

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Meeting of Municipal Council

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, N.S.
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Deputy Mayor Wendy Oickle, District 3
Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2
Councillor Pam Hubley, District 4
Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5
Councillor Sandra Statton, District 6 (joined at 1:03 p.m.)
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 (left at 10:22 a.m. & returned
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk
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

2.1 Proclamation – Heart Failure Awareness Week

Mayor Bolivar-Getson proclaimed the week of May 5 to 11, 2024 as Heart Failure Awareness Week in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg to raise awareness of the causes of heart failure.

2.2 National Day of Mourning

Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged April 28, 2024 as National Day of Mourning which is a day to remember those who have lost lives, been injured or became ill due to workplace incidents. A moment of silence was observed.

Earth Day – April 22, 2024

Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged that April 22, 2024 was Earth Day and thanked residents and volunteers for their contribution to the Earth Day cause.

Various community groups and organizations were also acknowledged and thanked for their contributions to Earth Day, including children on Big Tancook Island, the Bay to Bay Trail group, Nature's Reflections, and Broad Cove volunteers.

International Firefighting Day – May 4, 2024

Mayor Bolivar-Getson recognized May 4, 2024 as International Firefighting Day and expressed gratitude to volunteer firefighters. She noted that MODL had three Council members and one staff member involved as volunteer firefighters, Councillor Bell, Councillor Whynot, Councillor Greek, and Chris Kennedy, the Fire & Emergency Services Coordinator.

Red Dress Day – May 5, 2024

Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged May 5, 2024 as Red Dress Day (also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People).

Mental Health Awareness Month

Mayor Bolivar-Getson acknowledged May as Mental Health Awareness Month in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, a time to create a culture of acceptance, understanding, and empathy.

Lyme Disease Awareness Month

Mayor Bolivar-Getson proclaimed May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month, a time to promote awareness, education and practicing preventative measures.

The Honourable Derrick Mombourquette

Mayor Bolivar-Getson noted that The Honourable Derrick Mombourquette was in attendance and welcomed him to the meeting.

3. Public Input

Mayor Bolivar-Getson gave a statement to provide context and information about the public input portion of Council meetings.

Doug Cleveland, was in attendance to speak on his concerns around the Municipality's climate coastal action plan and the use of electric vehicles.

Andrew Himmelman, Newcombville, was in attendance to speak on his concerns on the proposed coastal protection regulations.

The Honourable Derrick Mombourquette, MLA for Sydney, spoke on the importance of intergovernmental relationships.

4. Approval of Agenda

Mr. MacEwan requested that the following item be added to the In Camera portion of the agenda:

Item 14.4 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Hubley that the agenda be approved as amended with the addition of Item 14.4 Contract Negotiations. Carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes – March 26, 2024, Special Council of April 2, 2024, and Council of April 9, 2024

Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Bell that the Minutes of the March 26, 2024 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Veinotte requested that the draft Minutes of the April 2, 2024 Special Council meeting be amended to include her name in the list of those opposed to the ~~to the~~ motion to provide a reduction to the residential tax rate, as noted by the correction of record she spoke on at the April 9, 2024 meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Oickle, seconded by Councillor DeLong that the Minutes of the April 2, 2024 Special Council meeting be approved as amended.

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Veinotte that the Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

8. Presentations/Scheduled Times

8.1 Housing Needs Assessment

Babatunde Awoyiga, Director, Economic and Statistics, and Azad Haider, Senior Economist, both with the Department of Municipal Affairs, were in attendance via TEAMS.

Mr. Awoyiga and Mr. Haider gave a presentation on “Municipal Housing Needs Assessment” (circulated with the agenda) providing details on the following:

- Housing Needs Project Overview
- Housing Market Environment
 - MODL Population Growth
 - Provincial Housing Market Change Factors
 - Local Housing Market Change Factors

- Census Data Results
 - Core Housing Needs
 - Affordability
- Project Engagement and Results
- Modelling/Projections
 - Data & Indicators
 - Project Demand – 2023-2027
- Next Steps
 - Data Collection Plan

Concerns were raised that the data provided was out of date and not reflective of the current needs of the community. It was explained that the data is a snapshot in time as it takes time to collect and review new data.

