

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Meeting of
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Held in Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore, District 5
Councillor Eric Hustvedt, District 1
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2
Councillor Lee Nauss, District 3
Councillor John Veinot, District 4
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

Staff: Kevin Malloy, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer
Tina Robichaud-Bond, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RECOGNITION

2.1 Territorial Acknowledgement

Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged that we are located in the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people and announced that the Mi'kmaq National flag would be displayed in Council Chambers.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson recognized the ParkView Hockey team for winning the Gold medal at the City of Lakes Hockey Tournament in Dartmouth and congratulated them on their success.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Phyllis Price, Petite Riviere – Ms. Price, on behalf of the Greater Petite Area Community Association (GPACA), attended Public Input to express concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Nova Scotia provincial electoral boundaries (copy of submission notes attached to Minutes) and remarked that the proposed changes would be contrary to the notion of “community of interest”. She advised that she, along with members of GPACA, would be bringing their concerns to the Electoral Boundary Hearing in Kentville on January 19, 2019, and asked that Council write a letter in support of their position.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was asked that agenda Item 12.1 be moved to after 8.1 for discussion.

Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the Agenda be approved as amended above. Carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 11, 2018

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Bell that the Minutes of December 11, 2018 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Ernst mentioned that at the December 11, 2018 Council meeting, he inquired on the following two topics:

1. Cost estimate of the RiverRidge Commons project; and
2. Sherbrooke Lake Advisory Committee – difference between the Nova Scotia Conflict of Interest Policy and the Conflict of Interest Act.

It was noted that, based on the concept design, the original cost estimate of the RiverRidge Commons project was \$1.7 million, and that due to changes in the design, there would be a significant cost savings. Mr. Dumaresq reported that \$450,000 had been spent in the current fiscal year, approximately \$500,000 would be expended over the next two to three years, a facility development grant of \$147,000 had been received from the Province, and \$43,000 had been raised by the community. He advised that any remaining funding would be taken from the Gas Tax Fund.

Mr. Malloy explained that the confusion brought by Item 15 of the Sherbrooke Lake Advisory Committee Terms of Reference was due to the inconsistent use of terminology. The Government of Canada Conflict of Interest Policy used in the Terms of Reference is the same as the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. Mr. Malloy noted that the Municipality encourages community input with issues relevant to their communities, and to find an appropriate balance between the Conflict of Interest Act so that it does not pose a barrier to receiving community input is a discussion that needs to be held.

7. AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs (Nil)**8. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES****8.1 Elite Athlete – Daniella Kozera**

Tissy Bolivar, Program Coordinator, was in attendance.

Ms. Bolivar introduced Daniella Kozera who was the recipient of an Elite Athlete grant to attend a dance competition in Banff, Alberta.

Ms. Kozera provided a summary of her experiences at the dance competition and showed photos and videos.

12.1 NS Boundary Review Commission

Councillor Hustvedt provided a summary of the proposed provincial electoral boundary review (circulated with the Agenda) highlighting that the Lunenburg West district's boundaries would be affected. He explained that the residents in this district felt disconnected for many years before the boundaries were moved back to their current location. He proposed that Council endorse the recommendations of the Greater Petite Area Community Association and concurred that the electoral boundaries remain the same on the western end of Lunenburg as the western border of Lunenburg County.

A discussion followed regarding the ramifications that this proposed change would have for residents, and it was emphasized that "community interest" must be recognized. It was recommended that Council also write a letter to the Boundary Review Board voicing their concerns over the proposed change to the Lunenburg West district boundary.

It was noted that there had been a consultation meeting in Shelburne on the boundary review in the fall and Council had not been advised of the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council, in support of communities of interest, write a letter to the Nova Scotia Electoral Boundaries Commission recommending that the electoral boundary remain on the Lunenburg County/Queens County border, and further that Council write a letter to that point and as much as possible represent that point at the consultations. Carried unanimously.

11.2 Recreation Department

11.2.1 Sponsorship Ad – Bridgewater Fire Department

Councillor Whynot declared a conflict of interest as he is a member of the Bridgewater Fire Department.

Tissy Bolivar, Program Coordinator, was in attendance.

Ms. Bolivar reviewed her report, "Sponsorship Ad – Bridgewater Fire Department" (circulated with the Agenda).

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council approve the Sponsorship Ad request of the Bridgewater Fire Department in the amount of \$150 to host the Nova Scotia Firefighters Provincial Curling Championships at the Bridgewater Curling Club from January 31, - February 3, 2019. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Reid returned to the table.

