

## **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 23, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

#### **Attendance**

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson  
Deputy Mayor Wendy Oickle, District 3 (left at 10:20a.m.)  
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 (left at 9:58am)  
Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8  
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9 (left at 10:10 a.m., returned at 10:27 a.m.)  
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

#### **Staff**

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO  
Tina Robichaud-Bond, Acting Municipal Clerk  
Nadia Dahlbeck, 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**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged the kick-off of the South Shore Exhibition.

#### **3. Public Input**

Nancy Veinot, Wentzell Lake, attended public input to express concerns with the timing of the proposed repeal and replace of the records management policy.

#### **4. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Moore that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.**

#### **5. Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2024 and July 9, 2024**

**Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Oickle that the Minutes of June 25, 2024 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.**

**Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the Minutes of July 9, 2024 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.**

**6. Business Arising from Minutes- Nil**

**7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs - Nil**

**11. Staff Reports**

**11.2 Administration Department**

**11.2.1 Proposed Fire Tax Rates for 2024-2025**

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator, was in attendance and reviewed the report, "Proposed Fire Tax Rates for 2024-2025" (circulated with agenda) providing details on the recommended fire tax rates for all fire districts within MODL.

It was confirmed that residents are provided the opportunity to review and approve the proposed tax rates at the respective rate payer meetings.

**2024-141 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council approve the fire tax rates per \$100 of assessment for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025, as presented. Carried unanimously.**

**10. Recommendations from Committees and Boards**

**10.1 Policy and Strategy Committee**

**10.1.2 Comfort Centre Grants-Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue**

A recommendation from the Policy and Strategy Committee was circulated with the agenda, detailing the awarding a Comfort Centre grant to Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue.

**2024-142 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and award a Comfort Centre grant to the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue in the amount of \$3,795. Carried unanimously.**

**10.1.3 Comfort Centre Grants-Midville District Fire Department**

A recommendation from the Policy and Strategy Committee was circulated with the agenda, detailing the awarding a Comfort Centre Grant to Midville District Fire Department.

**2024-143 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of Policy & Strategy Committee and award a Comfort Centre grant to the Midville and District Fire Department, to a maximum of \$8,000 depending on receipt of provincial funding. Carried unanimously.**

## **11. Staff Reports**

### **11.1 Recreation, Parks & Tourism**

#### **11.1.1 Designated Communities Fund Project ---Lunenburg Yacht Club**

A report from Recreation, Parks and Tourism was circulated with the agenda. The report included the recommendation to grant the Lunenburg Yacht Club \$47,620 to rebuild the clubhouse deck for the 2024 Mobility Cup.

**2024-144 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council grant the Lunenburg Yacht Club \$47,620, as per the criteria outlined in the Policy 048 Designated Community Project Fund. Carried unanimously.**

## **8. Presentations/Scheduled Times**

### **8.1 The Human Rights Remedy, Lora Church, NSRAA**

Lora Church was in attendance and gave a presentation (circulated with agenda) on the NSRAA's, The Human Rights Remedy. Ms. Church discussed the Disability Rights Coalition in partnership with the Province of Nova Scotia's goal, to close all large-scale institutions and reduce the occupancy of Small Group Homes to 4 residents per unit within a 5-year timeline. It was confirmed the Disability Rights Coalition had written this remedy through observation of international and Canada wide models The purpose behind The Human Rights Remedy is to adopt fully inclusive community environments, mentalities, and engagement. The presentation was an informative display for Municipal Council and the public.

Councillor Greek left the table at 9:58 a.m.

Councillor Whynot left the table at 10:10 a.m. and returned at 10:27 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Oickle left the table at 10:23 a.m.

Council recessed at 10:16 a.m. and resumed at 10:30 a.m.

## **9. Consideration of Correspondence - Nil**

## **10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards**

### **10.1 Policy & Strategy Committee**

#### **10.1.1 Repeal & Replace Policy 008, Records Management**

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO reviewed the report "Repeal and Replace Policy 008, Records Management" (circulated with agenda).

It was noted that the updated Record Management Policy included routine access, allowing information to be released without the initiation of a FOIPOP.

**2024-145 Moved by Deputy Mayor Oickle, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee to repeal Policy 008 Records Management and replace it with the new Policy 008 Records Management and Routine Access, as presented.**

It was clarified that upon following retention schedules all records are reviewed by several staff members prior to the Records Manager's review and approval.

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

## **8. Presentations/Scheduled Times**

### **8.2 South Shore Housing Action Coalition**

Nancy Green, Health Promoter, Nova Scotia Health Authority, was in attendance and gave a presentation on "South Shore Housing Action Coalition" (circulated with agenda) providing details on the importance of non-market housing opportunities within the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. The presentation highlighted the following:

- What is Housing?
- Community Dynamics
- Housing Spectrum in MODL
- Affordability
- Resident Voices & Experiences
- Opportunities & Forward Momentum
- Considerations

Ms. Green encouraged Municipal Council to engage with community housing projects and keep up to date on the need for non-market housing. The importance of accurate data collection and partnering with community housing projects was emphasized.

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

### **12.1 Deputy Mayor's Update**

Deputy Mayor Oickle was not available to provide the Deputy Mayor update.

### **12.2 Mayor's Update**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that she attended the Municipal Campaign school in Shelburne; the Heartland Tours opening ceremonies; the Promotion and Change of Command at 143 Construction Engineering Flight; the Seniors mussel bake; the Pride flag raising; the REMO meeting; various suppers and lunches; and meeting with residents.

## **13. Added Items – Nil**

**14. In Camera**

**At 10:54 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom 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 Land Negotiation under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA**

**Carried.**

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

**At 11:49 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Veinotte 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 11:50 a.m.