

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Meeting of Municipal Council

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS
and via Audio & Video Teleconference
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Deputy Mayor Martin Bell, District 2
Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1
Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3
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 Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

Regrets

Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9

Staff

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance
Bill Schurman, Director of Recreation, Parks & Tourism
Dave Waters, Director of Economic Development (via Teams)
Mark Strickland, Business Development Officer (via Teams)
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services (via Teams)
Darren Shupe, Senior Planner
Byung Jun Kang, Planner (via Teams)
Sarah Kucharski, Manager, Corporate Services & Communications (via Teams)
Tina Robichaud-Bond, Acting Municipal Clerk
Sandra Challis, Administrative 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

Councillor Oickle acknowledged Mr. William Gerhardt for resetting the Bull Run Trail Monument at no cost, which had been knocked from its platform.

3. Approval Of Agenda

Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Moore that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes (Nil)

5. Business Arising from Minutes (Nil)

6. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs

6.1 Award of RFP # 2021-01-401 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Assessment & Training

Ms. Kucharski reviewed her report, "RFP #2021-01-401 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Assessment and Training" (circulated with the agenda).

2021-148 Moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council award RFP #2021-01-401 for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Assessment and Training to Chrysalis Human Rights Agency for \$36,070 + HST. Carried unanimously.

9. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

9.1 Finance Committee

9.1.1 Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI) LED Street Light Conversion Costs

2021-149 Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and direct staff to contact Nova Scotia Power Incorporated (NSPI) to request that the LED street light conversion bill be spread over three (3) years and further, that these costs be included in upcoming municipal budgets and recovered through the street light district's area rates. Carried unanimously.

10. Staff Reports

10.1 Administration Department

10.1.2 Award of Contract – Phase 3 Petite Rivière Watershed Flood Mitigation Project

Mr. Dumaresq reviewed his report, "Contract Award – Phase 3 – Petite Rivière Flood Risk Mitigation Project" (circulated with the agenda). He added that a Provincial Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program Grant had been secured for 50% of the cost, up to \$73,000; and that this project was included in the capital budget.

2021-150 Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council award the contract for Phase 3 of the Petite Rivière Flood Risk Mitigation project to CBCL Limited for \$89,800 + HST and include a 20% (\$17,960) contingency to ensure the achievement of Phase 3 objectives.

Mr. Dumaresq clarified that the 20% contingency included anticipated costs for additional stakeholder meetings and engagement with Bridgewater Public Service Commission. It was noted that all options come with associated high costs, highlighted when divided by the number of homes directly affected, and as such, all funding options should be considered at Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels.

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

9. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

9.1 Finance Committee

9.1.2 Tax Relief – Damaged Property, Dublin Shore

2021-151 Moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve tax relief in the amount of \$1915.65, as per the submitted application for the property located at 3839 Highway 331, Dublin Shore, Assessment Account Number 08217769, and as per section 2.0(b) of MODL Policy 012 Tax Exemption/Reduction Policy. Carried unanimously.

10. Staff Reports

10.1 Administration Department

10.1.1 Approval of Amendments to MODL Policy 036 Fire & Emergency Services

Mr. Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator was attending via Teams.

Mr. Kennedy provided an overview of the proposed amendments to MODL Policy 036 Fire & Emergency Services.

2021-152 Moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to MODL Policy 036 Fire and Emergency Services, as presented. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Kennedy left the meeting.

10.2 Recreation Department

10.2.1 Designated Community Fund – South Shore Annapolis Valley Trail Association

2021-153 Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council grant the South Shore Annapolis Valley Trail Association \$430 as per the criteria outlined in MODL Policy 048 Designated Community Project Fund. Carried unanimously.

7. Presentations / Scheduled Time: 9:15 a.m.

7.1 Broad Cove Community Association

Mary Frier, Chair of the Broad Cove Community Association (BCCA) and Shelley Scott of the BCCA gave a PowerPoint presentation (circulated with the agenda), on the Broad Cove Community Hall providing details on the following:

- BCCA Mandate
- Activities
- Fundraising
- Partnerships
- Revitalization and process 2008 to present
- Plan for the future – renovations
- Achieving vision
- Accessibility

It was noted that the BCCA was seeking a contribution from Council of \$20,000.

Discussions followed regarding possible funding. It was suggested that the BCCA submit a late application for a Major Recreation Capital Grant as well as approaching the Province for funding for accessible doors.

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

11.1 MJSB Update

Mr. MacEwan reported that more than twenty applications had been received for the COO's position.

11.2 LCLC Update

Councillor Hubley provided an update on the Lunenburg County Multi-Purpose Centre Corporation Board as follows:

- No change in the progress of the energy project; three firms were being invited to tender.
- The lighting replacement project was underway.
- The capital life-cycle document was reviewed and future capital requirements discussed.
- A draft of the facility sponsorship and naming offer was reviewed.
- Connect2Rec launch was successful.
- The implementation of vaccine screening was discussed.
- Opportunities for events were discussed.
- New programs have been added for the Fall.
- Summer Camps were well supported.
- High attendance for Fall swim lessons, due to the cancellation of the Spring session.

11.3 Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Bell reported that he had attended meetings for the CAO evaluation and completed the report summary. He also attended to cheque signing and other regular duties.

11.4 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she attended a meeting with Mayor of Lunenburg; attended a Truth & Reconciliation Day event with several Councillors; held two meetings with MLA Becky Druhan; an NSFAM meeting; CAO Evaluation Committee meetings and a meeting of the South Shore African Education Society.

11.5 Appointment of Nominating Committee by Mayor

Mayor Bolivar-Getson appointed Deputy Mayor Bell, Councillor Haysom and Councillor Greek to the Nominating Committee.

12. Added Items - Nil

13. In Camera

At 10:23 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Oickle that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

13.1 Sale of Land re Osprey Village under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA

13.2 Litigation/Potential Litigation re Judicial Review Application under Section 22(2)(f) of the MGA

13.3 Litigation/Potential Litigation re Tax Sale Matter under Section 22(2)(f) of the MGA

13.4 Personnel Matter under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA

Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 12:38 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

13.1 Sale of Land re Osprey Village

2021-154 Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council approve the amendments to the Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the sale of Lot 7B to Murray Turner / Speedy Autoglass to provide for the purchase of Lot 12 (formerly Lot 7) at a price of \$66,790 + HST. Carried unanimously.

13.4 Personnel Matter

2021-155 Moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council accept the CAO evaluation report as presented In Camera by the CAO Evaluation Committee. Carried unanimously.

14 Adjournment

There being no further business at 12:41 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Greek, seconded by Councillor DeLong that the meeting adjourn. Carried.