

## **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, July 25, 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 Kacy DeLong, District 8  
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9  
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

### **Regrets**

Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7

### **Staff**

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO  
Lori Ferraina, Recording Secretary

### **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**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson extended condolences to the families of the individuals found deceased as well as the families of the two persons still missing in Hants County. She also thanked all those who were involved in ensuring the safety and well-being of residents.

Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering & Public Works, congratulated Tyler Richardson on receiving his professional engineer designation.

#### **2.1 Proclamation – Emancipation Day**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson announced August 1 as Emancipation Day in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, commemorating the anniversary of the abolishment of slavery in the British colonies.

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

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Moore, that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

**5. Approval of Minutes – June 27, 2023**

**Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Veinotte, that the Minutes of the June 27, 2023 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

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

**7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs – Nil**

**9. Consideration of Correspondence – Nil**

**10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards**

**10.1 Policy & Strategy Committee**

**10.1.1 Amendments to MODL Policy 058 Fees**

**2023-125 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hubley, seconded by Councillor DeLong, that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve the amendments to MODL Policy 058 Fees, as presented. Carried unanimously.**

**10.1.2 Student Safety Along Highway 208, New Germany**

**2023-126 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor DeLong, that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and write a letter to the provincial minister responsible for Public Works, Kim Masland, requesting a crosswalk be located on School Street, and further that a flashing light be installed on the corner of Highway 208 and School Street in New Germany.**

Councillor Moore explained that young students were walking to and from school with some crossing the roadway and the lack of a sidewalk and flashing light was causing safety issues.

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

**10.1.3 Pedestrian Safety**

**2023-127 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hubley, that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and write a letter to the provincial minister responsible for Public Works, Kim Masland, requesting that pedestrian lights be installed at the intersection of Logan Road and William Wile Road in Wileville.**

Councillor Oickle explained that pedestrian crossing lights at the intersection of Highway 325 and William Wiles Road would be beneficial for pedestrians.

It was noted that crossing at that intersection takes the pedestrian to an area with no shoulder and that the Department of Public Works planned to review it.

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

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

### **8.1 Save Our Old Forests Campaign**

George Buranyi was in attendance and gave a presentation on “Save Our Old Forests (SOOF)” (circulated with the agenda) providing details on the loss of old forest cover on public lands in Lunenburg County and the importance of protecting these lands.

It was asked that the Municipality write to the Premier asking that harvesting and roadbuilding activities be paused in forests over 80 years old that are on Crown land until 20% of lands in Nova Scotia are permanently protected.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that the matter would be brought forward to the Policy & Strategy Committee for further discussion.

## **10.2 Nominating Committee**

### **10.2.1 Member at Large Appointment to Police Advisory Board**

**2023-128 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Oickle, that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and appoint Samir Upadhyay to the Police Advisory Committee for a two-year term, ending July 2025. Carried unanimously.**

### **10.2.2 Member at Large Appointments to Miller Point Peace Park Advisory Committee**

**2023-129 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Bell, that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and re-appoint Rick Hebb as a Member at Large to the Miller Point Peace Park Advisory Committee for a one-year term, ending July 2024; and further that the following be appointed Members at Large to the Committee:**

- Marie-Josée Ladouceur, term ending July 2024;
- Rebecca Baccardax, term ending July 2026; and
- Sandra Sabourin, term ending July 2026.

**Carried unanimously.**

## **10.3 Boundary Review Committee**

### **10.3.1 Electoral District Boundaries – Request from NSUARB**

Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services, reviewed the report, “Electoral District Boundaries - Request from NSUARB” (circulated with the agenda), detailing the

proposed change to move the electors in the community of West Northfield from proposed polling District 5 to proposed polling District 7.

**2023-130 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Statton, that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Boundary Review Committee and advise the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) that Council accepts the proposed change of moving the electors in the community of West Northfield from the proposed polling District 5 to proposed polling District 7. Carried unanimously.**

## **11. Staff Reports**

### **11.1 Administration**

#### **11.1.1 Approval of 2023/2024 Fire Tax Rates**

A report from Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator, titled “Proposed Fire Tax Rates for 2023-2024”, providing details of the requested fire tax rates for 2023-2024, was distributed with the agenda.

