

LUNENBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 AT 5:15 P.M.

(LUNENBURG TOWN HALL)

PRESENT: Mayor Rachel Bailey
Deputy Mayor Peter Mosher
Councillor Ronnie Bachman
Councillor Joseph Carnevale
Councillor Danny Croft
Councillor John McGee
Councillor Matt Risser

ALSO PRESENT: Marc Belliveau, Town Engineer
Jamie Burgess, Assistant Town Engineer
Ann Covey, Recording Secretary
Bea Renton, CAO
Peter Haughn, Deputy CAO

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. Agenda

Motion: moved by Deputy Mayor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Carnevale to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

2. August 22 and September 5, 2017 Council meeting minutes

Motion: moved by Deputy Mayor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Carnevale to approve the August 22, 2017 minutes. Motion carried. Councillor Carnevale voted in the negative.

Motion: moved by Councillor Carnevale, seconded by Councillor Croft September 5, 2017 minutes as circulated. Motion carried.

3. Public Hearings and Presentations

The Mayor welcomed Amy Wamboldt to the Town's employ. Ms. Wamboldt will assume the role of Deputy CAO when Peter Haughn retires later this month.

She said the Sunday, September 10, 2017 Fishermen's Memorial Service was a great success and thanked those involved in organization of the event.

The Canadian Fallen Firefighters' Memorial service was held in Ottawa on September 10, 2017. Lunenburg and District Firefighters were in attendance as former LDFD Firefighter Jeff Lilly's name was added to the monument.

(a) Robin Scott, Pamela Baltzer, Angela Saunders, Julie Lobb and Deborah Watering-Ellis - Tall Ships 2017 report

Angela Saunders, Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic, thanked Council for the Town's cooperation with organization of the Tall Ships event. She said a full report will be provided and will include a list of volunteers and contributors. She said participants were pleased with the Lunenburg leg of the Rendezvous. There were approximately 14,954 people in attendance.

Robin Scott, Town of Lunenburg, outlined the various emergency services departments, such as RCMP, REMO, EHS, etc. that worked together prior to and during the event to ensure safety for all involved. There were several food vendors set up at the waterfront to alleviate over crowding of local dining establishments. He said there was more parking and portable washrooms than required. He thanked Town staff for their support for set up and during the event.

Pamela Baltzer, Lunenburg Board of Trade, said a survey was carried out to assess impact of the Tall Ships event on local businesses. Economic results were mixed with a general feeling that more work needs to be done to encourage visitors to explore the Town, as well as encourage local residents to participate. The survey results were in favour of closing a larger number of streets during large events. She said visitors were seeking more printed information and commemorative posters. LBOT has started compiling a bank of images and video for use in future marketing and promotion with the intention of creating an open source library.

Julie Lobb, Lunenburg Board of Trade, said a contest for 100 Lunenburg Dollars generated 132,000 likes and shares on Facebook. The digital interactive information map was a huge success with the majority of views the day before the event. 42% of users were from USA, 47% from Canada. This system will continue to be used for future events.

Deborah Watering-Ellis, Lunenburg Folk Harbour Festival, spoke about the difference between competition and cooperation and how well organizers of the two large events worked together to create a fantastic venue for all involved. Folk Harbour Festival 2017 broke ticket sales and revenue records from previous years.

The Mayor thanked all involved for their efforts in coordination of the events.

(b) Alexander Grabowski, proposed Town of Lunenburg and Lüneburg, Germany, partnership

Mr. Grabowski circulated a pamphlet about Lüneburg and reviewed his presentation (Schedule "A").

He is looking for general interest from the Town of Lunenburg before pursuing the project further. Council has been provided with a list of ideas on what such a partnership could consist of, which they will consider and discuss.

- (c) Ivan Bishop, Project Manager, WSP Engineering, regarding Lincoln and Pelham Streets Infrastructure project update

Mr. Bishop, WSP, described the scope of the Lincoln and Pelham Streets project. He said the project is 75% complete despite the challenges of working in an older town and connecting new equipment to old. He thanked those present for their patience during this infrastructure improvement project, which is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Deputy Mayor Mosher said he has noticed several areas on the Brook Street project where water is pooling and may be in need of drainage. [The TE will follow up with CBCL to address this.](#)

4. Correspondence

- (a) Garden of Grace Proclamation and Town building lighting request

Paula Harmon, Garden of Grace founder, reviewed the request ([Schedule "B"](#)).