Mr. Awoyiga and Mr. Haider left the meeting.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

Mayor Bolivar-Getson read a statement in response to comments made by members of the public during the public input at previous Council meetings. She provided clarification and/or explanations on the following items raised:

- Property Tax Rebate program
- Farm land on border of Bridgewater and MODL
- Mush-a-Mush toilet facilities
- Municipal elections process
- Relief funds for Ukraine
- Procurement policy
- Conflicts of interest
- Code of conduct violations
- Minister of Municipal Affairs review
- Unanimous council decisions

Mayor Bolivar-Getson encouraged residents to reach out to staff and Council with specific questions and concerns.

Mr. MacEwan gave a statement clarifying the procurement process and the steps followed for the purchase of the electric vehicles in the municipal fleet.

Council recessed at 10:35 a.m. and resumed at 10:46 a.m.

7. Awarding of Tenders/RFPs - Nil

8.2 Kahoot Educational Program

Angela Taylor, Education Coordinator, Region 6 Solid Waste Management, was in attendance.

Ms. Taylor reported that Region 6 provides solid waste education programs and resources for 12 municipalities. She explained that one of the education programs was an online trivia game called Kahoot, found at Kahoot.com.

Ms. Taylor gave Council an example of the trivia game by inviting Council and members of the gallery to play along.

8.3 Department of Public Works

Mitchell Conrad, Director for Western Region, and Josh Upland, Area Manager for Lunenburg & Queens Counties, both with the Department of Public Works, were in attendance to provide an update on the Department of Public Work's plans to repair, replace, or maintain the various roads, culverts, and bridges located throughout the Municipality.

Mr. Conrad indicated that funds for the gravel road program had been increased in the current provincial budget and advised that he would provide the list of gravel roads that were eligible for upgrade.

Concerns were raised regarding the following topics:

- Secondary access/egress roads
- Road signage
- Receding walls, i.e. Romkey's Pond
- Speed limits

Mr. Conrad explained that the Province had no plans to create secondary access to dead end roads at this time. He noted there was a permit process that allowed residents to complete work on unmaintained road right of ways to allow access. He further noted that Public Works staff members were on call 24 hours a day for emergencies.

Mr. Upland advised that various road signs had been ordered and would be replaced in the near future.

Mr. Conrad advised that there were no plans for work on seawalls in the area. He noted that Public Works had a comprehensive shoreline protection program and would check on the status of the seawall work at Romkey's Pond.

Mr. Conrad reported that speed limits on provincial roads were set by the speed that the average speed that motorists are travelling. He noted that residents with concerns regarding speed limits should reach out to the contact centre.

Mr. Conrad reported that major road work was planned in the current year for the following roads:

- The Point Road
- Route 210
- Route 331
- Sections of Trunk 3
- Newburne Road

It was clarified that to have crosswalks installed, Public Works evaluates the volume of vehicles and pedestrians to determine its validity, and that the Municipality is responsible for costs such as painting and concrete pads, if required.

Mr. Conrad noted that he would provide a status of road work to staff that were not previously provided for comment.

It was requested that the messaging of responsibility of road repair be clarified to residents calling for information through the contact centre.

It was requested that Council be informed of any work planned in their respective districts. Mr. Conrad indicated that communication regarding capital work would be shared when possible.

Mr. Conrad and Mr. Upland left the meeting.

10. Recommendations from Committees & Boards

10.1 Policy & Strategy Committee

10.1.1 Food Vibes, Riverport Pilot Project – Operating Grant

A recommendation from the Policy & Strategy Committee, including a report titled “Food Vibes Riverport – Funding and Partnership Request” outlining details of the partnership request for a pilot project to help enhance volunteerism, was circulated with the agenda.

