

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, September 12, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5 - Chair
Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2 (left at 9:21 a.m., returned at 10:38 a.m.)
Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3
Deputy Mayor Pam Hubley, District 4 (via TEAMS) (left at 9:58 a.m.)
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

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

1. Call to Order

April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and advised that Mayor Bolivar-Getson was unavailable for the meeting and Deputy Mayor Hubley was in attendance via TEAMS, and that as per Policy MODL-001 Proceedings of Council a motion was required to appoint a Chair to the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Statton that Councillor Cathy Moore be appointed as Chair of the September 12, 2023 Council meeting. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Cathy Moore took the Chair 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 Presentation of 50 Year Fire Service Awards

Services awards were presented to following volunteer fire fighters in recognition of 50 years of volunteer service to their respective fire departments:

New Germany Volunteer Fire Department

- Chief Blair Lantz
- Douglas Veinot
- Michael Snyder

United Communities Fire Department

- Cleveland Conrad
- Harry Smith

Councillor Veinotte reported that she attended the Lunenburg Fishers Memorial Service on September 10, 2023, and thanked the crew of Kennedy Sky who took the memorial wreaths to sea.

Councillor DeLong recognized staff for their work on the various events held throughout the Municipality, i.e., corn boil, tree giveaway, family day, etc.

Councillor Bell recognized and congratulated Councillor Reid Whynot for his 50 years of service as a volunteer fire fighter.

3. Public Input

Christian Cooper, Cornwall Road, was in attendance to provide information to Council surrounding his family's, and other residents', inability to enjoy their property due to the loud music, bullying, and harassment from a neighbouring property.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Bell that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes – July 11, 2023 and July 25, 2023

Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that the Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom that the Minutes of the July 25, 2023 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Bell left the meeting.

6. Business Arising from Minutes - Nil

7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs

7.1 Award of RFP 2023-05-401 Conquerall Bank System & Building – Design and Construction Oversight Services

Larry Feener, Municipal Engineer, reviewed the report, “Award of RFP 2023-05-401 Conquerall Bank Caustic System & Building – Design and Construction Oversight Services” (circulated with the agenda).

It was clarified that the RFP was for two projects – Design and Construction Oversight.

2023-144 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council award RFP 2023-05-401 Conquerall Bank Caustic System & Building – Design and Construction Oversight Services to Exp Services Inc. in the amount of up to \$82,105, including net HST and a 15% contingency. Carried unanimously.

7.2 Award of Tender 2023-01-001 Snow Removal for Municipal Properties

Jamie Burgess, Municipal Engineer reviewed the report, “Award of Tender 2023-01-001 Snow Removal Services for Municipal Properties” (circulated with the agenda).

2023-145 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council award Tender 2023-01-001 Snow Removal for Municipal Properties to Gerhardt Property Improvement Ltd. for the estimated amount of \$346,974.87, including net HST, for a 3 year period.

It was clarified that the tender for snow removal services was for municipal properties only, and did not include roads.

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

8. Presentations/Scheduled Times

8.1 Update on South Shore Sustainability Summit, Matt Delorme

Matt Delorme, Executive Director, AIM Network, gave an update on the Sustainability Summit and what to expect each day. He noted that Day 1 was scheduled to be a workshop for staff and council and that Day 2 was for public engagement.

9. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil

10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards - Nil

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Planning & Development

11.1.1 Second Reading re Proposed Amendments to Osprey Village Land Use Bylaw

Jacob Macpherson, Planner I, reviewed the report, “Amendment Application: Lumia Care Centre Side Yard Parking – PID 60631009” (circulated with the agenda).

2023-146 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council conduct Second Reading of By-law 021H, proposed amendments to the Osprey Village Land Use By-Law 2023, to allow side yard parking in the Institutional (IN) Zone and further; to allow the use of “Offices” and “Cafés” that are in support of a primary Institutional use. Carried unanimously.

11.1.2 Amendments to Riverport & District Secondary Planning Strategy & Land Use Bylaw

Elizabeth Carr, Planner I, reviewed the report, “Amendments to Riverport & District Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw” (circulated with the agenda).

