APPROVED by Municipal Council

Date: April 23, 2024

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, March 26, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Deputy Mayor Wendy Oickle, District 3
Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2
Councillor Pam Hubley, District 4
Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5
Councillor Sandra Statton, District 6
Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7
Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

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

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

2.1 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games Athletes – Presentation of Recognition Awards

Mayor Bolivar-Getson recognized Krista Stockman, Sean Giffin, Jason Rafuse, and Nicholas Skoreyko for their achievements at the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games held in Calgary, Alberta and presented them each with a special recognition award.

Krista Stockman, Sean Giffin and Jason Rafuse received Silver medals in A Division Curling. Nicholas Skoreyko received Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in the 100m Snow Shoeing, the 4 x 100m Snow Shoeing and the 200m Snow Shoeing, respectively.

Ms. Stockman has been recognized as the Female Athlete of the Year in Special Olympics.

2.2 Proclamation – Epilepsy Awareness, Purple Day

Mayor Bolivar-Getson proclaimed March 26, 2024 as Purple Day in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg in an effort to raise awareness in Canada of the issue of epilepsy.

2.3 Proclamation – RCAF Centennial Day

Mayor Bolivar-Getson recognized April 1, 2024 as the centennial date of the inception of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) and honoured those who served and those who continue to serve since 1924 for their role in both peace and war times in the last 100 years.

Recognition – New Germany Fire Department

Councillor Moore recognized the New Germany Fire Department and Councillor Michelle Greek for a successful "Fill a Fire Truck" food bank drive.

2.4 International Transgender Day of Visibility

Mayor Bolivar-Getson recognized March 31, 2024 as International Transgender Day of Visibility and acknowledged the Municipality's commitment to create a community without fear of prejudice or discrimination.

3. Public Input

Ivan Beck and Bill Roger, both of Bridgewater were in attendance to follow up on a presentation they made on behalf of South Shore Cease Fire Now.

4. Approval of Agenda

It was requested that Item 12.2 Cease Fire & Financial Aid to Palestinians, be deferred to a future meeting.

It was requested that the following items be added to the In Camera portion of the agenda:

14.2 Personnel Matter under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA
14.3 Personnel Matter under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA
14.4 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA

Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Oickle that the Agenda of be approved with the removal of Item 12.2 Cease Fire & Financial Aid to Palestinians and the addition of In Camera items 14.2 Personnel Matter, 14.3 Personnel Matter, and 14.4 Contract Negotiations.

It was noted that Item 12.2 Cease Fire & Financial Aid to Palestinians had a financial implication and should be brought back to the Council meeting of April 9, 2024.

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

5. Approval of Minutes – March 12, 2024 and Special Council of March 19, 2024

Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that the Minutes of the March 12, 2024 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Moore that the Minutes of the March 19, 2024 Special Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. Business Arising from Minutes - Nil

7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs - Nil

8. Presentations/Scheduled Times - 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 – Recreation Services Fees

A recommendation from the Policy & Strategy Committee regarding the amendments to MODL Policy 058 Fees – Recreation Services Fees was circulated with the agenda.

2024-055 Moved by Deputy Mayor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve the amendments to MODL Policy 058 Fees under Table 2 Recreation Services Fees, as presented. Carried unanimously.

10.1.2 Amendments to MODL Policy 058 Fees – Charging Station Fee

A recommendation from the Policy & Strategy Committee regarding the amendments to MODL Policy 058 Fees – Charging Station Fee was circulated with the agenda.

Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services, reported that the recommendation was to increase the charging station fee to $1.50 per hour, and noted that the 7 days notice was given at the March 19, 2024 Policy & Strategy Committee.

2024-056 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve the amendments to MODL Policy 058 Fees under Table 4 Charging Station Fees, as presented. Carried unanimously.

It was clarified that the amended fee was based on a jurisdictional rate.

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

10.1.3 Federal Infrastructure Spending Resolution

A recommendation from the Policy & Strategy Committee regarding the Federal Infrastructure Spending Resolution was circulated with the agenda.