11.2.2 Sponsorship Ad – Gary L. Wentzell March Break Hockey Tournament

Ms. Bolivar reviewed her report, “Sponsorship Ad – Gary L. Wentzell March Break Hockey Tournament” (circulated with the Agenda).

It was noted that the Gary L. Wentzell March Break Tournament is one of the largest hockey tournaments in the province, with over 60 teams registered this year.

Moved by Councillor Veinot, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council approve the Sponsorship Ad request of the South Shore Minor Hockey Association in the amount of \$300 to host the Gary L. Wentzell March Break Hockey Tournament at the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (LCLC), Queens Place Emera Centre, and the Lunenburg Arena from March 20 – 24, 2019. Carried unanimously.

11.2.3 Sponsorship Ad – Lunenburg Curling Club

Ms. Bolivar reviewed her report, “Sponsorship Ad – Lunenburg Curling Club” (circulated with the Agenda).

Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council approve the Sponsorship Ad request of the Lunenburg Curling Club in the amount of \$250 plus tax for their annual promotional campaign for 2018-2019. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Bolivar circulated an update on the recreation grants paid to date (copy attached to Minutes). She noted that the three grants approved above were not included in the report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS

10.1 Nominating Committee

10.1.1 Miller Point Peace Park Committee

Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and appoint Herb Seymour and Donna Stephania to the Miller Point Peace Park Committee for three-year terms ending November 2021. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Hustvedt reported that Herb Seymour and Donna Stephania had both been serving on the Committee and re-offered to continue to do so. He noted that both nominees were the only applications received.

11. STAFF REPORTS

11.1. Administration Department

11.1.1. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Priorities

Amy Wamboldt, Program Coordinator, and Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering and Public Works, were in attendance.

Ms. Wamboldt reviewed the report, “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Priorities” (circulated with the Agenda). She reported that the following projects met the criteria of the funding Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and Council’s strategic priorities:

- a) Nathan Cirillo Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Upgrade/Installation; and
- b) Riverport School Demolition/Remediation.

It was noted that although the Garden Lots Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Installation project met the criteria, it was not being recommended at this time, as the funding program only permitted two priorities. The Garden Lots project had too many uncertainties (i.e., no cost estimates and the need for approval from another municipal unit) to include it in the current year’s submission. Staff recommended that provincial funding for design work be pursued to have the project costs ready and make an application under the next round.

Mr. Pace advised that the RFP for design services for the Nathan Cirillo project would close on January 16, 2019 and be brought forward for Council’s consideration on January 22, 2019.

A question was raised regarding how the matter of Tier I and Tier II levels would affect the submission for the Riverport School demolition project. Mr. Malloy advised that the application would not be hindered by the Tiers. He further advised that through discussion with Strum Consulting, it was determined that there were other possibilities around the demolition process that did not fall under the Tiers.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Garland that Municipal Council endorse the following projects as funding priorities for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Environmental Quality Stream:

- Priority #1 – Nathan Cirillo Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Upgrade/Installation;**
- and,**
- Priority #2 – Riverport School Demotion/Remediation**

Carried unanimously.

8.2 West Nova Scotia Regiment Reserves Initiatives

Lieutenant Colonel Ken Butterworth, Commanding Officer Nova Scotia Regiment, was in attendance, along with a contingent of the West Nova Scotia Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Butterworth presented on “Recruiting in the Canadian Armed Forces” (circulated with the Agenda), highlighting the following:

- History of the West Nova Scotia Regiment
- Criteria and process of recruiting new members
- Income and training opportunities
- Full time summer employment program (FTSE)

Discussion followed regarding the summer reservist program and basic training program. It was noted that presentations were also being carried out at high schools.

Lieutenant Colonel Butterworth requested that information on the reservists' recruitment opportunities be shared in the Municipal Matters newsletter and other municipal media sites.

9. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE (Nil)

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

12.2 Update – Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Moore reported that she had attended an agenda briefing and a funeral.

12.3 Update – Mayor

Mayor Bolivar-Getson mentioned that the last Council meeting was held in New Germany and that it was well attended. She reported that she attended the grand opening of the Petite Riviere Veterinarian Clinic and various holiday events including levies.

It was noted that the next Mayors/Wardens/Deputies & CAOs meeting was scheduled for February 4, 2019.