It was clarified that the amendments were required to allow for development that would be hindered due to the inaccuracies of the Provincial wetland mapping.

2023-147 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Oickle that Municipal Council direct staff to hold a public information session to review the proposed amendments to the Riverport & District Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw, related to the Environmentally Sensitive (ES) zones and the accessory structures policy, and refer amendments to the Riverport & District Area Advisory Committee for recommendation to the Planning Advisory Committee. Carried unanimously.

11.1.3 Updated re Joint Regional Transportation Agency

Reid Sheppard, Senior Planner, gave a presentation, “Joint Regional Transportation Agency” (attached to Minutes), providing an update on the following:

- Study Area
- Core Partners (noting that CN Rail was recently added to the list)
- Plan Priorities
- Agency Structure
- Purpose of the Municipal Working Group

Mr. Reid noted that the larger objective of the study was to develop a regional transportation plan.

11.1.4 Letter of Concurrence – MODL 069 Antenna Siting Protocol

Norma Schiefer, Development Officer, was in attendance via TEAMS and reviewed the report, “Letter of Concurrence – MDL 69 Antenna Siting Protocol” (circulated with the agenda).

2023-148 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council issue a letter of concurrence for a telecommunication tower at PID 60262714, Lower Branch Road, New Germany, as the application has met the requirements of Policy MODL-069 Antenna Siting Protocol. Carried unanimously.

Council recessed at 9:57 a.m. and resumed at 10:15 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Pam Hubley left the meeting.

11.2 Administration

11.2.1 Fire & Emergency Services Annual Report

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator, gave a presentation titled “Fire Service Coordinator Update” (circulated with the agenda), providing details on the following:

- Service awards
- Leadership training grant
- Joint pump testing facility
- Firefighter memorial in Ottawa
- Registration information update from 2022
- Calls for 2022
- Past FESC Priorities
- FESC Workshops
- FESC Survey
- Funding to Fire Services Outside of FD Area Rates
- NS Fire Fighter 50/50 draw
- Recruitment & Retention
- Costs to Outfit firefighter
- Wildland fires

Council recessed at 10:37 a.m. and resumed at 10:40 a.m.

Councillor Bell returned to the meeting.

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

13. Added Items – Nil

14. In Camera

At 10:40 a.m., it was moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Whynot 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.

