

# **Municipality of the District of Lunenburg**

## **Minutes of a SPECIAL Meeting of Municipal Council**

Held via Video/Audio Teleconferencing

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 – 9:00 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  
Amy Wamboldt, Grant Coordinator  
Jamie Burgess, Municipal Engineer  
Karen Geddes-Selig, Active Living Coordinator  
Byung Jun Kang, Planner

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

### **1.1 Mi'kma'ki Territorial Acknowledgement**

Mayor Bolivar-Getson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She acknowledged that the meeting was held in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

Deputy Mayor Bell recognized May 4 as International Firefighters Day. This memorial day was created in 1999 after a tragic wildfire incident. Council offered their deepest thanks to all those who serve with the Fire Service, and those who support and assist behind the uniforms.

Deputy Mayor Bell noted that Item 2.1.6 Osprey Village AT Connector will require an In Camera discussion.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor Oickle that the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 3.1 “In Camera Contract Negotiations re Osprey Village under Section 22(2)(e) of the *Municipal Government Act*”. Carried unanimously.**

## **2. STAFF REPORTS**

### **2.1 Corporate Services**

#### **2.1.1 2021/22 Draft Operating Budget Presentation**

Ms. Wentzell introduced the Draft Operating Budget (presentation circulated with Agenda).

#### **2.1.2 2021/22 Draft Operating Budget Summary & Department Details**

Ms. Wentzell presented the Assessment & Sales Trends, 5 Year Financial Strategy, 5 Year Operating Budget, and Mandatory Expenditures.

Mr. Dumaresq reviewed the Administration Department section of the budget and answered questions posed by Councillors.

Mr. Pace reviewed the Engineering Department section of the budget.

The following points were noted:

- There is a \$528,000 item for J Class Road Paving. Council makes an annual priority list of J Class Roads to have paved and submits them to the Department of Transportation and Active Transit for approval. Council cost shares for these road improvements.
- There is a \$440,000 item for provincial road contributions. This is part of a service agreement made in the mid-1990’s. MODL pays a fee per kilometre each year. The number of kms does not change, and the fee only increases by CPI each year. MODL has no influence over what maintenance gets done to these roads.
- Waste removal costs have increased at the new building. At the previous office, garbage was picked up curbside. In the new location, MODL is unable to get curbside pickup. We are not eligible for curbside pickup due to the volume of garbage. To reduce costs, staff have changed to bi-weekly pickup for all waste streams except compost.

Mr. Merrill reviewed the Planning & Development Department section of the budget and answered questions posed by Councillors.

Mr. Waters reviewed the Economic Development Department section of the budget and answered questions posed by Councillors.

Mr. Schurman reviewed the Recreation Department section of the budget and answered questions posed by Councillors.

Ms. Wentzell reviewed the Finance Department section of the budget and answered questions posed by Councillors.

She noted that there was a typo related to the Pine Grove street lights, the amount for last year should be \$49.83, not \$19.83.

### **2.1.3 2021/22 Council Strategic Priorities**

Mr. Dumaresq reviewed the “2021/2022 Council Strategic Priorities” (circulated with Agenda).

There was a typo in the document under Climate Emergency Response (page 66 of the Agenda). The last word will be changed to read “emissions” instead of “initiatives”. This will be updated for the next meeting.

### **2.1.4 2021/22 Key Budget Messages**

Ms. Kucharski reviewed the “2021/2022 Key Budget Messages” (circulated with Agenda).

### **2.1.5 2021/22 Funding Support Motion – LCLC ICIP Application (Energy Project)**

**Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council provide a letter of support for the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre’s (LCLC) ICIP-CCM Application and commits to the Municipality’s share (50%) of the Municipal contribution for the project (26.67%), resulting in a total project contribution of 13.34% from the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg; and further, that the LCLC will finance the total project costs upfront and submit claims throughout the project. Carried unanimously.**

Council took a break at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Bolivar-Getson called the meeting back to order at 2:00 p.m.

## **3. IN CAMERA**

**At 2:01 p.m. it was moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss item 3.1 “Contract Negotiations re Osprey Village under Section 22(2)(e) of the *Municipal Government Act*”. Carried unanimously.**

Council In Camera In Session.

**At 2:40 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried unanimously.**

Council in session.

**2.1.6 2021/22 Draft Capital Budget & Funding Support Motion – MODL ICIP Application (Osprey Village AT Connector)**

Mr. Schurman and Karen Geddes-Selig, Active Living Coordinator, gave a presentation titled “Osprey Village AT Connection Project” (circulated with Agenda).

It was noted that concerns were raised by residents that this is an expensive project, with funding from all three levels of government, and this project will only be helping the big box stores. However, it was noted that this will help residents employed at the businesses in Osprey Village, and there are future plans for residential development in the area. Councillors felt the safety of those who are walking along this route is of utmost importance. Also, there is significant funding from the Provincial and Federal Governments, and this is a great opportunity for MODL.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Bell, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that Municipal Council provide a letter of support for the ICIP-CCM Application for the Osprey Village Active Transportation Connection Project and commits to the municipal contributions for the project (26.67%) acknowledging that the Municipality will finance the total project costs upfront and submit claims throughout the year, and that it will secure any land purchases or easements to implement the project. Carried unanimously.**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business at 3:30 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Moore that the meeting adjourn. Carried.**