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Municipal Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

MODL Council Chambers – 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville

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 - 2.2 Proclamation – Epilepsy Awareness, Purple Day
 - 2.3 Proclamation – RCAF Centennial Day
 - 2.4 International Transgender Day of Visibility
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15. Adjournment



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March 19, 2024

To Her Worship, Mayor Bolivar-Getson, and Councillors
of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

The Policy & Strategy Committee, in session on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, made the following recommendations to Council:

1. That Municipal Council amend MODL Policy 058 Fees Policy as presented and hereby gives 7 days' notice of Council's intention to adopt the amended policy at the March 26, 2024, Council meeting.
2. That Municipal Council increase the municipal public charging station fee to \$1.50 per hour, and further that Council amend MODL Policy 058 Fees Policy to reflect the increase, and hereby gives 7 days' notice of Council's intention to adopt the amended policy at the March 26, 2024, Council meeting.
3. That Municipal Council write a letter to the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities requesting:
 - that the Canada Community Building Fund be maintained as a source of direct, predictable, long-term funding for local infrastructure priorities,
 - commit, in Budget 2024, to meet the next generation of infrastructure programs, including water and wastewater infrastructure and increase the Disaster Mitigation and Adaption fund, and
 - negotiate a Municipal Growth Framework to modernize how municipalities are funded,

And further that Council pass a resolution as per the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) infrastructure toolkit: [Member-Toolkit-Municipal-growth-framework-Feb2024.docx \(live.com\)](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Chairperson and Members
Policy & Strategy Committee

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Council
Item: #10.1.1
Date: March 26, 2024
Authorization: T. MacEwan



Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Request for Decision

Report to: Policy & Strategy Committee

Submitted by: Ruth Wawin, Tourism & Event Development Officer

Date: March 08, 2024

Re: Amend MODL 058 Fees Policy Table 2 Recreation Services Fees

Recommendation

That the Policy and Strategy Committee recommend Municipal Council amend 058 Fees Policy as presented and that this report serves as the seven days' notice required by the MGA.

Executive summary

Staff is seeking approval to amend MODL 058 Fees Policy **Table 2 Recreation Services Fees**. Amending this policy provides clarity on existing fees and introduces tournament rates for the Municipal Activity and Recreation Complex (M.A.R.C.) ballfields.

Discussion

Staff have received feedback from ballfields users who have expressed a desire for a tournament rate to be implemented, making it more affordable to host tournaments on the M.A.R.C. ballfields. This feedback prompted the review of MODL 058 Fees Policy-**Table 2 Recreation Services Fees**. After reviewing the policy, staff proposes the following changes:

- Add "if paid by May 1" to Ballfield League fee of \$19.00 per hour + HST

This change is to encourage ballfield leagues to book the field and pay their fees prior to May 1.

The leagues using the ballfields were already paying the fee of \$19.00 per hour + HST if they paid before the first day of play for their booking. The inclusion of the date in the fee table clarifies the rate and deadline for users. If ballfield users pay after May 1, they are charged a rate of \$21.00 per hour + HST.

The second proposed change to **Table 2 Recreation Services Fees** is as follows:

- Remove the MARC Rental fee from the table.

The removal of the MARC Rental fee is suggested because that is a service that is no longer available.

The following are proposed additions to **Table 2 Recreation Services Fees**:

- Add One-day ballfield tournament fee of \$135 per field per day + HST
- Add Two-day ballfield tournament fee of \$115 per field per day + HST
- Add Charitable Cause one-day ballfield tournament fee of \$65 per field per day +HST
- Add Charitable Cause two-day ballfield tournament fee of \$60 per field per day + HST
- Add Minor Sport ballfield rentals (18 & under) Free of Charge

Implementing a tournament rate enables us to be competitive with ballfields in neighbouring communities. Implementing a one-day and two-day rate for tournaments is likely to entice more users to host tournaments at the ballfields. Increasing the number of tournaments hosted will enhance the local economy, given that teams and spectators tend to spend money in restaurants, shops, and on local accommodations. Staff reviewed the fees of comparable fields in neighbouring communities to ensure that the suggested rates are competitive with those fields. The proposed tournament rate is a reduced rate compared to what ballfield users currently pay at the M.A.R.C. for a two-day rental period. The suggestion to introduce a one-day tournament rate of \$135 per field per day + HST, along with a two-day tournament rate of \$115 per field per day + HST, aims to incentivize groups to opt for the two-day tournament, benefiting from a reduced rate per field per day when booking the two-day option.

Current Rates:

- For tournaments, the ballfields are rented at a rate of \$21.00 per hour + HST.

One-Day Tournament:

- Current Fee:
 - \$21.00 per hour X 10 hours X 3 fields = \$630.00 + HST
- Proposed Change:
 - \$135.00 per field per day X 3 fields = \$405.00 + HST

Two-Day Tournament:

- Current Fee:
 - \$21.00 per hour X 10 hours X 3 fields X 2 days = \$1,260.00 + HST
- Proposed Change:
 - \$115.00 per field per day X 3 fields X 2 days = \$690.00 +HST

The addition of a Charitable Cause rate for tournaments is proposed to encourage users to host charitable tournaments to raise funds for individuals or organizations in need. For the purpose of this policy we are defining a Charitable Cause as the following:

“A charitable cause refers to either a charitable or non-profit organization, or to individuals who have experienced recent hardship.”

In addition, the charitable rate applies to groups raising funds for individuals facing recent hardships, recognizing that tournaments are often organized for the purpose of supporting local community members experiencing difficulties.

The proposed addition of the Minor Sport ballfield rentals (18 & under) Free of Charge to **Table 2 Recreation Services Fees** is a formality as this is a rate already provided to Minor Sport users renting the field. The inclusion of the Minor Sport rental fee being free of charge is to increase public awareness that these users do not pay to rent the field.

