

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a SPECIAL Meeting of Municipal Council

Held via Video/Audio Teleconferencing

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

Attendance

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Deputy Mayor Martin Bell, District 2
Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1
Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3
Councillor Pam Hubley, District 4
Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5
Councillor Sandra Statton, District 6
Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7
Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

Staff

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk
Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer
Rachel Hiltz, Executive Assistant
Elana Wentzell, Director of Finance
Angela Veinot, Accounting Manager
Bill Schurman, Director of Recreation Services
Dave Waters, Director of Business Development, Tourism & Infrastructure
Stephen Pace, Director of Engineering
Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services
Byung Jun Kang, Planner
Darren Shupe, Senior Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Mi'kma'ki Territorial Acknowledgement

Mayor Bolivar-Getson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. She acknowledged that the meeting was held in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 Draft 2021/2022 MODL Operating and Capital Budget Presentation

Mayor Bolivar-Getson gave opening remarks regarding the 2021/2022 Operating and Capital budget.

Ms. Wentzell gave a presentation on the MODL 2021/2022 Operating and Capital Budgets (presentation circulated with Agenda).

The following topics were noted as part of the presentation:

- Key Themes & Successes
- Assessment Trends & Issues
- Budget Highlights: Investing in our Community; Protecting the Environment; Making Life Affordable; Building the Local Economy; In the Community, For the Community, By the Community
- Budget Overview – Revenues and Expenses
- Debt Repayment
- Tax and Area Rates
- 5 Year Financial Strategy
- Reserves
- 5 Year Capital Budget & Gas Tax Investment
- Strategic Priorities
- Grants

3.2 Draft 2021/2022 Budget Key Messages

Reviewed under agenda item 3.1.

3.3 Draft 2021/2022 Strategic Priorities Chart

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council approve the 2021/22 Strategic Priorities as presented. Carried unanimously.

4. STAFF REPORTS

4.1 Finance Department

4.1.1 Draft 2021/2022 Operating and Capital Budgets and Municipal Tax Rates

Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Oickle that Municipal Council approve the 2021/22 Operating Budget in the amount of \$32,610,200. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council approve the 2021/22 Residential Tax Rate of \$0.81 per \$100 of assessment. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council approve the 2021/22 Commercial Tax Rate of \$1.957 per \$100 of assessment. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Oickle that Municipal Council approve the 2021/22 Seasonal Commercial Tax Rate at \$1.468 per \$100 of assessment. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council approve the 2021/22 Capital Budget and Gas Tax Investment in the amount of \$8,853,300 and the 5-Year Capital Plan. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bell that Municipal Council approve the 2021/22 Reserves Transfers including interest as noted in the 5-Year Financial Plan. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council approve the 2021/22 Flat Fee Area Rate of \$10 per residential and commercial property in the Village of Hebbville on behalf of the Village Commission. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Bolivar-Getson gave closing remarks regarding the 2021/2022 Operating and Capital Budget, as well as initiatives from the previous year and initiatives for the upcoming year. Council and staff were thanked for their work to create and finalize the 2021/2022 MODL Budget.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 11:48 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor DeLong that the meeting adjourn. Carried.