13. ADDED ITEMS (Nil)

14. IN CAMERA (Nil)

At 10:40 a.m. it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss item 14.1 "Legal Advice re Contaminated Sites under Section 22(2)(g) of the MGA". Carried

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 11:25 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Whynot 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 at 11:26 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Whynot that the meeting adjourn. Carried.



Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Memorandum

TO: Municipal Council

FROM: Tissy Bolivar
Program Coordinator

DATE: January 8, 2019

RE: Municipal Recreation Grants Update

CC: Trudy Payne
Director of Recreation Services

For your information - Please find attached an update on our Municipal Recreation Grants Program. If you have any questions about the material provided, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "T.B.", written over a horizontal line.

Tissy Bolivar

Municipal Recreation Grant Update

2018-2019 – As of January 8, 2019

Community Recreation Capital Grant

Organization	Community	Amount Received
Oakhill and District Fire Department 25% from 2017-2018 grant	Oakhill	\$250
Bluenose Shuffleboard Club 25% from 2017-2018 grant	Bridgewater and Area	\$250
Michelin Social and Athletic Club	Bridgewater	\$1,000
Lapland and District Fire Department	Lapland	\$1,000
Upper County Soccer Club	New Germany	\$1,000
Chester and Area Family Resource Centre	Mahone Bay and Area	\$1,000
Vogler's Cove Community Hall	Vogler's Cove	\$1,000
Petite Riviere Community Park	Petite Riviere	\$1,000
South Shore Theatrical Players	Lunenburg and Area	\$1,000
Parkdale Maplewood Community Center	Parkdale Maplewood	\$1,000
South Shore Annapolis Trail Association	South Shore/Annapolis	\$1,000
Livewires 4H	Barss Corner	\$750
Indian Point Union Church 25% from 2017-2018 grant	Indian Point	\$250
Rosedale New Horizons Seniors Club 25% from 2017-2018 grant	New Germany	\$250
St. Marks Lutheran Church 25% from 2017-2018 grant	New Cornwall	\$250
Simpsons Corner Community Hall Society 25% from 2017-2018 grant	Simpsons Corner	\$250
Lake Center and New Cumberland Hall 25% from 2013-2014 grant	New Cumberland	\$1,250

Total Allocated:	\$12,500
Remaining:	\$3,500

Municipal Recreation Grant Update

2018-2019 – As of January 8, 2019

Community Recreation Program Grant

Organization	Community	Amount Received
Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation	Lunenburg and Area	\$500
New Germany High School Community Pickleball	New Germany	\$500
New Germany Canada Day Committee	New Germany	\$500
Broad Cove Community Hall Association	Broad Cove	\$450
Bridgewater Baseball Association	Bridgewater and Area	\$500

Total Allocated:	\$2,450
Remaining:	\$1,250

National/Provincial Event Grant

Event	Community	Amount Received
Riverport Duathlon	Riverport and Area	\$250
South Shore Exhibition Firefighters Challenge	South Shore	\$1,000
Cherry Hill Fun Run	Cherry Hill	\$300
Mahone Bay Scarecrow Festival	Mahone Bay and Area	\$1,000
Art Happening – Afterglow Festival	Bridgewater and Area	\$1,000

Total Allocated:	\$3,550
Remaining:	\$5,450

Municipal Recreation Grant Update

2018-2019 – As of January 8, 2019

Sponsorship Ad Grant

Organization	Community	Amount Received
Bridgewater Duplicate Bridge Club	Bridgewater	\$40
FCM Conference	Provincial	\$1,000
Mahone By Founders Society – Garden Tour	Mahone Bay and Area	\$250
New Germany Canada Day Committee	New Germany	\$100
Bridgewater Curling Club	Bridgewater	\$143.75
MICA – 16 th Annual Gala	Mahone Bay and Area	\$500
Total Allocated:		\$2,033.75
Remaining:		\$966.25

Canada Day Grant

Organization	Community	Amount Received
Big Tancook Recreation Centre	Big Tancook	\$500
New Germany Canada Day Committee	New Germany	\$1,000
Riverport & District Fire Department	Riverport	\$1,000
Canada Day on the LaHave	Bridgewater	\$1,000
Petite Riviere Fire Department	Petite Riviere	\$700
Lunenburg Yacht Club	Lunenburg	\$500
Total Allocated:		\$4,700
Remaining:		\$0

Municipal Recreation Grant Update

2018-2019 – As of January 8, 2019

Remembrance Day Grant

Organization	Community	Amount Received
Royal Canadian Legion #24	Bridgewater	\$250
Royal Canadian Legion #49	Mahone Bay	\$250
Royal Canadian Legion #102	New Germany	\$250
Emmanuel Baptist Church	Parkdale/Maplewood	\$250