An additional recommended amendment to **Table 2 Recreation Services Fees** is as follows:

- Add HST in **Table 2 Recreation Services Fees** to the fee for the sawpit floating docks.

This change is suggested because the charge of HST was not previously listed in the table.

Budget implications

The specific budget implications will depend on the number of tournaments hosted throughout the year. The suggested rates will reduce the expense for users renting the fields for tournaments, potentially lowering revenue from tournaments typically held at the M.A.R.C. . Nevertheless, the aim is for the tournament rate to stimulate an increase in the number of tournaments hosted at the M.A.R.C., thereby potentially increasing the overall revenue generated from the fields in addition to creating a positive economic impact for the area.

Strategic plan

MODL's mission highlights our role as sustainable community builders and collaborative engagers. By addressing the feedback from ballfield users and implementing a tournament rate, we are actively collaborating with the community. Our suggested tournament fees aim to lower expenses for users organizing tournaments, thus increasing the frequency of tournaments hosted at the M.A.R.C. and contributing to a positive economic impact in the area, in line with our mission of being community builders.

Work plan

The administration of MODL 058 Fees Policy is within staff's regular workplan.

Alternatives

1. Do not amend Policy 058 Fees.
2. Direct staff to make additional changes to the proposed 058 Fees Policy and bring it back to council seeking approval.

Conclusion

In conclusion, staff recommends implementing tournament rates to encourage more users to host tournaments. The other proposed changes noted in the report above are to offer clarity to the public.

Report Preparation	
Department	Recreation, Parks, and Tourism
Report Prepared by	Ruth Wawin
Report Approved by	Trudy Payne
Date Reviewed by C.A.O.	

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Policy Details	
Name	Fees Policy
Number	058
Legislative Authority	Municipal Government Act, subsections 48(3), 132(2), 150(2), 206(4), clauses 49(1)(c), 211(1)(b), and subclause 172(2)(e)(i), Private Roads By-law, Section 12
Effective Date	January 11, 2011

Title

- 1 This Policy is titled the Fees Policy.

Administration

- 2 This Policy must be referenced in related By-laws concerning the service identified.

Purpose

- 3 The Municipality must provide clarity to citizens as to the various fees it charges on the various government services.

Fees

- 4 (1) The fees for Planning and Development Services are as set out in Table 1.
(2) The fees for Recreation Services are as set out in Table 2.
(3) The fees for Administration and Finance Services are as set out in Table 3.
(4) The fees for Engineering Services are as set out in Table 4.

Exempted Organizations

- 5 Active non-profit organizations registered under the **Societies Act** are exempt from paying those fees identified under subsection 4(1) of this Policy, with the exception of the Private Road Maintenance & Improvement Administration Fee Rate.

Table 1 Planning and Development Services Fees

Services	Fees
Amendments to a Planning Strategy or a Land Use By-law	\$525.00 + advertising fee
Development Agreement	\$525.00 + advertising fee
Development Permit	\$26.00
Fire Inspection	\$210.00
Map Book	\$25.00
Map Reproduction	\$11.00 + \$0.55 per square feet
Planning documents	\$11.00
Private Road Maintenance & Improvement Administration Fee Rate	5% of the total expenditures in the annual private road budget
Property Record Certificate	\$58.00
Subdivision, Final Plan (+ each lot after 2 lots)	\$105.00 +\$26.00
Variance	\$79.00
Zoning Certificate	\$53.00

Table 2 Recreation Services Fees

Services	Fees
Ballfields	\$21.00 per hour + HST
Ballfield League	\$19.00 per hour + HST (if paid by May 1)
MARC Rental	\$11.00 per hour + HST
One-day ballfield tournament	\$135 per field per day + HST
Two-day ballfield tournament	\$115 per field per day + HST
Charitable cause one-day ballfield tournament	\$65 per field per day +HST
Charitable cause two-day ballfield tournament	\$60 per field per day + HST
Minor Sport ballfield rentals (18 & under)	Free of charge
Sawpit Floating Docks	\$125.00/season + HST

A "charitable cause" refers to either a charitable or non-profit organization, or to individuals who have experienced recent hardship.

Table 3 Administration and Finance Services Fees

Services	Fees
Dog Tag - Replacement	\$1.00
NSF Cheques	\$15.00
Tax Certificate	\$42.00
Tax Sale Administration Fee	\$160.00
Verbal Tax Information	\$11.00
Potable Water Supply Upgrading Administration Fee	\$250.00
Clean Energy Financing Administration Fee	\$250.00

Table 4 Engineering Services Fees

Services	Fees
Electric Vehicle Charging Station	\$1.05 per hour
Sewer Permit	\$120.00

Policy Adoption	
Date of Original Passage	January 11, 2011
Date of Notice of Intent to Amend	
Date of Council Approval	
Effective Date (if different from Approval Date)	
I certify that this Policy 058 Fees was amended by Municipal Council as indicated above.	
Signature of Municipal Clerk	Date

Version	Amendment Description	Approval Date
Original V1	Policy 058 fees	January 11, 2011
V2	Fees for development related applications – planning areas	May 10, 2011
V3	Allows for all fees, except those included in other by-laws in one policy, and fee increases	February 12, 2019
	Effective date for V3	April 1, 2019
V4	Clarity that the 5% administrative fee for Private Road Maintenance & Improvement Charge is not exempted	February 25, 2020
V5	Housekeeping, addition of fee for Electric Vehicle Charger Charging Station	September 14, 2021
V6	CPI fees increase of 6% to all fees except EV, remove dog tags, MARC housings, and fax/photocopying	February 8, 2022
	Effective date of V6	April 1, 2022
V7	Add Sawpit Floating Dock fees to Table 2, Recreation	January 10, 2023

V8	Add Potable Water Supply Upgrade and Clean Energy Financing administration fees to Table 3.	July 25, 2023
V9	Add new ballfield fees to Table 2 and defined "charitable cause".	2024

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Date: March 26, 2024
Authorization: T. MacEwan



Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Request for Decision

Report To: Policy and Strategy Committee
Submitted By: Kayla Winsor, Climate Action Coordinator
Date: March 19, 2024
Re: Municipal Public Charging Station Fee – MODL Policy 058

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

"The Policy and Strategy Committee recommends the Municipal Council to maintain the current Municipal public charging station fee of \$1.05 per hour, as outlined in MODL Policy 058, and reassess it in the future."