2024-057 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and pass a resolution requesting the Federal Government to:

- **Maintain the Canada Community Building Fund 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 write a letter to the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing Infrastructure and Communities requesting same. Carried unanimously.

10.2 Fire & Emergency Services Committee

10.2.1 Appointment to Fire & Emergency Services Committee – Patricia Sharpe

A recommendation from the Fire & Emergency Services Committee regarding the appointment of Patricia Sharpe to the Fire & Emergency Services Committee was circulated with the agenda.

2024-058 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Fire & Emergency Services Committee and appoint Patricia Sharpe to the Fire & Emergency Services Committee for a 3-year term expiring March 31, 2027. Carried unanimously.

10.3 Nominating Committee

10.3.1 Nomination of Provincial Volunteer of the Year – Bruce Veinotte

A recommendation from the Nominating Committee regarding the nomination of Bruce Veinotte as the 2024 Provincial Volunteer representative for the Municipality was circulated with the agenda.

2024-059 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Statton that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and appoint Bruce Veinotte as the 2024 Provincial Volunteer representative for the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. Carried unanimously.

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Planning & Development

11.1.1 Approval of Amendments – MODL Policy 027 Heritage Property

A report from Ella R. Gindi, Planner I, titled "Approval of Proposed Amendments to Policy 027 Heritage Property" outlining the proposed amendments to MODL Policy 027 Heritage Property, was circulated with the agenda.

2024-060 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council approve the amendments to MODL Policy 027 Heritage Property, as presented. Carried unanimously.

11.2 Engineering & Public Works Department

11.2.1 Request to Extend Sewer on Highway 10, Cookville

Larry Feener, Municipal Engineer – Wastewater & Infrastructure Projects, reviewed the report "Request to Extend Sewer System to Service FH Developments – PID# 60722378, Highway 10, Cookville", providing details on the request to extend the municipally owned sewer, was circulated with the agenda.

2024-061 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council grant approval to allow FH Developments to extend the sewer along Highway #10 to service PID #60722378, and authorize staff to negotiate an agreement, for Council's approval, between the Municipality and the developer. Carried unanimously.

Council recessed at 9:35 a.m. and resumed at 9:45 a.m.

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

12.1 Region 6

Councillor DeLong gave an update on the following matters of the Region 6 Committee:

- Kahoot educational sessions
- EPR for paper products & packaging
- Regional Chairs meeting

Councillor Haysom advised that, as the alternate on the Region 6 Committee, she attended a symposium around waste diversion put on by Divert NS. She noted that various regional recycling facilities were in attendance and provided good information and ideas.

12.2 Cease Fire & Financial Aid to Palestinians

Item 12.2 Cease Fire & Financial Aid to Palestinians was deferred to the April 9, 2024 Council meeting.

12.3 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Oickle advised that she attended all assigned meetings; the agenda briefing meeting; the Trail Blazing Women in Business meeting; the Hebbville Village Commission meeting; the Mayors, Wardens, Deputies & CAOs meeting; the Community Housing Information session; South Shore Regional Library events; Lunenburg Country Hikers events; the Baker Settlement Community Hall fundraiser; and the State of the Province address.

12.4 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that she attended the Internal Transportation Committee meeting; the LaHave Sunset Park Pencil Walk; the Government of Canada's announcement re Clean Energy Financing Program; the Mayors, Wardens, Deputies & CAOs meeting; the Fire & Emergency Services meeting; the NSFM executive meeting; meeting with pickleball group; the Community Housing information session; the Branch LaHave variety show; a Karaoke night fundraiser; the South Shore Lumberjack Minor Hockey game; the State of the Province address; and various community events, breakfasts, and fundraisers.

13. Added Items

The following items were added to the In Camera portion of the agenda:

14.2 Personnel Matter under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA
14.3 Personnel Matter under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA
14.4 Contact Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA

14. In Camera

At 9:53 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Veinotte 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 Personnel Matter under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA
14.3 Personnel Matter under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA
14.4 Contact Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA
Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 11:29 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.