

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Meeting of
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Held in the Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, N. S.
Tuesday, May 28, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Don Downe
Deputy Mayor Donald Zwicker - District 2
Councillor Errol Knickle - District 1
Councillor Frank Fawson - District 3
Councillor Michael Ernst - District 4
Councillor Claudette Garland - District 5
Councillor Cathy Moore - District 7
Councillor John Veinot - District 8
Councillor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson - District 9
Councillor Lee Nauss - District 10
Councillor Martin Bell - District 11 (arrived 6:50)
Councillor Eric Hustvedt - District 12

Regrets: Councillor Terry Dorey - District 6

Staff: Tammy S. Wilson, Chief Administrative Officer
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk
Heather Whynott, Administrative Assistant
Gordon Pettipas, Director of Financial Services and Municipal Treasurer
Roger Stein, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning and Development Services
Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation Services
Dave Waters, Economic Development Officer
Angela Veinot, Assistant Municipal Treasurer
Satu Peori, Municipal Engineer
Tracy Thompson, Strategic Projects Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Downe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He informed Council that Lighthouse Publishing has made some changes in their reporters' assignments; and this is Stacey Colwell's last Council meeting. On behalf of Council, Mayor Downe thanked Mr. Colwell for his coverage of meetings of Council and wished him well in the future.

2. PUBLIC INPUT

There were no requests to address Council.

3. AGENDA

No items were added to the Agenda.

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Bolivar-Getson that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

4. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zwicker that the Minutes of the Public Hearing held April 23, 2013 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Veinot that the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held May 7, 2013 be approved as circulated. Carried.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES/BOARDS

5.3 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - RECOMMENDATIONS

5.3.1 - National/Provincial Event Grant to Mi'Kmaq French Descendants Reunion

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and awards a National/Provincial Event Grant to the Mi'Kmaq French Descendants Reunion Organization in the amount of \$1,000 towards their Mi'Kmaq Acadian Cultural Festival being held at the Fort Point Museum from August 16-17, 2013. Carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Bolivar-Getson declared a conflict of interest regarding the next recommendation and she left the Council table.

5.3.2 - National/Provincial Event Grant to South Shore Exhibition

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Fawson that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and awards a National/Provincial Event Grant to the South Shore Exhibition in the amount of \$600.00 towards the 2013 South Shore Exhibition Annual Fire Fighter Challenge. Carried.

Councillor Bolivar-Getson returned to the meeting.

5.3.3 - Canada Day Grants

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Bell that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and awards the following Canada Day Grants at the same level as last year:

New Germany Canada Day Committee	\$1,000.00
Riverport & District Fire Department	\$1,000.00
Town of Bridgewater Canada Day on the LaHave	\$1,000.00
Petite Riviere Fire Department	\$ 600.00
Tancook Island Recreational Centre Association	\$ 600.00;

and further, that Council gives pre-budget approval to these grants. Carried.

5.3.4 - Revised Terms of Reference & 2013-14 Work Plan - Miller Point Peace Park Comm

Moved by Councillor Fawson, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accepts the revised Terms of Reference and the 2013-14 Work Plan as submitted by the Miller Point Peace Park Committee which is a Committee of Council. Carried.

5.3.5 - Amending Agreement to the Waste Disposal Agreement

Regarding the next recommendation, Ms. Wilson reported that there were some typing corrections to the Amending Agreement that was provided in the Agenda package. Also, Clause 4.(d) made reference to the Waste Management Committee which no longer exists. Therefore, the Amending Agreement to the Waste Disposal Agreement has been revised to reflect those changes. Councillors were provided with a revised copy of the Amending Agreement.

Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Bolivar-Getson that Council accepts the Amending Agreement to the Waste Disposal Agreement, as revised and circulated, and authorizes execution of same. Carried.

5.4 NOMINATING COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATIONS

5.4.1 - Appointment to Review Committee for RFP 2013-05-410 Sewer Construction Inspection Services

Councillor Nauss, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Committee recommends that Councillor Eric Hustvedt be appointed as the representative on the Review Committee for RFP 2013-05-410.

Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Knickle that Council accepts the Nominating Committee's recommendation and appoints Councillor Hustvedt as the representative on the Review Committee for RFP 2013-05-410, Sewer Construction Inspection Services. Carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Ernst declared a conflict of interest regarding the next recommendation from the Nominating Committee and he left the Council table.

