

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

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS
Tuesday, July 11, 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 Sandra Statton, District 6
Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7
Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

Regrets

Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9

Staff

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk/Acting Deputy CAO
Tina Robichaud-Bond, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bolivar-Getson called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 Bell acknowledged David Croft, of First South, and Bruce Parks, of Lunenburg, who represented Canada at the 71st International Dory Races in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

John Meisner and Brian Palfreyman, MICA representatives, were in attendance to present a plaque to the Municipality for acquiring lands in the Oakland Conservation area and its continued support and partnership in conserving lands for public use.

Councillor Haysom congratulated the organizing committee for a successful 1st Pride Parade in Lunenburg County on July 9, 2023.

3. Public Input - Nil

4. Approval of Agenda

It was requested that an item be added to the agenda under 13.1 Cluster Developments – Letter to Province.

Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Bell that the Agenda be approved as amended with the addition of 13.1 Cluster Developments – Letter to Province. Carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2023

Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the Minutes of the June 13, 2023 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. Business Arising from Minutes - Nil

7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs

7.1 Award of RFP #2023-05-400 Active Transportation Plan Renewal

Andrew LeBlanc, Active Living Coordinator reviewed the report, “Request for Proposal Award 2023-05-400 Active Transportation Plan” (circulated with the agenda).

2023-116 Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council award RFP 2023-05-400 Active Transportation Plan Renewal to Urban Systems Ltd., in the amount of \$69,875.15, including HST.

It was noted that the new plan focused on equity and ensuring that everyone is able to use the trails. It was also noted that Urban Systems Ltd. and staff would be working with accessibility groups to implement accessible needs.

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

Mr. LeBlanc left the meeting.

8. Presentations/Scheduled Times - Nil

9. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil

10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

10.1 Planning Advisory Committee

10.1.1 First Reading - Proposed Amendments to Osprey Village Land Use By-law

Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development, was in attendance and reviewed the report, “Amendment Application: Lumia Care Centre Side Yard Parking – PID 60631009” (circulated with the agenda).

2023-117 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hubley that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and conduct First Reading of the proposed amendments to the Osprey Village Land Use By-law, and that Council set a date for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. Carried unanimously.

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Administration

11.1.1 Potable Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program By-law – Second Reading

Ms. Whynot-Lohnes reviewed the report, “Second Reading – Potable Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program” (circulated with the agenda). She noted that she received three requests for further information and that each caller was in support of the project.

2023-118 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council conduct Second Reading and adopt By-law 047 Potable Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program, as presented. Opposed: Deputy Mayor Hubley. Carried.

11.2 Recreation, Parks & Tourism

11.2.1 Designated Communities Fund re Friends of Cherry Hill Old Community Cemetery

A report from Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism, titled “Designated Community Fund Project – Friends of Cherry Hill Old Community Cemetery” providing details on funds available to the Friends of Cherry Hill Old Community Cemetery under the Designated Communities Fund was circulated with the agenda.

2023-119 Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council grant the Friends of Cherry Hill Old Community Cemetery \$3,995, as per MODL Policy 048 Designated Community Project Fund. Carried unanimously.

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

12.1 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Update

Councillors Oickle, Greek, and Veinotte gave a summary of workshops they attended at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference in Toronto in May.

12.2 MJSB

Councillor Oickle provided an update on the Municipal Joint Services Board as follows:

- New hires – Gabe Welsh, Director of Waste Management Shared Services, and Lynn Wagner, Director of Human Resources Shared Services
- Completed projects and future projects

- IT partner projects
- MJSB agreement review to be completed by June 2024
- Valley Waste conducting wood waste study at solid waste facilities throughout province
- CBC doing ghost gear story
- MJSB staff to evaluate countertop composting machines
- Negotiations on terms of agreement re 50 acre property near waste site

Deputy Mayor Hubley reported on the unaudited year and forecast results of the year end results to March 31.

12.3 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Hubley advised that she attended graduation ceremonies; the Canada Day Parade in New Germany; the Pride Parade in Bridgewater; the bareland condo public engagement meeting regarding Cluster Developments; agenda briefings meetings; and signed cheques.

12.4 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that she attended high school and junior high graduation ceremonies; the MJSB meeting, the Canada Day breakfast; the multi-cultural festival; the Riverport fish fry; the FESC meeting; the Pride Parade; and the bareland condo public engagement meeting.

13. Added Items

13.1 Cluster Developments

Mr. MacEwan reported that at the public meeting regarding cluster developments, a suggestion was made that Council write to the Province asking for a moratorium on bareland condominiums until the Municipality could adopt the land use by-law. It was noted that these types of developments were exempt.

Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council direct the mayor to write to the Province requesting that the Provincial Government impose a moratorium on cluster developments in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg until such time as the Municipality has adopted a Land Use Bylaw regulating cluster developments.

Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services, and Reid Sheppard, Senior Planner, were in attendance. Mr. Merrill explained the procedure for making amendments to and creating land use bylaws.

The timeline for amending the land use bylaw was discussed. It was suggested that the motion be amended to include an end date to the moratorium of December 31, 2023.

Motion to Amend

Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Bell that the motion on the floor be amended to add a specific timeline for the moratorium of December 31, 2023. Carried.

It was clarified that the motion to amend was to request that the moratorium be put in place until December 31, 2023.

The Motion on the floor was voted on and carried. Those Opposed: Councillor Statton and Deputy Mayor Hubley.

It was noted that a moratorium would not affect or delay current developments that have a building permit in place.

It was clarified that the bareland development and cluster development was an interchangeable term.

Amended Motion

2023-120 Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council direct the Mayor to write to the Province requesting that the Provincial Government impose a moratorium on cluster developments in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg until December 31, 2023. Carried. Those Opposed: Councillor Statton and Deputy Mayor Hubley

Council recessed at 10:02 a.m. and resumed at 10:13 a.m.

14. In Camera

At 10:13 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss Item 14.1 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA. Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 10:33 a.m., it was moved by Councillor DeLong, 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 10:33 a.m. the meeting adjourned.