

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, September 13, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Don Downe
Councillor Errol Knickle - District 1
Councillor Donald Zwicker – District 2
Councillor Frank Fawson - District 3
Councillor Michael Ernst – District 4
Councillor Terry Dorey – District 6
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
Councillor Eric Hustvedt – District 12

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Claudette Garland – District 5

STAFF: Kevin Malloy, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk
Heather Whynott, Administrative Assistant

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 9:00 a.m. – Mayor Downe called the meeting to order.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. Malloy introduced Mr. Chris Kennedy who was hired and started the new position of Fire Services Coordinator/Administrator on September 1, 2016. Councillors introduced themselves.

Councillor Dorey reported that he will be declaring a Conflict of Interest when Council deals with In Camera item 14.5 – Land Negotiations – Sherbrooke Lake.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT** – There was no public input.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ANY ADDED ITEMS**

Councillor Hustvedt requested the removal of Agenda item 12.5 – Shared Service Process Decision Tree, which he had asked to be included on the agenda but would like to leave for another time.

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Zwicker that the Agenda be approved as amended. Carried unanimously.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the Minutes of the meeting held April 12, 2016 be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held August 16, 2016 be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES** (nil)
7. **AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs** (nil)
9. **CORRESPONDENCE** (nil)
10. **RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES/BOARDS**

10.1 AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council approves the Audit and Finance Committee recommendations in a block:

- 10.1.1 - \$2,000 National/Provincial Event Grant – Art Happening, Bridgewater Afterglow Festival;
- 10.1.2 - \$143.75 Sponsorship Ad Grant – Bridgewater Curling Club;
- 10.1.3 - \$325.00 National/Provincial Event Grant – Under 14 Tier 2B Boys Provincials; and
- 10.1.4 – 2015/16 Capital Investment Plan – Approve Funding of Completed Capital Projects.

Carried unanimously.

11. **STAFF REPORTS**

11.1 ADMINISTRATION

11.1.1 – Update – Grant Awards and Applications (for information)

In attendance was Claire-Louise Osmond, Grant Coordinator for the Municipality. She explained the role of her part-time position (2.5 days per week) to complete and submit grant applications on behalf of the Municipality.

Circulated with the agenda was a 2015/16 report of grant application submissions, which included those awarded to date totalling over \$434,000 and the current stage of other applications totalling over \$11 million.

Ms. Osmond answered Councillors' questions regarding some of the grant applications and items related to some of the grants, such as the Crowdfunding Campaign for the Skate Park project.

Ms. Osmond was thanked for her work and she left the meeting.

11.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

In attendance was Dave Waters, MODL's Economic Development Officer.

11.2.1 – Economic Development / Investment Attraction Brand Development

Mr. Waters provided a PowerPoint presentation to review the information in his report entitled "MODL – Economic Development Visual Brand Development", which was also circulated with the agenda. He noted that this is not a recommendation to change the (MODL) brand or logo.

It was questioned if any wording other than "*right here*" was considered for use in the tagline of the three proposed logo options. Mr. Waters explained why that particular wording was chosen.

Councillors expressed their opinions on the proposed options. There was a majority consensus agreeing to Logo Option #1, which was the recommended option.

Moved by Councillor Zwicker, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council approves Logo Option #1 as outlined in staff's report entitled "MODL – Economic Development Visual Brand Development" for the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's Economic Development/ Investment Attraction Brand. Carried. Opposed were Councillors Fawson and Ernst.

11.2.2 – Photo Project Review (for information)

Mr. Waters reported that a person was hired to take some photos around the Municipality -- approximately 2000 were taken. He thinks we got value for the money on this project; and he provided a slide presentation of some of the images that were taken.

A suggestion was made to place a monitor in the front lobby of the Municipal Administration Building and provide a video on these photos.

It was also suggested to get some fall photos. Mr. Waters suggested that if anyone has some good fall photos to send them to him.

Mr. Waters was thanked and he left the meeting.

8. PRESENTATIONS / SCHEDULED TIMES

8.1 SOUTH SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARIES – 10:15 a.m.

In attendance was Mr. Troy Myers, CEO for the South Shore Public Libraries.

The following information was circulated with the agenda:

- Report to the Community, April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016
- South Shore Regional Library Board Budget 2016-17
- Classes, Events and Activities, September – October 2016

Mr. Myers thanked the Municipality for its continuing contributions to the South Shore Regional Library. He also thanked Councillor Don Zwicker for his efforts in getting the Margaret Hennigar Public Library located in the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre, which has proven to be a very good move; and he provided some examples of how it really does fit into a multi-service environment – the volume of use has gone up almost 100%. He reported on the world class writers' event that's going to take place in Lunenburg on September 30th and October 1st, noting that all writers are waiving their fee with the exception of George Elliot Clarke.

Mr. Myers answered Councillors' questions, particularly on the success of the mobile library branches in this area, which is something he feels should be in service in all rural areas of the province.

Mr. Myers was thanked for his presentation and he left the meeting.