2024-078 Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and approve \$5000 from the annual operating grant fund and \$5000 from the Recreation, Parks, and Tourism operating budget to financially support and collaborate with Food Vibes Riverport on an innovative pilot project aimed to enhance community leadership, volunteerism, and social innovation.

Ms. Payne clarified that the grant funds were previously approved as part of the annual budget process.

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

10.1.2 Kingsburg Protected Beach

A recommendation from the Policy & Strategy Committee was circulated with the agenda.

2024-079 Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Policy & Strategy Committee and write to the Provincial Minister of Natural Resources and Renewable, with copies to local MLAs, Becky Druhan, Susan Corkum-Greek, and Danielle Barkhouse, and request that the Minister reconsider issuing permits in the protected beach areas. Carried unanimously.

10.2 Fire & Emergency Services Committee

10.2.1 Notice of Repeal & Replace – MODL Policy 036 Fire & Emergency Services

Chris Kennedy, Fire & Emergency Services Coordinator, was in attendance and reviewed the report, “Request for Decision to Repeal and Replace MODL Policy 036 Fire and Emergency Services” (circulated with the agenda) detailing the proposed amendments to the Policy.

2024-080 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Fire & Emergency Services Committee and repeal and replace MODL Policy 036 Fire & Emergency Services, as presented, and hereby give 7 days’ notice of its intention to adopt the Policy at the May 14, 2024 Council meeting. Carried unanimously.

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Planning & Development

11.1.2 Proposed Amendments to Area Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Ella Gindi, Planner I, was in attendance and reviewed the report, “Terms of Reference Amendments – Blockhouse, Hemford Forest, Oakland, Princes Inlet & Area, and Riverport and District Area Advisory Committees” (circulated with the agenda) providing details on the proposed amendments.

She noted that the Terms of Reference of the Village of Hebbville Area Advisory Committee were amended in January 2024 and that Council directed that all the Terms of References for the Area Advisory Committees be updated to reflect the same amendments.

Moved by Councillor Veinotte, seconded by Councillor Bell that Municipal Council approve the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of the following Area Advisory Committees, as presented:

- **Blockhouse;**
- **Hemford Forest;**
- **Oakland;**
- **Princes Inlet & Area; and**

- **Riverport and District.**

Concerns were raised that Policy 004 Non Council Appointments and Honorariums was not available for review prior to making a decision on the proposed amendments.

Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Greek that Municipal Council defer the Motion to a future meeting to provide Council an opportunity to review Policy 004 Non Council Appointments and Honorariums. Opposed: Councillor Bell Motion carried.

12. Mayor's/Deputy Mayor's/Councillors' Matters

12.1 LCLC update

Councillor Moore provided an update on the following matters of the Lunenburg County Multi-purpose Lifestyle Community Centre:

- Groundwater located in mechanical room – EV chargers disconnected and capped off
- Sound system still experiencing issues
- Fall 2025 55+ Games awarded to LCLC
- Wifi not working during large scale events
- Presentation of 2023-2024 deficit in the works
- Financials deferred pending clarification

12.2 Deputy Mayor Update

Deputy Mayor Oickle advised that she attended all regularly assigned meetings; the Volunteer Recognition Awards; South Shore Library events; the Laconia Wind Energy Centre Community meeting; agenda briefing meetings; cheque signing; and various community events.

12.3 Mayor's Update

Mayor Bolivar-Getson advised that she attended the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing meeting; the NSFM executive meeting; the Volunteer Recognition Awards; the recognition event for Lunenburg Queens Special Olympian athletes; the LCLC meeting; various community events and telephone calls with residents.

13. Added Items - Nil

Council recessed at 11:59 a.m. and resumed at 1:03 p.m.

Councillor Statton joined the meeting via TEAMS.