Total Allocated:	\$1,000
Remaining:	\$500

Youth Travel Grant

Individual	Community	Amount Received
Abbie Smeltzer	Lower Branch	\$50
Jacob Foster	Maplewood	\$50
Joshua Foster	Maplewood	\$50
Abbie Smeltzer	Lower Branch	\$50
Emma Smeltzer	Lower Branch	\$50
Camdyn Kelly	Barss Corner	\$50

Total Allocated:	\$300
Remaining:	\$700

Elite Athlete Travel Grant

Individual	Community	Amount Received
Daniella Kozera - Dance	Pine Grove	\$1,000

Total Allocated:	\$1,000
Remaining:	\$1,000

Submission to Public Input at MODL Council Meeting January 8, 2019

Good morning Mayor Bolivar Getson and councillors.

My name is Phyllis Price. Together with Tara Jaskcoviak and Peter Garcin, I'm here representing the Greater Petite Area Community Association. We want to express concern about proposed changes to the Nova Scotia provincial electoral boundaries. This proposal would place much of MODL's District One into the provincial Queens Constituency. We will express our concern to the Electoral Boundaries Commission when it has hearings in Kentville on January 19.

I know GPACA has presented to you before, but, as a reminder, we are a not-for-profit organization formed two years ago, largely representing communities in the catchment area of the Petite Riviere Elementary School. Our mandate focusses on the development and sustainability of cultural, educational and community-development initiatives in the Greater Petite Area of Lunenburg County. We have over 100 members and a great deal of general community support – largely because of our successful campaign to keep open our award-winning school. This latter campaign not only saved our elementary school, but very much brought our community closer together, enhancing collaboration and cooperation in the process.

Many of these communities we represent, while in Lunenburg County, are part of the section the commission is proposing, in two of its scenarios, to lump into a provincial constituency called Queens.

We feel that the carving off our area from Lunenburg West and attaching it to Queens County goes contrary to the notion of respecting community history and community of interest. Lunenburg County has a historical and cultural background very distinct to that of Queens County. Different heritage, different settlement patterns, different economic activities, different experiences. While we can appreciate what Queens County has to offer, for most people their centre of business and recreational

activities is in the larger towns of Lunenburg County, especially Bridgewater.

Many residents of our area rarely go to Queens County. Many are not familiar with the businesses and organizations there. Conversely, many people in Queens County know little about our area. Cutting us out of our natural community of interest fails to recognize the key differences of these communities. It essentially means that our issues will take a back seat to those of a majority of people who have a totally different background, experience and community reality.

We contend that severing us from those with more understanding of our local experience essentially means that our local issues will be potentially less understood and acted upon.

The issue related to closure of small schools is a good example of community differences. Queens County has already undergone the closure trend. Schools have been merged and Queens municipal council does not face the potential community disruption and expense that more school closures might entail. Your council understands all too well the importance of keeping small schools in operation. An MLA for a Queens County-dominated constituency may be less likely to place a priority on school closures as a provincial issue. Cutting us out of the Lunenburg County community of interest and into Queens is similar to disenfranchising voters on issues of local concern.

For ten years previously, (2000-2010), this area was lumped into a Queens Constituency. It created confusion both at the polls and in the community. Many voters essentially felt disenfranchised and forgotten. People breathed a sigh of relief when ten years ago we were placed back in a constituency that shared our history, our ties, our concerns. This recent trend to bounce us back and forth on a ten-year basis makes residents feel like we are simply numbers that can be shifted back and forth at the whim of decision makers, with no understanding of the impact of the move.

There is some evidence that “community of interest is one of the fundamental principles of the electoral boundary readjustment process.ⁱ It is also understood that citizens naturally identify with communities of interest and that “electors who identify with a community of interest within their riding are more likely to vote.”ⁱⁱ”

We plan to present to the Electoral Boundaries Commission. We will suggest that in the interests of effective representation and recognition of the importance of community of interest, they recommend to the government a scenario that continues to keep our area in the County intact within the Lunenburg West constituency.

It would be much appreciated if you could write a letter endorsing this position.

Thank you for your consideration.

ⁱ Courtney, John C. “Community of Interest in Electoral Boundary Readjustments.” Elections Canada. <http://www.elections.ca/content.aspx?section=res&dir=eim/issue6&document=p4&lang=e> (December 30, 2018).

ⁱⁱ *ibid*