

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Meeting of
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Held in Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS
Tuesday, March 13, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Deputy Mayor Martin Bell, District 2, Chair
Councillor Eric Hustvedt, District 1
Councillor John Veinot, District 4
Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5
Councillor Claudette Garland, District 6
Councillor Wade Carver, District 7
Councillor Michael Ernst, District 8
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9
Councillor Errol Knickle, District 10

Regrets: Councillor Lee Nauss, District 3

Staff: Kevin Malloy, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk
Rachel Eisenhauer, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bolivar-Getson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RECOGNITION:

2.1 Greater Petite Area Community Association Thank You

Stacey Godsoe, Greater Petite Area Community Association (GPACA), and Devon Helmer, Eve Garcin, and Caitlin Grant, students of Petite Riviere Elementary School, were in attendance to thank Council for acting as an intervener during the court case against the South Shore Regional School Board to keep the Petite Riviere Elementary School open. GPACA was successful in keeping the School open.

The group presented the Municipality with a photo collage as a token of their appreciation.

It was also noted that Pentz, Petite, Newcombville and Bayview Schools have been awarded pre-primary level classes, as well as others outside the District.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no one in attendance for public input.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was requested that item 13.3 "MJSB Update re Contract Negotiations re Relocation of IT Offices under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA and item 13.4 "Personnel Matter under Section

22(2)(c) of the MGA” be added to the Agenda. Also, the approval of the February 27, 2018 Minutes to be postponed to the March 27, 2018 meeting.

Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the Agenda be approved with the above noted additions and the deferral of the Minutes to the next meeting. Carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 27, 2018

This item was postponed to the March 27, 2018 meeting.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – Nil

7. AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs - Nil

8. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES:

9. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE:

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS

10.1 Audit & Finance Committee

10.1.1 Municipal Joint Services Board 2018/2019 Budget

Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Moore that Council accept the recommendation of the Audit & Finance Committee and approve the Municipal Joint Services Board 2018/19 Capital Budget in the amount of \$290,000 and the Operating Budget in the amount of \$4,417,711, with the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg’s share being \$1,462,873. Carried unanimously.

10.1.2 Pre Budget Approval for Sherbrooke Lake and River Ridge

Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation Services was in attendance. She advised that staff is looking for pre-budget approval for the Sherbrooke Lake project, so the Request for Proposal can go out in April to develop a design for the park and be awarded in May. Staff has been advised that this project is eligible for the Planning Assistance Grant through the Province which could be between \$5,000 and \$25,000.

Pre-budget approval is also requested for the River Ridge project to ensure adequate timing for the Request for Proposal and Tender process. This process was missed last year due to timing. Staff is applying for a Recreation Facility Development Grant, which could be \$76,000 from the Province. \$43,000 has already been raised through donations.

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council give pre-budget approval for the following capital projects:

- the design of Sherbrooke Lake Park in the amount of \$75,000 to come from Gas Tax funding; and,
- the continued work at River Ridge Common in the amount of \$200,000 with \$150,000 to come from Gas Tax funding, \$43,140 to come from project donations already received and \$6,860 to come from anticipated grants.

A question arose regarding the natural playground. Ms. Payne advised that community feedback stated that there is interest in having a natural playground. The Lions Club donated money specifically for a natural playground. Also, the Project Manager has experience with similar projects across Canada, including the natural playground in Mahone Bay, and the concept is similar to the Mahone Bay project.

Councillor Moore will have an update for Council after the River Ridge Commons meeting on Friday, March 16, 2018.

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

11. STAFF REPORTS

11.1 Planning Department

11.1.1 Rezoning Application Withdrawal – Bridgewater Cold Storage

Doug Reid, Planner, was in attendance and advised that the applicant for Bridgewater Cold Storage has chosen to withdraw his application, after a public information meeting was held. The file is now closed.

Mr. Reid left the meeting at this time.

11.2 Recreation Department

11.2.1 Designated Community Project Fund – Lunenburg Yacht Club

Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council grant the Lunenburg Yacht Club \$7,480 as per the criteria outlined in the Designated Community Project Fund Policy MDL-48.

It was noted that the Lunenburg Yacht Club holds international regattas, which have certain requirements for host facilities. The Club recently installed a hoist to put boats in and out of the water and upgraded their wharf.

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

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

12.1 Update – Municipal Joint Services Board (MJSB) (E. Knickle/C. Moore/ C. Bolivar-Getson)

The following update was provided:

- The last MJSB meeting dealt mostly with the Budget, which Ms. Secord presented to Council.
- A “free/no tipping fee day” was discussed. It was felt that this would not discourage those who dump illegally. The Municipality of Chester does not have a tipping fee, and they still have issues with illegal dumping. One unit is allowing one large item per pickup, rather than having the spring and fall cleanups. This may be a consideration for the other units.
- The Recreation Study is being discussed. Clarification needs to be made whether this study will include Queens County, and, if it does, whether it will include just the Emera

Centre or all their facilities. It was felt that the Emera Centre is important to include, as it affects facility usage in Lunenburg County.

- Discussions are ongoing regarding banning of plastic bags, and the five units wrote a letter asking Region 6 to not proceed with the ban at this time.
- There is interest to have Kirk Symonds give an illegal dumping presentation. Also, Kirk Symonds and Angela Taylor have completed a study on single use plastic bags that may be of interest to Council.

12.2 Update – Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Bell attended the Subdivision By-law Review meetings and a meeting with the Canadian Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB), as well as other regular Council duties. He spoke to the meeting he attended with the CNSOPB.

12.3 Update – Mayor

Mayor Bolivar-Getson attended a meeting with IValley regarding internet, a meeting in Greenwood regarding contract negotiations for the CEF/CES building, the Lunenburg Queens Business Excellence Awards, several in office meetings and various breakfasts, suppers and community events.

13. IN CAMERA:

At 9:55 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

- 13.1 Contract Negotiations re Economic Development under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 13.2 Personnel Matter under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA**
- 13.3 MJSB Update re Contract Negotiations re Relocation of IT Offices under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 13.4 Personnel Matter under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA**

Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 12:13 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council rise and report. Carried unanimously.

Municipal Council in session.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business at 12:15 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Veinot that the meeting adjourn. Carried.