DISCUSSION

In the fall of 2021, the Council set the Municipal Public electric vehicle (EV) charging station rate, allowing for adjustments based on actual usage. A recent review shows lower-than-projected charger usage in the years 2022 and 2023 but a sudden spike in usage since the beginning of 2024. In 2023, 554.18 kWh of electricity was used at the Municipal public charging station, and in 2024 until March 12th, 4,219.52 kWh of electricity was consumed. Starting in 2024, operating costs will decrease as staff opts out of the \$560/year cloud subscription, deeming it unnecessary. However, this decision can be revisited if needed in the future.

The staff recommends maintaining the charging fee at \$1.05 per hour. With the current utilization rates at the charging station, the revenue generated is sufficient to recoup operating and maintenance costs, as well as future capital costs for EV charger replacement.

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC CHARGING STATION COSTS ANALYSIS: 2021-2024

Table 1 illustrates changes in EV public charger usage and revenue from 2022 to 2024 (until March 12th). In 2022, there were 52 charging sessions, averaging 7 hours each, consuming a total of 627.70 kWh, and generating \$108.63 in net revenue. In 2023, charging sessions decreased to 28, with an average duration of 7 hours, resulting in a total energy consumption of 554.18 kWh and net revenue of \$78.99. In 2024, in a matter of less than 3 months, charging sessions jumped to 64 with an average duration of 16 hours each, and net revenue until March 12th was \$942.24. This data reveals a notable decline in charging sessions, energy consumption, and net revenue in 2023 compared to 2022 but a substantial increase since the beginning of 2024.

Parameters	2022	2023	2024 (Until March 12 th)
No. of charging sessions	52	28	64
Average Duration Per Session	7 Hours	7 Hours	16 Hours
Total Energy Consumption	627.70 kWh	554.18 kWh	4,219.52 kWh
Total Net Revenue	\$108.63	\$78.99	\$942.24

Table 2 provides a breakdown of the operating and replacement costs related to the Municipal public charging station for the period 2021 to 2024. In 2021, projections for operating costs were necessary as the EV charging station had not yet begun operations. These projections were based on estimations considering expected usage and industry standards. As the charging station commenced operations in subsequent years, actual data was utilized to refine and enhance the accuracy of cost calculations. This adjustment in calculations significantly adjusted the hourly charging rate for operating, maintenance, and future replacement costs, as shown in Table 2 below. In 2024, however, the trend has suddenly changed to align more with the original 2021 projections. Based on the utilization rate since the beginning of 2024, it is estimated that EV chargers will witness approximately 320 charging sessions this year. A forecast for 2024 has been included to provide the council with insights into future projections and anticipated costs.

Table 2: Public EV Charging Station Per Hour Fee Breakdown

	2021 (Projected)	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Based on Actual usage until 12 th March)
Energy charge	\$0.09266/kWh	\$0.09541/kWh	\$0.10521/kWh	\$0.10990/kWh
Operating Cost – Electricity (Per hour)	\$0.7919/hour	\$0.1645/hour	\$0.2974/hour	\$0.4644/hour
Annual subscription fee (after Year 1)	\$560.00	\$560.00	\$560.00	\$0
Other annual maintenance fee	\$300.00	\$300.00 (Projected) \$0.00 (Actual)	\$300.00 (Projected) \$1000.00 (Actual)	\$300.00 (Projected) \$0.00 (Actual)
Maintenance Costs (Annual and Per Hour)	\$860.00 \$0.0982/hour	\$560.00 \$1.53/hour	\$1560.00 \$7.96/hour	\$300.00 \$0.0601/hour
Subtotal, Operating and Maintenance costs	\$0.89/hour	\$1.69/hour	\$8.26/hour	\$0.52/hour
EV charging station parts	\$11,086.72	\$11,086.72	\$11,086.72	\$11,086.72
Electricians & labor	\$2,502.96	\$2,502.96	\$2,502.96	\$2,502.96
Projected Capital Cost (10 years)	\$13,589.68 \$0.1551/hour	\$13,589.68 \$3.73/hour	\$13,589.68 \$6.93/hour	\$13,589.68 \$0.2722/hour
Total, Operating & Maintenance, and future replacement costs	\$1.05/hour	\$5.42/hour	\$15.19/hour	\$0.80/hour

JURISDICTIONAL SCAN

Table 3 serves as an inventory outlining the locations of charging stations in Lunenburg County and its surrounding areas. The data comprises places such as Best Western Plus, Mahone Bay Centre, Saltbox Brewery, the LCLC, Riverport Community Centre, Smuggler's Cove Inn, Bridgewater Volkswagen, and Gold Nugget. Some of the entities offer charging at \$1.50 per hour, while others offer it at no cost.

Table 3: EV Charger Rates Comparison

Location	Rate (Level 2)	Note
Best Western Plus, Cookville	\$1.50/hour	
Mahone Bay Centre	\$1.50/hour	
Saltbox Brewery	\$1.50/hour	
Mahone Bay Fire Hall	\$1.50/hour	
LCLC, Bridgewater	Free	Charge if possible
Riverport Community Centre, Riverport	Free	
Smuggler's Cove Inn, Lunenburg	Free	Hotel guest only
Bridgewater Volkswagen, Hebbville	Free	Customer only
Gold Nugget AFN, Chester	Free	
Kejimikujik National Park	Free	Payment for park admission

Information collected from [PlugShare](#).