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Planning & Development

11.1.1 Coastal Protection Regulations and Provincial Hazard Mapping

Reid Sheppard, Senior Planner, and Ella Gindi, Planner I, were in attendance.

A report titled, “Coastal Protection Regulations and Provincial Hazard Mapping” was circulated with the agenda.

Ms. Gindi discussed the differences between the provincial hazard information map elevation height of 3.2 metres and the Municipality’s proposed elevation height of 3.97 metres, noting that the data used by the Province to determine an elevation level was outdated.

Ms. Gindi gave a presentation (attached to Minutes) detailing the differences between the Province’s data and the Municipality’s data on Coastal Flooding, and noting that Municipality is using the same best practice scenarios used in neighbouring municipalities. The following coastal flowing categories were discussed:

- Sea Level Rise projections and time frame
- Storm Surge
- High Higher Water Large Tide (HHWLT)

It was clarified that the data the Municipality used to determine the elevation requirements was available to the public.

Concerns were raised that the general public would be confused by two models. It was therefore suggested that the Province’s information be followed to minimize confusion. Mr. Merrill noted that the Province was investigating implementing a link on the interactive hazard map that would refer the public to their respective municipality’s requirements.

It was clarified that the Province had not set regulations, but rather guidelines. The Municipality would set the regulations. It was further clarified that the regulations affect habitable space and new institutional uses.

It was noted that the requirements would be effective immediately after First Reading of the regulations.

2024-081 Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor DeLong that Municipal Council endorse the coastal flood risk elevation number of 3.97m (2013 CGVD) to calculate the MODL coastal flood map and the proposed coastal protection regulations; and further that Council conduct First Reading on May 14, 2024.

It was recommended that once the elevation number was agreed upon that it remain stable until new information is received and the amendment process begins.

The Motion on the floor was voted on. Those Opposed: Councillors Hubley, Moore, Veinotte, and Statton Motion carried.

14. In Camera

At 2:17 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Hubley that Municipal Council go In Camera to discuss the following items:

- 14.1 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 14.2 Land Negotiations under Section 22(2)(a) of the MGA**
- 14.3 Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**
- 14.4 Added Item - Contract Negotiations under Section 22(2)(e) of the MGA**

Carried.

Municipal Council In Camera in session.

At 2:59 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council come out of In Camera and return to open session. Carried.

Municipal Council in session.

14.2 Sale of Land – PID 60295086

2024-082 Moved by Councillor Haysom, seconded by Councillor Moore that Municipal Council approve the sale of PID 60295086 to Scott MacInnis in the amount of \$24,500, as per MODL Policy 036 Divestiture of Surplus Land. Carried unanimously.

14.3 Service Level for Waste Hauling

2024-083 Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Haysom that Municipal Council approve that the Municipality maintain its current service level in the upcoming RFP for Waste Collection Services; and further, that Council request that the MJSB Board arrange for the RFP for the Waste Collection Service be issued in June with an award in September 2024, permitting approximately 18 months lead time for the new Waste Collection Service Contract. Carried unanimously.