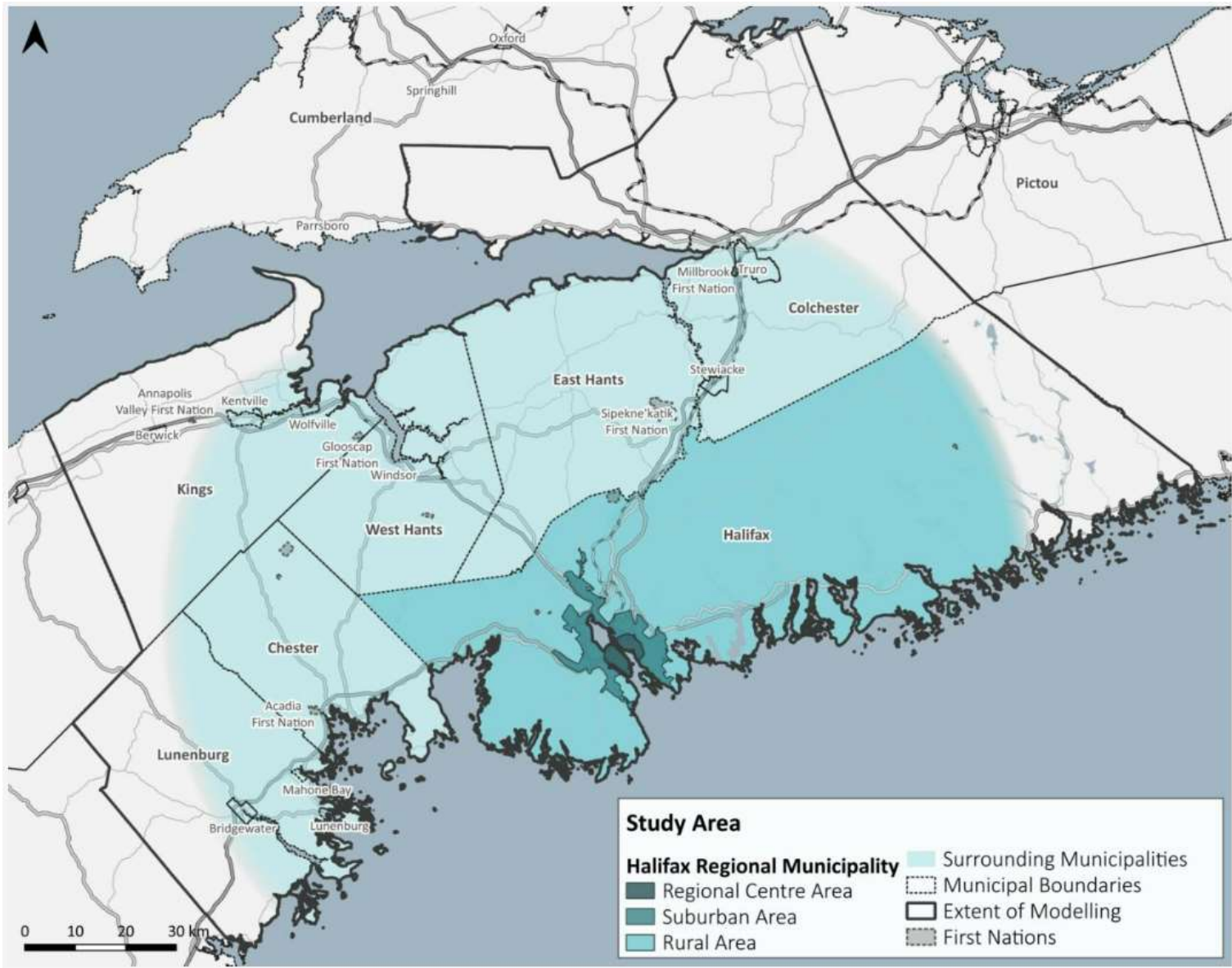
At 10:59 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Oickle that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried unanimously.

Municipal Council in session.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

JRTA JOINT REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION
AGENCY



Core Partners

Collaborating with our partners is critical to the plan's success. By working together, we can guide integrated transportation and land use decision-making and identify strategic infrastructure investments to meet future needs.



Plan Priorities

What's important as we develop the plan?

Safety

- Enhance the overall safety and security of the transportation system.
- Identify initiatives in the region that support the reduction and eventual elimination of fatalities and serious injury from collisions, while prioritizing and enhancing protection for vulnerable users (e.g., pedestrians and cyclists).
- Explore initiatives to enhance emergency preparedness.

Mobility

- Advance multimodal transportation planning and transportation choice through consideration of all modes of transportation within the region.
- Focus on the movement of people (walking/rolling, cycling, buses, ferries, trains, vehicles), goods (trucks, trains, ships, planes), and the associated infrastructure (streets, active transportation facilities, highways, bridges, rail corridors, ports – marine, ground, air).
- Explore a combination of conventional measures that may not have been implemented to date and innovative measures which may not have been studied to date.