ALTERNATIVES

Alternatively, the Council may choose from one of the below options:

Option 1: Increase the rate to \$1.50 per hour.

While the current utilization rate since the beginning of 2024 is sufficient to recoup ongoing operating and maintenance costs, as well as future capital costs for EV charger replacement, the utilization rate is likely to fluctuate, especially in the summer season when heating needs reduce, thus affecting charging demand. Increasing the rate to \$1.50 per hour would allow for balancing off the reduced utilization rate-induced revenue loss. This adjustment would also put the rate in alignment with current market standards observed at entities such as Best Western Plus and Mahone Bay Centre, which are charging at a higher rate. However, staff advises against exceeding the \$1.50 per hour rate at this time to avoid discouraging EV drivers from using the municipal charging station, aligning with MODL's Local Climate Change Action Plan 2030 and its commitment to promoting and supporting the transition to electric vehicles.

Option 2: Council may direct staff to set another rate as deemed necessary or appropriate.

CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis, the staff recommends that the Municipal Council maintain the current rate of \$1.05/hour and review the charging rate in the future. This option allows the Council to recoup operating and maintenance costs, as well as future capital costs for EV charger replacement.

Report Preparation	
Department	Planning & Development Services
Report Prepared by	Kayla Winsor, Climate Action Coordinator
Report Approved by	Abhimanyu Jain, Climate Change and Sustainability Manager
Date Reviewed by C.A.O.	

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**Request for Agenda Items under
Mayor's/Deputy Mayor's/Councillors' Matters**

Council
Item: #10.1.3
Date: March 26, 2024
Authorization: T. MacEwan

TO: Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Kacy DeLong
DATE: March 8, 2024

1. Agenda Item

Resolution on federal infrastructure spending

2. On what agenda do you want the item placed?

Policy and Strategy, March 19, 2024

3. Do you have written material to circulate with the agenda? Yes No

If you do, please attach it to this form. If you do not, please explain.

4. What is its relevance to Council or the committee?

The FCM developed a municipal toolkit (see attached) to help municipalities articulate the need for consistent federal infrastructure spending. Infrastructure spending and a new infrastructure plan at the federal level should be updated and consistent with spending needs of municipalities.

5. What outcome(s) are you seeking?

The motion that is outlined in a supporting document

A letter written to The Honourable Sean Fraser Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

K. P. DeLong
Councillor's Signature

March 8, 2024
Date

Approval for agenda: Yes No

Reason for Denial:

Mayor or Chair of Committee

Date

FCM infrastructure toolkit: [Member-Toolkit-Municipal-growth-framework-Feb2024.docx \(live.com\)](#)

Motion:

Federal infrastructure funding not keeping pace with population growth

WHEREAS, Canada is experiencing record population growth, having welcomed 1.25 million new Canadians last year alone; and

WHEREAS, According to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) we need to build at least 3.5 million additional homes by 2030, and municipalities need to build or expand the infrastructure to accommodate this growth; and

WHEREAS, FCM has estimated that the cost of the municipal infrastructure required support housing development is, on average, in the range of \$107,000 per unit; and

WHEREAS, According to Statistics Canada the cost of upgrade existing municipal infrastructure so that it is in a state of good repair is in the range of \$170 billion; and

WHEREAS, Non-residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since the end of 2020 and municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure project without a corresponding growth in revenue; and

WHEREAS, Unlike federal and provincial revenue, municipal tax revenue has not increased in recent years along with inflation, economic growth or population growth; and

WHEREAS, Municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has come to an end, the Canada Community-Building Fund is being renegotiated and the Permanent Public Transit Fund is set to start in 2026;

WHEREAS, The Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), which was formerly known as the federal Gas Tax Fund, provides more than \$2billion in annual capital funding directly to municipalities through a predictable allocation mechanism, and municipalities of all sizes use the CCBF to deliver direct results for Canadians by building and renewing critical core public infrastructure, including water infrastructure, local roads, public transit and community, and cultural and recreational facilities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the federal government work with agreement signatories and municipalities to maintain the CCBF as a source of direct, predictable, long-term funding for local infrastructure priorities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the federal government commit, in Budget 2024, to the next generation of infrastructure programs, including a new program for water and wastewater infrastructure and an increase to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the federal government convene provinces, territories and municipalities to negotiate a “Municipal Growth Framework” to modernize the way that municipalities are funded in order to enable Canada’s long-term growth.

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Item: #10.2.1
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March 15, 2024

To Her Worship, Mayor Bolivar-Getson, and Councillors
of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

The Fire & Emergency Services Committee, in session on Thursday, March 14th made the following recommendation to Council:

That Municipal Council approve the appointment of Patricia Sharpe, as a member-at-large, to the Fire & Emergency Services Committee for a 3-year term, expiring March 31st, 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman and Members
Fire & Emergency Services Committee

Council
Item: #10.3.1
Date: March 26, 2024
Authorization: T. MacEwan



Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Report To: Mayor & Council
Submitted By: Cathy Moore, Chair, Nominating Committee
Date: March 26, 2024
Re: Provincial Volunteer Representative

The Nominating Committee met on March 19, 2024 to review the nominations for the Provincial Volunteer to represent the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.

The following motion was moved by Deputy Mayor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Bell:

“that the Nominating Committee recommend that Council appoint Bruce Veinotte as the 2024 Provincial Volunteer representative for the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg”.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair
Nominating Committee



Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Report to Council

Report To: Mayor and Municipal Council
Submitted By: Ella R. Gindi, Planner I
Date: March 26, 2024
Re: Approval of Proposed Amendments to Policy 027 Heritage Property

Municipal Council, in session on March 12, 2024, accepted the recommendation of the Heritage Advisory Committee to amend Policy 027 Heritage Property as presented in the staff report of March 12, 2024, and gave notice that Council will consider amending Policy 027 at the March 26, 2024 Council meeting.