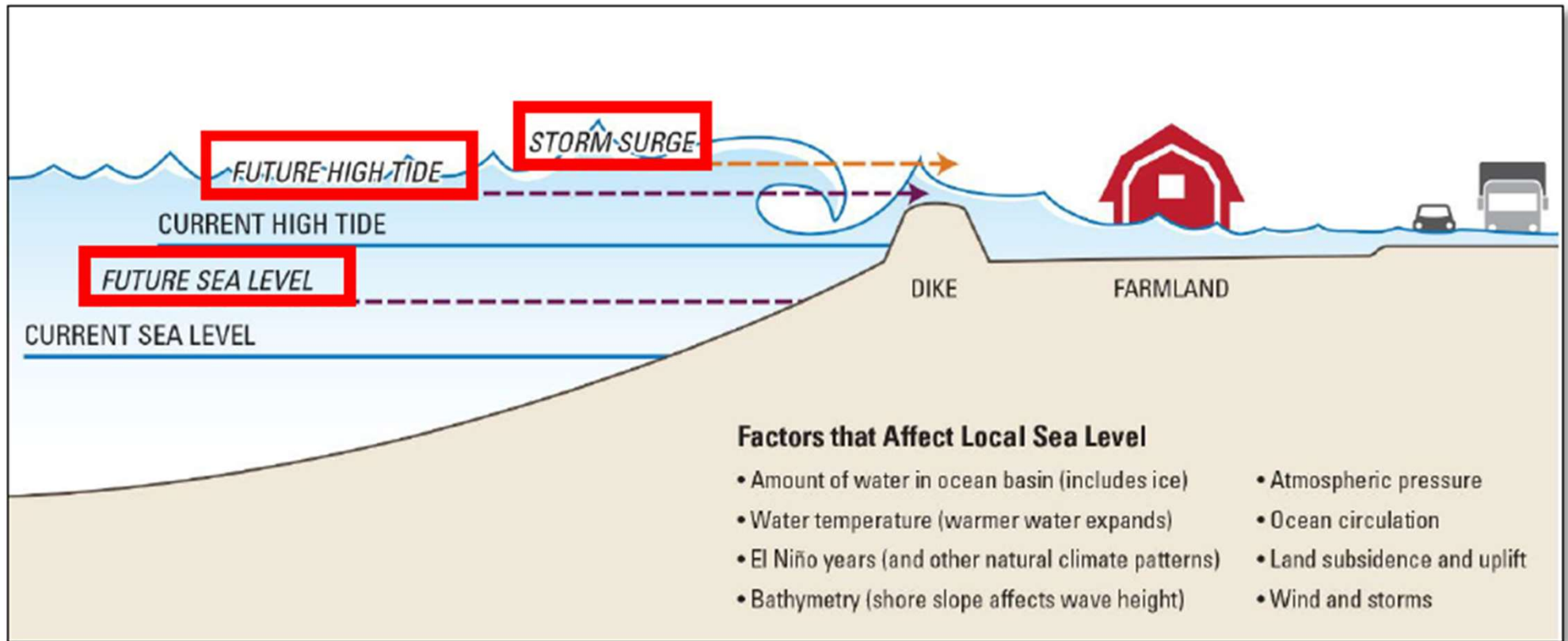
15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Coastal Protection

April 23, 2024





Differences between MODL and provincial flood risk area elevations:

- MODL Map: 3.97 m (CGVD 2013)
- Provincial Map: 3.2 m (CGVD 2013)

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Coastal Flooding: Sea Level Rise

Sea Level Rise	Province	MODL
Total Projection	1.2m	1.57m
Time Frame	2100	2100
Percentile	95 th Percentile	95 th Percentile
Climate Change Model	CMIP5 (2013)	CMIP6 (2021)
Emission Scenario	RCP 8.5	SSP5 8.5

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Coastal Flooding: Storm Surge

Storm Surge	Province	MODL
Storm Surge Allowances	1m	1.63m
Reference Study	Richard and Daigle (2011)	Richard and Daigle (2011)
Precautionary Principle (Benchmark Storm Event)	No	Yes

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Coastal Flooding: High Higher Water Large Tide (HHWLT)

Province	MODL
1m	0.77m

Option 1 (Original Staff Recommendation)

That Municipal Council endorse the coastal flood risk elevation number of 3.97m (2013 CGVD) previously recommended by staff to calculate the MODL coastal flood map and the proposed coastal protection regulations and further, that Council conduct first reading on May 14, 2024.

Option 2 (Provincial Number)

That Municipal Council endorse the coastal flood risk elevation number of 3.2m (2013 CGVD) contained in the provincial flood hazard map as the basis for the MODL coastal flood risk map and regulations, and further, that Council conduct first reading on May 14, 2024.