12. MAYOR'S / DEPUTY MAYOR'S / COUNCILLORS' MATTERS

12.1 UPDATE – MAYOR

Mayor Downe reported on the meetings and events he attended since the last meeting, some of which were: a meeting with the Deputy Minister of DNR regarding Oxner's Beach and Forestry (spruce bud worm); Atlantic Mayors Congress; Perennia project tour; Announcement of \$1 million donation to the LaHave River Straight Pipes project; and events such as AUS Women's Soccer Match at PVEC; and various Farmers' Markets.

12.2 UPDATE – DEPUTY MAYOR – No report as Deputy Mayor Garland was away.

12.3 UPDATE – MUNICIPAL JOINT SERVICES BOARD (E. Knickle)

Councillor Knickle provided an update on the main items discussed at the last meeting of the Municipal Joint Services Board, which were pension wind-down and a clean report from the auditors.

12.4 UPDATE – LCLC (C. Bolivar-Getson and E. Hustvedt)

Councillor Hustvedt provided an update on items from the last LCLC Board meeting, some of which were: ice went back in about a month ago; Pizza Town has taken over the food services' contract; ongoing cooperation discussions with the YMCA; approached by a group that would like to establish a Sports Hall of Fame at the LCLC; and the announcement regarding the National Women's Hockey Tournament in April 2018.

Councillor Hustvedt was asked questions about membership and how LCLC promotes it, particularly if a booth is set up to promote membership during special events. Councillor Hustvedt said he knows they use surveys, but will have to check into the question about using a booth.

12.5 SHARED SERVICE PROCESS DECISION TREE (this item was removed from the agenda)

12.6 IN CAMERA PROCESS (F. Fawson)

Mr. Malloy reported that, at the request of Councillor Fawson, this item was added to the agenda. Mr. Malloy reviewed section 22 of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) which sets out the reasons why and when Council has the discretion to meet In Camera, which he reviewed. He explained why staff recommends that Council discuss some items In Camera, such as personnel matters, contract negotiations, and public security, noting in particular the reasons why the Wind Energy Project was discussed In Camera.

Councillor Fawson feels this is a sensitive issue. He indicated that his opinion of what should and should not be In Camera differs. He has objected to some matters being discussed In Camera in the past, noting the discussions on the Bridgewater Arena and the Wind Energy Project.

Councillor Dorey noted that he has not participated in some In Camera discussions that he felt should not be In Camera. He referred to an article about the wind energy project in the August 3rd issue of Lighthouse NOW and noted his objection to a comment by senior staff in that article, as it looks like he is not cooperating with senior staff because he was one of the four who voted against the wind energy project. Mr. Dumaresq read the full quotation of senior staff's comment in the paper, and noted that staff provides recommendations but Council does not have to accept them.

14. IN CAMERA – 11:07 a.m.

In attendance was Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation Services.

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Council go In Camera In Committee. Carried unanimously.

Council In Camera.

The purpose of the In Camera meeting was to discuss the following:

14.1 Land Negotiations – Mader's Cove, in accordance with section 22 (2) (a) of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA)

14.2 Land Negotiations – Sucker Lake, in accordance with section 22 (2) (a) of the MGA

14.3 Land Negotiations – Conquerall Bank, in accordance with section 22 (2) (a) of the MGA

14.4 Land Negotiations – Hebbville, in accordance with section 22 (2) (a) of the MGA

14.5 Land Negotiations – Sherbrooke Lake, in accordance with section 22 (2) (a) of the MGA

A Conflict of Interest was declared regarding item 14.5 by Councillor Dorey; and he left the In Camera meeting when it was discussed.

At 11:50 a.m. Councillor Fawson left the meeting.

At 11:50 a.m. it was **moved by Councillor Zwicker, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that Council rise and report. Carried unanimously.**

14.1 LAND NEGOTIATIONS – MADER'S COVE (discussed In Camera)

Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Zwicker that Municipal Council not accept the offer from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to express interest in acquiring the property identified as section of Old Post Road at or near Mader's Cove, Lunenburg County. Carried unanimously.

14.2 LAND NEGOTIATIONS – SUCKER LAKE (discussed In Camera)

Moved by Councillor Dorey, seconded by Councillor Veinot that Municipal Council purchase property PID 60287539 from the Lunenburg County Wildlife Association adjacent to Sucker Lake located at 2820 Northfield Road, Upper Northfield, for the purchase price as discussed In Camera; and furthermore, that Council enter into a Management Agreement with the Lunenburg County Wildlife Association who will manage the day-to-day operations of the public recreation facility on behalf of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. Carried unanimously.

14.3 LAND NEGOTIATIONS – CONQUERALL BANK (direction given In Camera)

14.4 LAND NEGOTIATIONS – HEBBVILLE (discussed In Camera)

Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Zwicker that, based on the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's Open Space Strategic Plan, Municipal Council not pursue interest in the purchase of land located at 20 Century Drive in Hebbville. Carried unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Dorey declared a Conflict of Interest regarding item 14.5 and he left the table.

14.5 LAND NEGOTIATIONS – SHERBROOKE LAKE (discussed In Camera)

Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Bolivar-Getson that Municipal Council approves the signing of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale as discussed In Camera concerning land negotiations to Sherbrooke Lake. Carried unanimously.

15. ADJOURNMENT – 11:58 a.m.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Bolivar-Getson that the meeting adjourn.