Section 48(1) of the **Municipal Government Act** states, “Before a policy is passed, amended or repealed, the Council shall give at least seven days' notice to all council members”.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 48(1), the attached amended Policy 027 Heritage Property is presented for Council’s approval. The Council meeting of March 12, 2024 was hereby considered as Council’s notice.

If Council approves the proposed policy amendments, the following motion would be required:

“that Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to Policy 027 Heritage Property, as presented”.

The proposed amendments now include a subsection that classifies Accessibility uses and features as non-substantial alterations, allowing planners to approve alteration requests more efficiently without requiring council decision, provided these alterations do not negatively impact the building's character-defining elements. A new subsection has been introduced in the definition section to define and explain the meaning of Character-Defining elements.

Report Preparation	
Department	Planning & Development Services
Report Prepared by	Ella R. Gindi, Planner I
Report Approved by	Jeff A. Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services
Date Reviewed by C.A.O.	

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Policy Details	
Name	Heritage Property
Number	027
Legislative Authority	Heritage Property By-law, Sections 6 and 9
Effective Date	May 11, 2004

Short Title

- 1 This Policy may be cited as the Heritage Property Policy.

Definitions

- 2 (1) In this Policy,
 - (a) **Heritage Advisory Committee** is as defined in subsection 5(2) of the Heritage Property By-law.
 - (b) **Character Defining Elements** means the materials, forms, location, spatial configurations, uses, and cultural associations that contribute to the heritage value of a property and must be maintained to preserve its significance. These elements are integral components of the architectural style and are specific features or attributes identified for each heritage property at the time of its designations, showcasing its individual historical, architectural, or cultural importance.

Minimum Threshold

- 3 (1) The Heritage Advisory Committee may recommend to the Municipality that a building be registered as a municipal heritage property in the Registry of Heritage Property, if the heritage value of the recommended building is scored at least 75 out of 100 points.
 - (2) The Heritage Advisory Committee may recommend to the Municipality that a public-building interior, streetscape, cultural landscape, or area be registered as a municipal heritage property in the Registry of Heritage Property, if the Heritage Advisory Committee deems the heritage value of the recommended public-building interior, streetscape, cultural landscape, or area as significant.

Evaluation Guidelines

- 4 (1) The score in subsection 3(1) is calculated by combining all the points of the criteria stated in the evaluation guidelines in Schedule A.
- (2) The criteria in Section 3 must not be inconsistent with the Standards & Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.

Substantial alterations

- 5 (1) Substantial alterations to a character defining element of a municipal heritage property may include but not limited to
 - (a) demolition;
 - (b) addition;
 - (c) changing the colour scheme of the structure;
 - (d) alterations that change the massing of the building;
 - (e) alterations that change the building's original style, such as
 - (i) building form with respect to orientation, proportion, and height;
 - (ii) roof shape with respect to style, pitch, and the addition of roof elements such as towers and dormers;
 - (iii) visual balance with respect to the arrangement of parts or elements of the building including, but not limited to, windows, doors, bays, porches, and dormers;
 - (iv) windows with respect to size, style, placement, orientation, and materials;
 - (v) doors with respect to size, style, placement, materials and the addition of sidelights and transoms;
 - (vi) cladding with respect to style, placement, orientation, and materials;
 - (vii) molding or trim with the respect to style, placement, materials and the removal or addition of;

- (viii) stairs, porches, decks, balconies, verandahs, and porticos with respect to style, materials, and the removal or addition of all or part of the structure;
- (ix) skylights with respect to the addition, removal, or replacement of; and
- (x) dormers with respect to size, style, and placement.

Non-substantial Alterations

- 6 (1) Municipality deems the following alterations as non-substantial:
- (a) painting using the same colour scheme;
 - (b) repairs to or the replacement of existing materials where no change in size, style, placement, orientation, or materials is to occur, such as wood clapboard with wood clapboard of the same exposure to the weather, and asphalt shingles with asphalt shingles.
 - (i) Changing to metal roof materials is permitted as long as the roof material is not deemed to be a character defining element.
 - (c) Accessibility uses and features as long as the alteration is not negatively affecting a character defining element.

Alteration Approval Process

- 7 (1) After receiving an application in Section 10 of the Heritage Property By-law, the heritage officer must issue a letter to the owner of the municipal heritage property, stating that
- (a) under the criteria in Section 6, the application is a non-substantial alteration; or
 - (b) approval from the Council is required for the proposed alteration.

Policy Adoption	
Date of Original Passage	May 11, 2004
Date of Notice of Intent to Amend	March 12, 2024
Date of Council Approval	March 26, 2024
Date of Effective Date (if different from council approval)	N/A

I certify that this Policy 027 Heritage Property was adopted by Municipal Council as indicated above.	
Signature of Municipal Clerk	Date

Version	Amendment Description	Approval Date
Original V1	Passage of Original Policy	May 11, 2004
V2	Amendments included deletion of sections 1 through 4 and replacing with new sections 1 through 7	April 27, 2021
V3	Amend s. 5 substantial alterations by adding “character defining elements” and “but not limited” and s. 6 add new clause (b) that addresses roofing material alterations.	Nov 28, 2023
V4	Amend s.6 non substantial alteration by adding a new clause (c) that addresses accessibility features and uses alterations. Amend s. 2 definitions by adding a new clause defining character defining elements.	Mar 26, 2024

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Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Report to Council

Report To: Mayor and Council

Submitted By: Ella R. Gindi Planner I/ Heritage Planner

Date: March 12, 2024

Re: Revisions to Policy 027- Heritage Property Policy

Recommendation

Staff recommends that Municipal Council consider the Heritage Advisory Committee's recommendation to approve the proposed amendment with the added definition of a Character-Defining Element to Policy 027- Heritage Property Policy.

Motion

That Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Heritage Advisory Committee to amend Policy- 027 Heritage Property Policy and further that Council add a definition of Character-Defining Element to the policy.