**2023-131 Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Veinotte, that Municipal Council approve the fire tax rates per \$100 of assessment for the year ending March 31, 2024, as presented.**

It was clarified that under the **Societies Act**, the **Rural Fire Commission Act** and MODL Policy 036, fire departments are required to hold rate payers’ meetings.

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

### **11.2 Recreation, Parks & Trails**

#### **11.2.1 New Elm Church Grant Request**

Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism, reviewed the report, “New Elm Church Grant request – New Roof” (circulated with the agenda), providing details on the New Elm Church request for funding to help with the cost of replacing the roof on the church.

**2023-132 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hubleby, seconded by Councillor Haysom, that Municipal Council approve a \$4,000 grant to the New Elm Church to assist them in replacing the church roof with a metal roof; and further that \$875 come from the annual operating/major recreation capital grant funds and the remaining \$3,125 come from the Council contingency account. Carried unanimously.**

#### **11.2.2 Major Events Grants – New Germany Canada Day**

Councillor Moore declared conflict of interest and left the table.

A report from Ruth Wawin, Tourism & Event Development Officer, titled “Major Events Grant Application New Germany Canada Day Committee” providing details on the Committee’s application to the Major Events Grant was circulated with the report.

**2023-133 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Whynot, that the Municipal Council approve the New Germany Canada Day Committee’s application for funding through the Major Event Grant in the amount of \$3,000 for Canada Day in New Germany. Carried unanimously.**

Councillor Moore returned to the table.

### **11.2.3 Major Events Grants – South Shore Exhibition**

A report from Ruth Wawin, Tourism & Event Development Officer, titled “Major Events Grant Application South Shore Exhibition” providing details on the application to the Major Events Grant was circulated with the report.

**2023-134 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Whynot, that the Municipal Council approve the South Shore Exhibition’s application for funding through the Major Event Grant in the amount of \$5,000. Carried unanimously.**

## **11.3 Engineering**

### **11.3.1 Approval of Cost Share Agreement No 2023-015 Paving of Subdivision**

Mr. MacEwan reviewed the report, “Cost Sharing Agreement on the Paving of Subdivision (J Class) Streets with the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works – 3 Year Term” (circulated with the agenda).

**2023-135 Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Bell, that Municipal Council approve and sign the Cost Sharing Agreement on the Paving of Subdivision (J Class) Streets with the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works for a 3-year term. Carried unanimously.**

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

### **12.1 LCLC Update**

Councillor Statton advised that a presentation was given by the auditors approving the previous year’s finances.

### **12.2 Region 6 Update**

Councillor DeLong advised that a report would be brought forward after the September 8, 2023 meeting.

### **12.3 Deputy Mayor's Update**

Deputy Mayor Hubley advised that she attended the Riverport Coastal Protection agenda briefings; the REMO meeting; the MJSB meeting; the Pride flag raising event; the NSFAM meeting; and volunteered at the REMO comfort centre.

### **12.4 Mayor's Update**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that she attended the Pride flag raising event; NSFAM meetings; the Coastal Protection public meeting; the opening ceremonies for the Hartland Tour; the 14 CES Change of Command; the Junior B Kick Off event; the Seniors Mussel Bake; the REMO Advisory Committee; SERMGAR meetings the LCLC meeting; various community events; and visited various areas that were affected by the storm.

### **13. Added Items – Nil**

### **14. In Camera**

**At 10:04 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom, 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 Legal Advice under Section 22(2)(g) of the MGA**
- 14.3 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
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- 14.5 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**

**Carried.**

**At 1:14 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 Unanimously.**

Municipal Council in Session.

### **14.4 Active Transportation Project**

**2023-136 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Haysom, that Municipal Council approve the Cost Share Agreement No. 2023-037 for an estimated cost of \$600,000 plus HST with Nova Scotia Public Works for the Active Transportation Project to pave shoulders on both sides of the road on Trunk 3 from Mahone Bay northerly to the Martins River Bridge and that these funds come from the Active Transportation capital budget for the next four fiscal years beginning in 2023 and ending in 2028; and further, that the CAO and Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign Agreement No. 2023-007. Carried unanimously.**

**14.3 Pickleball Courts**

**2023-137 Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Bell, that Municipal Council select PID 60161940, adjacent to the Soccer fields in Centre, Lunenburg County, as the location for the new pickleball courts. Carried. Opposed: Councillor Statton.**

**15. Adjournment**

**There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.**