

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 9, 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

Elana Wentzell, Acting CAO

April Whynot-Lohnes, Acting Deputy CAO

Tina Robichaud-Bond, Acting Municipal Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bolivar-Getson called the meeting to order at 9:02 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 acknowledged Council, staff, and friends and family who walked in the South Shore Pride parade and advised that the Pride Progress flag would be raised.

Councillor Haysom recognized Petite River's Pride Group Family Fun Day at Broad Cove Hall for a successful event and the hard work of all volunteers.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson recognized the Recreation staff for a successful Pride BBQ event at River Ridge Commons.

3. Public Input - Nil

4. Approval of Agenda

It was requested that the following item be added to the agenda:

- CES/CEF Request

Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Moore the CES/CEF Request item be added to the agenda. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Deputy Mayor Oickle that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Minutes – Public Hearing of June 13, 2024
and Special Council of June 18, 2024**

Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that the Minutes of the June 13, 2024 Public Hearing be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Moore that the Minutes of the June 18, 2024 Special Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. Business Arising from Minutes- Nil

7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs

7.1 Award of RFP #2024-05-0401 Osprey Village Enhancement Plan

Reid Sheppard, Manager of Planning, was in attendance and reviewed the report, “Award of Osprey Village Enhancement Plan – RFP 2024-05-401” (circulated with the agenda) recommending Upland Planning and Design as the successful proponent.

It was noted that the project would begin in the fall due to Council’s summer scheduling and expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Sheppard advised that the RFP was posted on the Nova Scotia Tender site and that no local companies bid on the project. He explained that Upland Planning and Design demonstrated that it had experience in the local area and was familiar with the climate on the South Shore.

2024-134 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council award Request for Proposal #2024-05-401 Osprey Village Enhancement Plan to Upland Planning and Design for \$69,500, plus HST for the completion of the Osprey Village Enhancement Plan. Carried unanimously.

8. Presentations/Scheduled Times - Nil

9. Consideration of Correspondence

9.1 Letter from Alexa Zinck, Pentz Elementary School Student, re Animal Shelters

A letter from Alexa Zinck, a student at Pentz Elementary School, requesting that more animal shelters be available in the Municipality was received and reviewed by Council (circulated with the agenda).

2024-135 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council forward the letter from Alexa Zinck requesting more animal shelters in MODL to local animal shelters with copies to local MLAs. Carried unanimously.

9.2 Letter from Melissa Hubley, Pentz Elementary School Student, re Potholes on Cumberland Road

A letter from Melissa Hubley, a student at Pentz Elementary School, requesting that the New Cumberland Road be repaired was received and reviewed by Council (circulated with the agenda).

It was noted that there were a number of roads in the Municipality that were in need of repair.

2024-136 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council forward the letter from Melissa Hubley requesting that work be done on the pothole issue on the New Cumberland Road to the Department of Public Works, with copies to local MLAs.

It was requested that the letter be generic.

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

10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

10.1 Finance Committee

10.1.1 Request for Joint Council Meeting with TOB

A recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding a joint council meeting with the Town of Bridgewater was circulated with the agenda.

2024-137 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and direct staff to arrange a joint meeting with the Town of Bridgewater Council in July to discuss regional services. Carried unanimously.

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Parks & Tourism

11.1.1 Major Events Grant - Lunenburg Yacht Club

Ruth Wawin, Tourism & Event Development Officer, was in attendance to review the report, Major Events Grant Application Lunenburg Yacht Club 2024 Mobility Cup International Regatta" (circulated with the agenda) providing details on the Club's application.

2024-138 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council approve the Lunenburg Yacht Club's application for funding through the Major Event Grant in the amount of \$4,500 for the 2024 Mobility Cup International Regatta.

It was noted that the number of funding requests under this grant had exceeded the numbers of previous years.

Ms. Payne reported that a donation in kind in the form of an equipment loan had been provided to the Lunenburg Yacht Club, which provided an added value.

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

11.2 Planning and Development Services

11.2.1 Letter of Support - Apitamkiejit Wind Energy Project

Abhi Jain, Climate Change & Sustainability Manager was in attendance to review report, "Letter of Support for the Apitamkiejit Wind Energy Project" (circulated with agenda) providing details of the Apitamkiejit Wind Energy Project and the request for a Letter of Support.

It was clarified that Council supports all alternative energy efforts within Nova Scotia but can only speak on specific projects within their own districts and affecting their own residents.

2024-139 Moved by Deputy Mayor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council write a letter to the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables in support of their initiative for alternative energy in Nova Scotia, including wind and solar energy. Carried unanimously.

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

12.1 Cape LaHave Island

Councillor Bell reported that he was contacted by concerned residents regarding cattle left on Cape LaHave Island.

Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism advised that public consultation was previously held and that legal questions were being addressed as to permitted and prohibited uses on the island and noted that there have been traditional uses such as livestock grazing.

Concerns were raised regarding land erosion, island ecology, animal wellbeing, preservation of traditional uses on the island, and the safety of visitors to the island.

It was noted that the cattle were equipped with GPS and were not abandoned.

13. Added Items

13.1 CES/CEF Request

Councillor Statton reported that the CES/CEF offered skilled trades training to recruit a younger demographic and requested that staff arrange for a presentation to be made to Council on the various training opportunities and that public relations communications be circulated.

Staff were directed reach out to CES/CEF officials to arrange a presentation and to prepare an article for the MODL newsletter.

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

12.2 MJSB Update

Deputy Mayor Oickle provided an update on the following matters of the Municipal Joint Services Board:

- MJSB Agreement and Schedules approved
- Process for nominating the chair and vice chair positions
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
- IT Services Report

12.3 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Oickle advised that she attended the Canada Day Multi-Cultural event; the New Germany Canada Day event; the MODL Senior Café Social; agenda briefings; cheque signing; and all assigned meetings.

12.4 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that she attended the PVEC Prom Drive-Thru; NSFJ meetings; the PVEC 2024 graduation, the EPIC Pro Wrestling event; the Pinehurst Branch 24 Canada Day Breakfast; the LCLC Multi-Cultural event; the Petite Riviere Fire Department BBQ; the New Germany Canada Parade and event; the Riverport Canada Day event; the MODL Coffee Social; the Pride Parade; the Union Square Community Hall BBQ; the MODL River Ridge BBQ; and meetings with residents.

14. In Camera

At 10:17 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss Item 14.1 Contract Negotiations. Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 10:53 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Deputy Mayor Oickle that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

14.1 Seahawk Minor Football Management Agreement

2024-140 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk, upon receiving confirmation of insurance, to sign the 5-year Management Agreement with the Seahawks Minor Football Club, as presented, for the purposes of establishing practice football fields at the former Pinegrove Park site (PID 60252533). Carried unanimously.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.