tri-District Mother’s Day breakfast; the REMO Touch-a-Truck event; the MARC Family Fun Day; agenda briefing meetings; and cheque signing.

12.3 Mayor’s Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson was not in attendance to provide an update.

13. Added Items – Nil

14. In Camera

At 11:05 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Oickle that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

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

14.2 Land Negotiations under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA

Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 11:41 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.

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

2023-094 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council enter into an agreement with Nova Scotia Public Works for the installation of paved shoulders along Trunk 3, from Mahone Bay northerly to Martins River, to a maximum cost of \$600,000, and further that the funds be taken from the 5-year Active Transportation capital plan for 2023-24, and the following consecutive fiscal years up to and including 2027-28. Carried unanimously.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business at 11:42 a.m. the meeting adjourned.