Background

On February 13, 2024, Municipal Council directed staff to review the heritage property policy. The primary objective is to deem accessibility alterations, such as a wheelchair ramp, to be non-substantial. This strategic approach is designed to streamline the process, eliminating the need for staff to present each proposed alteration to the heritage advisory committee and seek the council's approval. The overarching goal of the policy review is to foster a smoother and more efficient decision-making process in which the heritage planner will assume the responsibility of making decisions while still ensuring the preservation of the property's historical significance and character-defining elements are maintained. By adopting this revision, there can be a balance between expediting the process, increasing accessibility to municipal heritage properties, and safeguarding the property's heritage value.

On February 22, 2024, staff convened with the Heritage Advisory Committee to review proposed amendments to policy 027, the Heritage Property Policy. Following deliberations, the committee provided a favourable recommendation to the municipal council to approve these

proposed revisions. Additionally, a member of the Heritage Advisory Committee suggested incorporating a definition of "character-defining elements" into the policy to enhance public understanding. Following careful consideration, staff found the suggestion appropriate to improve transparency and clarity for the public. Thus, staff recommends that the council consider adding the definition of character-defining elements to the policy under the definition section.

Discussion

Section 5 of the Heritage Property Policy: Substantial Alteration

Section 5 subsection e (v) and (viii) of the heritage property policy explicitly considers the replacement of doors with respect to size, style, placement, materials and the addition of sidelights and transoms and stairs, porches, decks, balconies, verandahs, and porticos with respect to style, materials, and the removal or addition of all or part of the structure as substantial alteration.

Section 6 of the Heritage Property Policy

Section 6 of the heritage property policy discusses alterations that are deemed non-substantial. Section 6(b) specifically mentions repairs or replacements of existing materials where no change in size, style, placement, orientation, or materials will occur. For instance, replacing wooden steps with wooden steps.

Interpretation of the Policies

Following a thorough analysis of the policy provisions outlined in Section 5 subsection e (v) and (viii) and Section 6(b), it has been determined that the changing the material of doors, steps, decks constitute a substantial alteration. Thus, it is vital to note that Subsection 6 of the policy explicitly identifies a change of materials as falling within the category of substantial alterations. Therefore, based on the combined interpretation of these sections, it is evident that the alteration of doors, steps or decks is to be deemed as substantial alteration and thus subject to the corresponding guidelines and approval processes.

Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada

The Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada are essential references in making informed decisions regarding the preservation of heritage properties.

The Canadian Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada provide guidance on accessibility considerations for historic places. While they do not specifically outline accessibility standards, they emphasize the importance of integrating accessibility features sensitively and compatibly with the site's heritage value. Here are some critical points regarding accessibility from the Standards and Guidelines:

Inclusivity: The Standards and Guidelines stress the importance of making historic places accessible to all individuals, including those with disabilities. This involves ensuring that people with mobility challenges can access and navigate the site without barriers.

Compatibility with Heritage Value: When incorporating accessibility features into historic places, it's essential to do so in a way that respects and preserves the site's heritage value. This may involve using materials and designs that are sympathetic to the property's historic character.

Sensitive Modifications: Any modifications made to improve accessibility should be done sensitively and minimally to avoid compromising the integrity of the historic fabric. This may include discreetly and thoughtfully integrating features like ramps, handrails, or lifts.

Consultation and Collaboration: The Standards and Guidelines advocate for collaboration and consultation with stakeholders, including individuals with disabilities, heritage professionals, and regulatory authorities, to ensure that accessibility improvements are appropriate and effective.

Flexible Approaches: Recognizing that each historic place is unique, the Standards and Guidelines encourage flexible approaches to accessibility, taking into account factors such as the site's significance, condition, and use.

While the Canadian Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places do not provide specific accessibility standards, they promote a holistic approach to integrating accessibility features into historic sites while preserving their heritage value (please see table 1 for specific recommendations pertaining accessibility). Local regulations and codes, along with international accessibility standards, may provide more detailed requirements for accessibility modifications.

Accessbilty Considerations	
Recommended	Not Recommended
Complying with accessibility requirements in a manner that conserves character-defining circulation systems or features.	Damaging character-defining circulation systems or features while making modifications to comply with accessibility requirements.
Respecting the landform when locating new accessibility related features. For example, introducing a gently sloped walkway instead of a constructed ramp with handrails.	

<p>Finding solutions to meet accessibility requirements that are compatible with the built feature. For example, introducing a gently sloped walkway instead of a constructed ramp with handrails in a manner that does not detract from the built feature.</p>	
<p>Finding solutions to meet accessibility requirements that are compatible with the exterior form of the historic building. For example, introducing a gently sloped walkway instead of a constructed ramp with handrails in front of an historic building.</p>	<p>Radically altering the building’s exterior form to comply with accessibility requirements. Relocating primary entrances when undertaking interventions to accommodate accessibility-related features.</p>
<p>Working with accessibility and conservation specialists and users to determine the most appropriate solution to accessibility issues with the least impact on the character-defining elements and overall heritage value of the historic building.</p>	<p>Altering character-defining elements, without consulting the appropriate specialists and users.</p>
<p>Complying with accessibility requirements in a manner that conserves, where possible, character-defining doors and storefronts, including their decorative and operating hardware. This can include using an automatic door opener instead of providing the required manoeuvring space for wheelchairs at doors</p>	<p>Installing new hardware that damages character-defining doors and mouldings without considering alternate means of meeting accessibility requirements</p>
<p>Respecting the location of existing entrances, and porches when providing new accessibility-related features, such as ramps and lifts. For example, providing new functions for the public on the ground floor, or in areas already served by exits</p>	<p>Relocating a main entrance when undertaking interventions to accommodate accessibility-related features.</p>
<p>Exploring all options for modifications to existing entrances, porches and balconies to meet accessibility requirements prior to considering removal or replacement.</p>	<p>Removing an entrance, porch or balcony that does not meet accessibility requirements, and not replacing it with a compatible new assembly.</p>

