

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG  
Minutes of a Meeting of  
**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
Held in Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson  
Deputy Mayor Eric Hustvedt, District 1  
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2  
Councillor Lee Nauss, District 3  
Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5  
Councillor Claudette Garland, District 6  
Councillor Wade Carver, District 7  
Councillor Michael Ernst, District 8  
Councillor Errol Knickle, District 10

Regrets: Councillor John Veinot, District 4  
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9

Staff: Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO  
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. 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 Bell acknowledged Ruth Baker of Pleasantville on celebrating her upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and wished her a Happy Birthday.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson recognized the South Shore Mustangs team for winning the provincial title for the Major Midget League, and congratulated Mason Beck for being named MVP and the league's Top Scorer; Luc Woodworth for being named Top Rookie; and Brogan Bailey for being named Top Coach.

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO, declared a Conflict of Interest and left the table as he had a family member in attendance to speak for public input.

Syd Dumaresq, Chester – Mr. Dumaresq was in attendance to speak against Cermaq Canada’s proposed plan to install open pen fish farms in Nova Scotia waters. Mr. Dumaresq advised that he met with three Cermaq scientists, as previously suggested by Council. He reported on the information discussed at the meeting

Jeff Wagner, Stonehurst – Mr. Wagner was in attendance to speak against Cermaq Canada’s proposed plan to install open pen fish farms in Nova Scotia waters. Mr. Wagner reported that he was a representative of the Lobster Fishing Area 33 Advisory Committee, the Scallop Fishing Area 29 Advisory Committee, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Brazil Rock 33/34 Lobster Association. He recommended that the following documents be reviewed:

- Salmonopoly
- Salmon Confidential

Jim Rosby, Indian Point – Mr. Rosby was in attendance to speak against Cermaq Canada’s proposed plan to install open pen fish farms in Nova Scotia waters. Mr. Rosby reported that he had watched the industry grow in Norway and suggested that closed fish pens would have been a more ecological approach to fish farming.

David Mossman, First South – Mr. Mossman was in attendance to speak on the topic of issuing building permits. He reported that he could not sell land lots in his subdivision due to a building permit being issued for a utility shed being used as a dwelling.

Derek Purcell, Pentz – Mr. Purcell was in attendance to speak against Cermaq Canada’s proposed plan to install open pen fish farms in Nova Scotia waters. Mr. Purcell suggested that Cermaq was developing new closed pen technology, and that this technology be used instead of the cheaper open pen fish farms.

Mr. Dumaresq returned to the table.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

#### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 28, 2020**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Carver that the Minutes of the January 28, 2020 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.**

#### **8. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES**

- 8.1 David Whynot, South Shore Annapolis Valley Recreation Trail Association  
Re: Multi-use Trail Bridge Project**

David Whynot, member of the South Shore Annapolis Valley Recreation Trail Association (the “Association”), and Laura Barkhouse, Trails and Open Space Coordinator, were in attendance

Mr. Whynot advised that the Association had been working towards having a new bridge built to connect the trail that spans from New Germany to Caledonia. He advised that the previous bridge has been torn down and, since then, users have had to find alternative passages which have proven to be dangerous.

Mr. Whynot reported that the Association had been working with a surveyor and the Department of Transportation to determine the location of a new bridge and that Baxter Bridges and Trails had been selected to build the bridge, which was anticipated to be completed by November 2020. The Association has been looking at funding opportunities for this project and is requesting funding of \$162,900 from MODL.

Discussions followed regarding the construction material of the bridge, fundraising, and timeline.

**Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Garland that Municipal Council refer the funding request from the South Shore Annapolis Valley Recreation Trail Association for their Multi-use Trail Bridge Project to the Finance Committee for budget deliberations. Carried unanimously.**

Mr. Whynot and Ms. Barkhouse left the meeting.

## **7. AWARDING OF TENDERS/RFPs**

### **7.1 Award of RFP #2019-01-406 Legal Land Surveying Services**

Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning and Development Services, was in attendance.