5.4.2 - Appointment of Members to Area Advisory Committees

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Council accepts the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and appoints the following sixteen (16) applicants to the respective Area Advisory Committees, each for a two-year term to expire May 1, 2015:

Oakland AAC

Thomas J. Lockwood, QC
Lydia Early
Ron Myers
Brian Swinamer
Geoff MacDonald

Blockhouse AAC

Paul R. Young
Blane Knickle

Riverport & District AAC

Marion Homer
Barry Olivella
Matt Durnford
Allison Zinck
Ian Wentzell

Hebbville AAC

James Cochrane
Paul Fynes
Ian Tufts (HVC)
Glen Hebb (HVC)

The motion was carried after Ms. Wilson responded to a question regarding Area Advisory Committee members and if they can also be a member of the Planning Advisory Committee.

Councillor Ernst returned to the meeting.

5.1 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1.1 - 2013/2014 Budgets

Mayor Downe welcomed senior management members to the meeting and thanked them for the time and energy they put in the budget preparation process.

Ms. Wilson provided a PowerPoint overview of the 2013/2014 Operating and Capital Budgets' information (copy attached to original Minutes). She noted that one of the key things with this budget is that it sets out Council's business plan as well. Increases and decreases in the baseline budget were reviewed. Also reviewed were the optional and required additions to the budget of \$252,420 and \$449,680, respectively.

After the budget presentation, Council dealt with the recommendations from the Audit and Finance Committee to approve the budgets and set the various tax rates for 2013/14.

OPERATING BUDGET

Moved by Deputy Mayor Zwicker, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Council accepts the recommendation of the Audit/Finance Committee and approves the 2013/14 Operating Budget in the amount of \$28,343,422. Carried.

CAPITAL BUDGET & FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Bell that Council accepts the recommendation of the Audit/Finance Committee and approves the 2013/14 Capital Budget in the amount of \$4,468,921 and the Five-Year Capital Plan for gas tax purposes. Carried.

RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE

Moved by Councillor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that Council accepts the recommendation of the Audit/Finance Committee and sets the 2013/14 Residential Tax Rate at \$0.81 per \$100 of assessment. Carried.

COMMERCIAL TAX RATE

Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zwicker that Council accepts the recommendation of the Audit/Finance Committee and sets the 2013/14 Commercial Tax Rate at \$1.957 per \$100 of assessment. Carried.

COMMERCIAL SEASONAL TAX RATE

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Council accepts the recommendation of the Audit/Finance Committee and sets the 2013/14 Commercial Seasonal Tax Rate at \$1.468 per \$100 of assessment. Carried.

FIRE HYDRANT RATE

Moved by Councillor Garland, seconded by Councillor Moore that Council accepts the recommendation of the Audit/Finance Committee and sets the 2013/14 Fire Hydrant rate at \$0.154 per \$100 of assessment. Carried.

STREET LIGHT RATES

Moved by Councillor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zwicker that Council accepts the recommendation of the Audit/Finance Committee and sets the 2013/14 Street Light Rates as proposed in the Operating Budget. Carried.

SPECIAL RECREATION TAX RATE

Moved by Deputy Mayor Zwicker, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that Council accepts the recommendation of the Audit/Finance Committee and sets the 2013/14 Special Recreation Tax Rate at \$0.025 per \$100 of residential and commercial assessment. Carried.

RESERVE TRANSFERS

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Council accepts the recommendation of the Audit/Finance Committee and approves the Reserve Transfers as proposed in the 2013/14 budget. Carried.

5.2 MUNICIPAL JOINT SERVICES BOARD - RECOMMENDATION

5.2.1 2013-14 Operating and Capital Budgets

Moved by Councillor Fawson, seconded by Councillor Knickle that Council accepts the recommendation of the Municipal Joint Services Board and approves the draft 2013/14 Operating and Capital Budgets for the

Municipal Joint Services Board as presented. Carried.

6. ADDED BUSINESS (nil)

7. IN CAMERA (nil)

8. ADJOURNMENT - 8:30 p.m.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zwicker that the meeting adjourn.
Carried.

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MAYOR DON DOWNE, CHAIRMAN

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TAMMY WILSON, CHIEF ADMIN. OFFICER