<p>Introducing a new feature to meet accessibility requirements in a manner that conserves the constructed element and respects the overall heritage value of the engineering work</p>	
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Nova Scotia Accessibility Act

According to the province accessibility act section 2 “The purpose of this Act is to

- (a) achieve accessibility by preventing and removing barriers that disable people with respect to
 - (i) the delivery and receipt of goods and services,
 - (ii) information and communication,
 - (iii) public transportation and transportation infrastructure,
 - (iv) employment,
 - (v) the built environment,
 - (vi) education, and
 - (vii) a prescribed activity or undertaking;”

Incorporating accessibility features, such as wheelchair ramps, into heritage properties aligns with provincial accessibility standards and regulations, including the Nova Scotia Accessibility Act, which addresses explicitly built environments. Ensuring compliance with these standards, heritage sites become more inclusive and accessible to individuals of all abilities, underscoring a commitment to fostering diversity and inclusivity within the community. Moreover, integrating such features enhances the overall visitor experience and facilitates greater enjoyment of the municipality's rich cultural heritage for those with mobility challenges. Through a focus on accessibility within MODL's municipal heritage property policy, these properties will play a crucial role in creating a welcoming environment for both residents and visitors, all while preserving and honouring the distinctive history and identity of the region.

Regional Accessibility Coordinator

According to the Regional Accessibility Coordinator, an obligation under the Accessibility Act, MODL partnered to create the Lunenburg County Accessibility Plan (2021). This plan makes the commitment: “1.7 Internal Policy– Apply an accessibility lens to all policy, procedures, and practices.” The proposed amendment to the Heritage Property Policy represents a change that would enable property owners to remove barriers to access in a more efficient and clearer way.

The province’s position on accessibility is that it is a Human Right, which is also recognized in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2008). This approach recognizes that persons with disabilities are entitled to enjoy their human rights alongside

everyone else. Taking steps to remove institutional barriers to accessibility, such as those present in policies, is one way of ensuring these rights are upheld.

The Proposed Nova Scotia Built Environment Accessibility Standard (2023) does not specifically address heritage properties except to say that, “Government of Nova Scotia is to explore best practices for adapting buildings with a designated heritage status.” This implies that the province will be turning attention to this topic, recognizing there is a gap in current guidance.

The value of preserving and maintaining heritage properties is well accepted, while the incorporation of accessibility features into existing heritage properties has been a challenging topic around the world. There is currently a lack of guidance in Nova Scotia around how to meet the objectives of preserving and maintaining our built heritage while also ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities are respected.

Our province continues to have the highest rate of disability in the country with 37.9% of Nova Scotians over age 15 now reporting having a disability. With such a high number of people experiencing barriers to access in our community, the need to remove accessibility barriers that prevent people from participating in the lives of their communities, workplaces, and families is becoming even more evident.

Recognizing that preserving and maintaining heritage properties is also a priority, it is important to approach this topic with sensitivity and flexibility as described in the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada. The proposed amendment appears to take this into consideration, ensuring that each proposed change to a heritage property is reviewed, providing opportunities for collaboration and creativity to solve accessibility issues.

Conclusion

Staff recommends adding a new definition under the “definitions” section pertaining character defining elements and to add a new Subsection to Section 6, explicitly stating that accessibility enhancements shall be considered non-substantial alterations, provided they do not alter any character-defining elements.

For a comprehensive understanding of the proposed amendments to the heritage property policy, please see the attached document in Appendix I. These revisions are primarily aimed at improving the clarity and effectiveness of Policy 027-Heritage Property Policy. Furthermore, the suggested changes aim to offer flexibility for accessibility improvements, benefiting all members of the community.

By striking a fair balance between heritage preservation, adaptability, and accessibility, these revisions seek to uphold the municipality's cultural heritage legacy while fostering sustainable development that accommodates the diverse needs of MODL's community.

March 12, 2024

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Council
Item: 11.2.1
Date: March 26, 2024
Authorization: T. MacEwan



Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Request for Decision

Report to: Mayor and Council

Submitted by: Larry Feener, P.Eng.

Date: March 26, 2024

Re: Request to Extend Sewer System to Service FH Developments –
PID# 60722378, Highway #10 Cookville

Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council grants approval to allow FH Developments to extend the sewer along Highway #10 to service PID#60722378 and authorize staff to negotiate an agreement between the Municipality and the developer for Council's approval.

Executive summary

FH Developments is proposing a multi-unit residential development on Highway 10 west of Champlain Drive intersection. The developer requested permission to extend the Municipally owned sewer to allow three residential building connections. Design Point Engineering completed the sewer and water design and submitted drawings for MODL to review. As per MODL Bylaw 011B- Municipal Sewer Bylaw, Council would need to grant approval, under recommendation of the engineer, to allow the developer to extend the sewer. Staff supports the sewer extension request.

Discussion

FH Developments wish to develop a multi-unit residential development on an 8.5 acre parcel of land fronting Highway #10 (PID# 60722378) near the intersection of Champlain Drive. They are proposing a total of 185 units comprising of three buildings, one 51-unit and two 67-unit buildings. The anticipated wastewater flows expected to be generated from this new development is 140 m³/day. They have advised the development requires central water and sanitary sewage collection (and treatment) services. These services do not extend along the

entire length of the parcel, rather they end at the eastern corner of the subject parcel. FH Developments wishes to proceed with building construction as soon as possible.

To provide central water services, the Public Service Commission of Bridgewater water system will need to be extended approximately 200 metres along Highway #10. The Bridgewater water system now terminates at the intersection of Highway #10 and Champlain Drive. The developer is working with the Public Service Commission of Bridgewater for water supply.