Mr. Merrill reviewed his report, “Legal Land Surveying RFP #2019-01-406” (circulated with the Agenda), advising that the RFP was for a five year standing offer for legal land surveying work. Mr. Merrill reported that six proposals were received and evaluated, and recommended that Berrigan Surveys Limited be awarded the contract.

**Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council award the contract for Legal Land Surveying Services (RFP #2019-01-406) to Berrigan Surveys Limited with a contract expiry date of March 31, 2025. Carried Unanimously.**

Mr. Merrill left the meeting.

## **9. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE (Nil)**

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES & BOARDS**

## **10.1 Finance Committee**

### **10.1.1 2020/21 Region 6 Budget**

**Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve the 2020/21 Region 6 Budget with the Municipality's share of the budget being \$21,944.33. Carried unanimously.**

### **10.1.2 2020/21 Fire Hydrant and Street Light Rates**

**Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve:**

- **The 2020/21 Fire Hydrant Rate of \$0.1308 per \$100 of Assessment; and,**
- **The 2020/21 Street Light Rates as presented. Carried unanimously.**

### **10.1.3 Tax Relief – Damaged Property, Hebbs Cross**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve tax relief in the amount of \$666.54 as per the submitted application for the property located at 511 Mines 2 Road, AA#02540223, and as per Section 2(b) of Policy MDL-12 "Tax Exemption/Reduction Policy. Carried unanimously.**

### **10.1.4 Pre-Budget Approval for Engineer-in-Training Position**

**Moved by Councillor Knickle, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve the proposed pre-budget approval of up to \$61,000 for 2020/21 for the creation of an Engineer-in-Training (EIT) position within the Engineering and Public Works Department.**

A discussion followed regarding the benefits and responsibilities of the position.

**The Motion on the floor was voted on and carried unanimously.**

## **10.2 REMO Committee**

### **10.2.1 2020/2021 REMO Budget Approval**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the REMO Committee and approve a total 2020/21 REMO Budget in the amount of \$125,000 of which the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's portion is \$62,110.70. Carried unanimously.**

### **10.2.2 Comfort Centre & Emergency Shelters Procedures**

Mr. Dumaresq advised that the REMO Committee had looked at ways of improving emergency operations, more specifically procedures for Comfort Centres and Emergency Shelters.

Mr. Dumaresq reported that during Hurricane Dorian, Comfort Centres were opened to provide services to residents, but that communication was not effective in advising residents of the openings. The proposed changes to the policies would provide for REMO being more involved with the procedures.

The new policies would not affect the decision making ability to open a comfort centre. It would provide more information of what should be done when the decision is made to open, i.e., who to notify and with what information.

Mr. Dumaresq reported that an additional procedure had been created outlining steps for overnight shelter facilities when residents are required to evacuate their homes.

**Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the REMO Committee and approve the Comfort Centre and Emergency Shelters Procedures as presented. Carried unanimously.**

### **8.2 Maeva Brisson & Lucas Merrill, First Lego League Team – Centre Scolaire de la Rive Sud Re: Let's Protect the Bees**

Maeva Brisson and Lucas Merrill, members of the First Lego League and Grade 5 students of the Centre Scolaire de la Rive Sud, were in attendance.

Ms. Brisson and Mr. Merrill gave a presentation on "Let's Protect the Bees" (circulated with the Agenda) and asked that Council prepare a Pollinator Action Plan, as presented, to help save the bees.

The matter was referred to the Policy & Strategy Committee for further discussion on the suggested Pollinator Action Plan.

Ms. Brisson and Mr. Merrill let the meeting.

## **6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

### **6.1 Litter Clean Up Incentive Program**

Stephanie Smits, Public Outreach Coordinator, Municipal Joint Services Board, was in attendance.

Ms. Smits gave a presentation on the "Litter Clean Up Incentive program" (circulated with the Agenda), providing information on the following:

- Background on program
- Earth Day Litter Challenge
- Guidelines of the program
- Administration of the program
- Budget

Discussions followed regarding areas of clean up, safety precautions, and age limitations of participants.

**Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Knickle that Municipal Council approve the Litter Clean Up Incentive Program and Guidelines as presented. Carried unanimously.**

Ms. Smits left the meeting.

### **10.1 Finance Committee**

#### **10.1.5 Pre-Budget Approval for Litter Cleanup Incentive Program**

**Moved by Councillor Garland, seconded by Councillor Carver that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and give pre-budget approval for the allocation of \$10,000 in the 2020/21 Municipal Budget for the implementation of a Litter Clean Up Incentive Program in the 2020/21 fiscal year. Carried unanimously.**

### **10.3 Nominating Committee**

#### **10.3.1 Nomination of Representative to the Board of Western Regional Housing Authority**

**Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approve the nomination of Sandra Statton as the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's representative on the Board of the Western Regional Housing Authority for a three-year term and submit her name to the Province for consideration of the appointment. Carried unanimously.**

#### **10.3.2 Recognition of Provincial Volunteer Representative**

**Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and recognize Peter Simpson of Dayspring as the Provincial Volunteer Representative for the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg who would attend the Provincial Volunteer Ceremony in Halifax on April 27, 2020. Carried unanimously.**

### **10.3.3 Sherbrooke Lake Stewardship Committee re Re-appointment**

**Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approve the reappointment of Garth Bangay to the Sherbrooke Lake Stewardship Committee for a three-year term. Carried unanimously.**

### **10.3.4 Miller Point Peace Park Advisory Committee re Re-appointment**

**Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approve the reappointment of Rick Hebb and Ernie Whynot to the Miller Point Peace Park Advisory Committee for a three-year term. Carried unanimously.**

## **11. STAFF REPORTS**

### **11.1 Administration Department**

#### **11.1.1 Safety and Procurement Shared Services Proposal**

Mr. Dumaresq reviewed the report, "Safety and Procurement Shared Service Proposal" (circulated with the Agenda) and provided context on how the Municipal Joint Services Board adds new services. He advised that the Board brought forward a proposal for a shared safety officer and a shared procurement service between the partnering units and reviewed the proposed operating budget.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council refer the Safety and Procurement Shared Services Proposal to the Finance Committee for budget deliberations. Carried unanimously.**

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

### **12.1 MJSB Update**

Councillor Moore provided an update on the following Municipal Joint Services Board matters:

- Class B compost
- Biosolid issue
- Illegal dumping
- Wood Chips
- Shared services

It was suggested that a booklet be prepared to explain to the general public what the MJSB and waste site are doing.

## **12.2 Open Fish Farms in District 8**

Mr. Dumaresq declared Conflict of Interest and left the table.

Councillor Ernst reported that the matter of the proposed open fish farms in the Mahone Bay area is an important issue to residents of District 8. He explained that Mahone Bay is a “breeder bay”, meaning the rivers are used by various fish to spawn.

**Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Knickle that Municipal Council not support the development of open pen fish farms in District 8, Mahone Bay, as defined on the attached map, and in District 10.**

It was noted that Council does not have enough scientific information in order to make an informed decision on open pen fish farms.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the motion on the floor be postponed to a future meeting to allow staff to contact Cermaq to get more pertinent information as to where they are considering sites for the open pen fish farms.**

It was noted that the matter should be a municipal wide approach and not restricted to certain districts.

**The Motion on the floor to postpone the motion was voted on and carried. Those opposed: Councillors Knickle, Ernst, and Carver.**

Mr. Dumaresq returned to the table.

## **12.2 Deputy Mayor’s Update**

Deputy Mayor Hustvedt reported that he attended agenda briefings.

## **12.3 Mayor’s Update**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson reported that she presented to the NSFMM where she spoke against the removal of the CAP; advised that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lobster Crawl was happening in the area and encouraged everyone to participate in the various events; and met with residents.

## **13. ADDED ITEMS (Nil)**



**14. IN CAMERA**

**At 11:32 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss a Personnel Matter re MJSB under Section 22(2)(c) of the MGA. Carried.**

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

**At 11:52 a.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Carver 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 11:53 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Nauss that the meeting adjourn. Carried.**