

## **Municipality of the District of Lunenburg**

### **Minutes of a Special Meeting of Municipal Council**

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, N.S.  
Tuesday, June 18, 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. Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson requested that the following item be added to the agenda:

- Acknowledgement of Men's Mental Health Awareness Day

**Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the Agenda be approved as amended with the addition of "Acknowledgement of Men's Mental Health Awareness Day". Carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson thanked resident, Andrew Himmelman, for bringing the matter of Men's Mental Health Day to Council's attention. She acknowledged that June 13, 2024 was Men's Mental Health Awareness Day and encouraged all to learn more about the signs and symptoms of mental health challenges.

### **3. Staff Reports**

#### **3.1 Planning Department**

A report from Ella Gindi, Planner I, and Reid Sheppard, Manager of Planning, titled “Coastal Protection Regulations – Second Reading” was circulated with the agenda.

Mr. Sheppard was in attendance and noted Ms. Gindi’s absence. He acknowledged Ms. Gindi’s extensive work on the project.

Mr. Sheppard commented that the Municipality already has a Municipal wide Planning Strategy and this change will add specific regulations regarding coastal protection. He also noted that coastal protection is one provincial interest, and they require minimum standards to be placed in a by-law.

Mr. Sheppard answered questions and provided clarification as follows:

- The mapping shows specific areas that would be affected by the proposed amendments.
- MODL 2040 will address tidal, inland water bodies, agricultural lands, housing, etc. individually.
- Coastline policies cannot be applied to inland.
- 111 properties were considered as undevelopable by the regulations.
- A separate process would be used for protection of wetlands and inland water bodies which would fall under the MODL 2040 scope.
- Any changes to the proposed regulations at this time would restart the process from the beginning.
- Infilling would be addressed but only when it’s in an identified flood plain. The Department of Environment handles infilling issues below the low water mark as it is considered Crown land.
- Under coastal erosion policies, the top of a bank is used for the setback and not the high-water mark.
- Identifying OHW benchmarks would still require surveyors to conduct work.
- The Development Officer would make the determination of whether requirements are met at development permit stage. Professionals in the field will make recommendations and certify adaptations to the requirements.
- Overview was given of the various public engagements efforts that were taken.
- Various areas of the municipality already have planning with setbacks and the more stringent will apply.
- Explained rationale for 3.97m being used as a more cautious approach.

**2024-118 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council repeal and replace the existing Municipal Planning Strategy (2021) and conduct Second Reading to adopt the new MODL By-law 035 Municipal Planning Strategy (2024)**

**containing policies related to coastal protection and the new MODL By-law 049 Municipal-Wide Land Use By-law, as presented. Carried. Those Opposed: Hubley, Moore, Statton**

Council recessed at 10:10 a.m. and resumed at 10:20 a.m.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged Peter Simpson, Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, for his initiatives in beginning the process of coastal protection with the Committee and thanked him and the Committee for their input and efforts in moving the matter forward.

### **3.2 Administration Department**

#### **3.2.1 MARC Playground Equipment**

Tom MacEwan, CAO, reviewed the report “MARC Playground Options” (circulated with the agenda) detailing three options provided by PlayPower Canada for playground equipment with some accessible features, and recommending Option 2.

Concerns were raised regarding the creation of two separate playgrounds thereby potentially segregating users, as well as concerns over the use of wood chips for the playground surface. It was noted that wood chips met the minimum standards and were the only surface material that fit the budget.

It was noted that a fully accessible playground at the MARC was part of the 5-year capital plan, and although the proposed playground would not be fully accessible, it would have some accessible features and be more inclusive than the previous playground.

Mr. MacEwan reported that Nick Foley, a member of the parent group lobbying for the replacement of the playground was able to secure a qualified installer, through PlayPower, that reduced the overall cost of the project.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson asked for a motion to suspend the Rules of Order to permit a public member to address Council.

**Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Greek that Council suspend the Rules of Order and permit Nick Foley to address Council. Carried unanimously.**

Mr. Foley, of Hebbville, addressed Council and explained how the playground woodchip surface would be installed. He reported that the installation quote from the certified installer he located decreased the cost of the project by approximately \$38,000.

**2024-119 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council authorize the CAO to access the Canoe Procurement Group for the purpose of having PlayPower Canada provide a replacement playground for the MARC Ballfield, as outlined in Option 1 (and recommended by PlayPower Canada) at a cost of \$97,734, plus HST, with the**

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**funds to come from surplus from the Indian Falls Stairs Replacement budget. Carried unanimously.**

**4. Adjournment**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.**