The existing Cookville Wastewater Treatment Facility can accommodate the first 51 unit building. The planned Cookville WWTP upgrades, with construction to begin in 2024, will need to be completed prior to connecting the remaining 134 units. The wastewater collection system will need to be extended 155 metres along Highway 10, proposed to be done in two phases (refer to Figure 1 below for location). It is being proposed that the developer will be fully responsible to extend the sewer system and turn it over to be owned, operated, and maintained by the Municipality.



Figure 1: Sewer Extension Location

MODLs bylaw #011B-Municipal Sewer Bylaw states the following:

Extensions and Improvements to Public Sewers

40. No approval for extension or improvement to a public sewer will be given unless,

- (1) the extension or improvement to the public sewer has been approved by Council, under recommendation of the engineer, and ...

The engineer recommends that Council approves the developer's request to allow the extension of the sewer along Highway #10 in accordance with Design Points drawings as reviewed and approved by MODL staff.

Budget implications

There was no request to contribute to the capital cost of this project. As properties connect in Osprey Village, additional wastewater will be collected and treated so O&M budgets will need to increase over time however MODL will collect additional wastewater revenue from developments as they connect.

Strategic plan

This aligns with MODL's 2023-2025 Strategic Priorities for Osprey Village Growth Centre.

Work plan

This work will not have a significant impact on MODL's resources as the design and construction oversight will be by the developer's consultant. MODL staff will conduct periodic inspections.

Alternatives

The developer requested an extension and connection to the Municipally owned infrastructure, we are unaware if other alternatives were considered by the developer.

Conclusion

The applicable sections of the Municipal Sewer Bylaw have been met apart from Council's approval. Staff are recommending that Council proceed with granting approval to allow the developer to extend the Municipally owned sewer system along Highway #10 as proposed in the drawings prepared by Design Point Engineering and that staff negotiate an agreement with the developer. The system will be turned over to the Municipality to own, operate and maintain.

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**Request for Agenda Items under
Mayor's/Deputy Mayor's/Councillors' Matters**

Council
Item: #12.3
Date: March 26, 2024
Authorization: T. MacEwan

TO: Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: _____
DATE: _____

1. Agenda Item

2. On what agenda do you want the item placed?

3. Do you have written material to circulate with the agenda? Yes _____ No _____

If you do, please attach it to this form. If you do not, please explain.

4. What is its relevance to Council or the committee?

5. What outcome(s) are you seeking?

funds to be taken from the Contingency Fund.

K. P. DeLong
Councillor's Signature

_____ Date

Approval for agenda: Yes No

Reason for Denial:

_____ Mayor or Chair of Committee

_____ Date

Motion for Resolution by MODL Council, March 26, 2024

Preamble:

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg received a presentation from a delegation, South Shore Ceasefire Now, asking that we:

- Make a motion to call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza;
- Match the donation approved by Council on March 8, 2022 of \$10,000 to the Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal
- Condemn all acts of antisemitism, anti-Palestinian racism, and Islamophobia in our communities, which have risen since the escalation of violence;
- Commit to ensuring our community is just, safe, and welcoming for all.

I recognize that there is room for discussion on whether a municipal body should take a stance on a global foreign policy issue, however, I feel that we can make a statement in support of the federal government's stance on the conflict and the joint statement by the Prime Ministers of Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, and use these to make a resolution backing our own values. I would like to introduce a motion that makes plain that our council does not support hostage taking that stokes war and the endangerment of innocent people OR the colossal violence now taking place against civilians, in particular seniors, women, and children, and that it is right for us to denounce it. These issues directly affect our residents and it is reasonable to take a stance.

Motion:

I move:

...that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg pass a resolution in support of the Canadian Government as it works towards its goal of a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in the Middle East and its support of an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza. (see attached resolution)

...that MODL donate \$10,000 to the Red Cross earmarked to aid in relief efforts in Palestine to come from the Council Contingency Fund.

Resolution:

Whereas foreign policy is the jurisdiction of the federal government; and

Whereas On December 12, 2023, Canada voted in favor of a non-binding United Nations resolution for an “immediate humanitarian ceasefire” in the Israel-Hamas war; and

Whereas On December 13, 2023, the Federal Government released a detailed explanation regarding its vote on the December 12, 2023 resolution tabled at the UN General Assembly; and

Whereas In particular, the Federal Government stated that “Canada supports the humanitarian ceasefire referred to in this resolution as a necessary step to protect civilians, allow for much more humanitarian aid to enter Gaza and allow for foreign nationals, including Canadians, to leave Gaza”; and

Whereas Municipal councils are responsible for hearing and voicing the concerns of their residents and local issues; and

Whereas incidents of Islamophobia and antisemitism are on the rise; and

Whereas reputable, humanitarian agencies and United Nations spokespersons are expressing deep concern over the deaths, suffering and destruction taking place in this war; and

Whereas U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres reports yearly on the number of children's casualties in conflicts taking place in various parts of the world, averaging 600 per year, he shockingly reports over 4000 deaths in a single month in the Israeli-Hamas War; and

Whereas Guterres is advocating most strongly for a ceasefire at this time as are other humanitarian agencies that are being overwhelmed by the conflict; and

Whereas many Israeli hostages continue to suffer under the same conditions the Gazans are enduring; and

Whereas many across the globe are protesting, including here in our municipality, demanding an end to the bloodshed and a solution to the conflict;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Municipality of the District of condemns rising antisemitism, Islamophobia, and racist sentiments in our region and around the world, and is committed to eradicating prejudice, hatred, and violent extremism, and condemns all forms of terror and violence, particularly those resulting in the loss of life and disablement of civilians, particularly seniors, women, and children.

2. Council supports the ongoing efforts and commitment of the Canadian Government as it works towards its goal of a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East.
3. Council joins chorus of voices to call for a release of the hostages and an immediate ceasefire in Gaza to allow for urgent medical aid and desperately needed relief as well as immediate steps to initiate discussions on ending the war.