Goods Movement

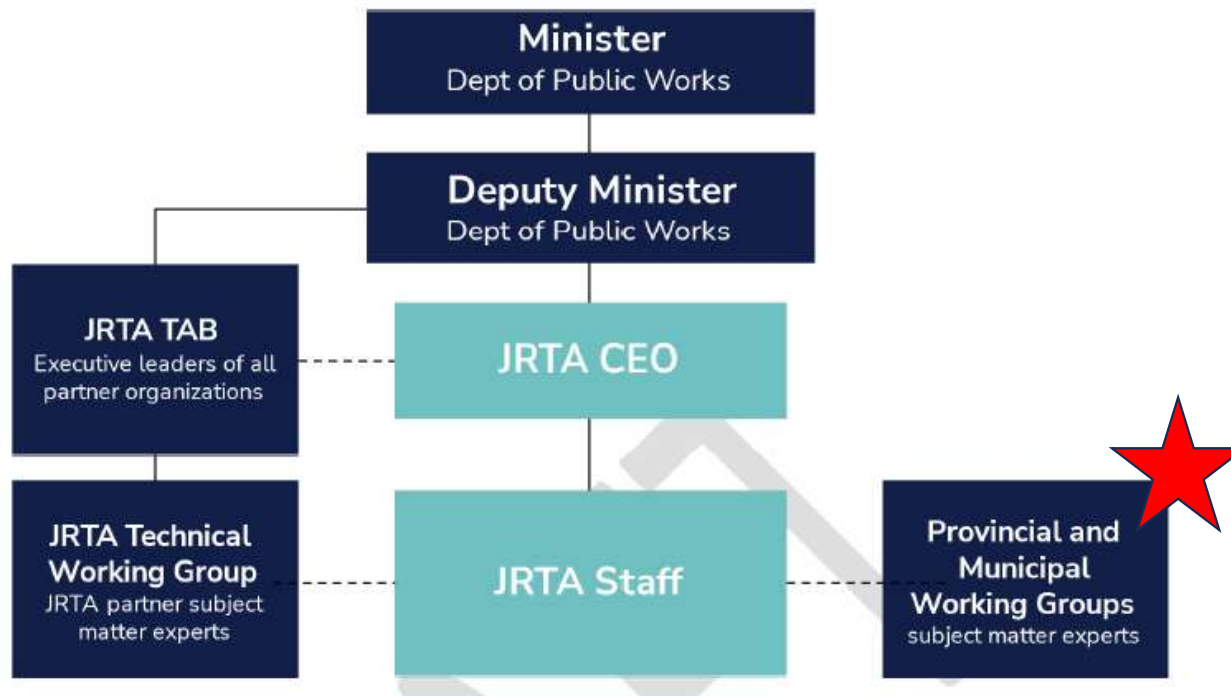
- Evaluate goods movement throughout the region, including the adequacy of truck routes, and freight corridors under both existing and future uses, to ensure support of the region's growing economy.
- Develop a strategic goods movement network for the region, including associated requirements for those corridors.
- Consider both national and global markets and the influences on regional goods movement.

Higher Order Transit

- Explore new or alternative transportation options, including higher order transit concepts (i.e., bus rapid transit, ferries, rail, other future solutions) and under what conditions and timeframes they may become viable
- Consider the relationship between conventional and community transit service and any new higher-order transit concepts, in particular, the importance of these existing systems and service types.

System Efficiency & Strategic Investments

- Identify opportunities to maximize the efficiency of the existing transportation system.
- Explore integrated technologies to support greater system efficiencies.
- Recognizing that not all growth will be accommodated within the existing infrastructure capacity, identify the most strategic and cost-effective options to bring new infrastructure online in an environmentally and financially sustainable way to optimize investments and support the region's growing population and economy.



Purpose

- The primary focus of the Municipal Working Group is to work in collaboration with the JRTA staff and in parallel with other JRTA working groups to support the development of the RTP that will enable growth, and the safe, efficient, and coordinated movement of people and goods within the Halifax Regional Municipality and surrounding areas.
- The Municipal Working Group Members are key representatives and liaisons between their Municipality and the JRTA and are required to:
 - facilitate the sharing of information between their respective municipality and the JRTA;
 - provide insight and expertise from their municipality and associated subject matter expertise throughout the development of the RTP;
 - review key deliverables from the JRTA and its consultants;
 - identify opportunities, and potential projects and policies that align with or relate to the JRTA mandate and RTP;
 - help to strengthen the integration of long-term transportation and land use planning across the study area;
 - work collaboratively to resolve any concerns, conflicts or challenges related to joint transportation planning and implement regional transportation solutions; and,
 - share information with councils, staff, businesses and the public related to the communication and engagement process for the development of the RTP. Keep key stakeholders informed on the status and progress of various JRTA initiatives.