[Motion: moved by Councillor Carnevale, seconded by Councillor Risser to proclaim October 15th as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day as per the request of Garden of Grace \(Schedule "B"\). Motion carried.](#)

The following correspondence was circulated for information.

- (b) Second Story Women's Centre "Girl Talk" Summer Camp letter of thanks for the Town grant
- (c) Minister of Municipal Affairs letter of thanks for July 27, 2017 Council meeting

5. Committee meeting minutes and recommendations

The following minutes and reports were circulated for information.

- (a) South Shore Regional Library Board June 19 and 20, 2017 meeting minutes

The Mayor noted that Lit Fest is coming up on September 29 and 30.

- (b) Lunenburg Academy - Development Coordinator/Consultant July and August 2017 reports

6:35 p.m. - 6:47 p.m. recess.

6. Unfinished Business

(a) Electric Utility

(i) Bluenose Drive construction projects wire insulation

The Mayor reported that Electric Utility work was completed on Bluenose Drive in August to facilitate exterior repairs to commercial properties. Council is continuing to support Utility customers in their long term increased power requirements. The Town's Electric Utility Regulations approved by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board place the onus on private property owners to pay for and in some instances contract privately increased load and system changes such as underground power requirements. The Town is, nonetheless currently helping to coordinate these changes for the customers through external electrical contractors. It should be noted that given the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Irma, many private contract electric workers from this area are away dedicating their expertise on relief efforts in Florida.

(b) Public Works

(i) Infrastructure 2017/18 Lincoln, Pelham and Brook Streets water and wastewater mains project update

The ATE reviewed the report ([Schedule "C"](#)).

[Motion](#): moved by Councillor Croft, seconded by Councillor Carnevale that (1) parking and garbage pickup issued be addressed in future preconstruction notices; (2) regular progress reports and handouts be made the responsibility of the contractor on future projects; (3) the current policy of 48 hour notice for a planned disruption of water service by strictly adhered to; and (4) that progress reports posted on the Town Website every two weeks also be circulated to Council. [Motion carried](#).

(ii) June and July 2017 water and wastewater treatment test results

The TE reviewed the reports ([Schedule "D"](#)). In response to a question the TE said he does not believe that effluent water entering Lunenburg Harbour is causing high contamination levels and extensive further testing is ongoing to determine the cause(s). Representatives from the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment toured the WWTP to offer suggestions for process improvement. They had none.

(iii) Summer testing of Lunenburg Harbour water quality

The Mayor brought to Council's attention the September 1 PSA entitled "Town of Lunenburg Harbour Water Improvement Efforts" ([Schedule "E"](#)).

The TE said the Harbour water, although not legislated, has been and will continue to be tested every Wednesday for the rest of summer in an attempt to find correlation between weather or other events and contamination levels.

In response to a question the TE said there was concern expressed about the angle of the Broad Street Boat Launch. It was surveyed and is being corrected at some additional cost, as some of the work had to be redone.

7. New Business

(a) Corporate Services

- (i) Appointment of Councillor Risser to Planning Advisory, Lunenburg War Memorial Community Centre, General Government and Audit Committees

Motion: moved by Councillor Bachman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mosher to appoint Councillor Matt Risser to the Planning Advisory, Lunenburg War Memorial Community Centre, General Government and Audit Committees. Motion carried.

- (ii) UNSM "Interim Resolutions Report" and September 22 consultation session for feedback before UNSM annual conference

Council's input is being requested for the September 22 consultation session to consider issues to take to the Province (Schedule "F"). Mayor Bailey and Councillor Carnevale plan to attend the consultation session. A special 12:00 p.m. noon Council meeting in the interim may be in order to discuss the prioritization of issues.

- (iii) Proposed partnership of the Town of Lunenburg and Lüneburg, Germany

It was agreed to express interest to Mr. Grabowski in this partnership and hear suggestions about what it might consist of and where it may lead, noting that student exchanges with other countries have been successful in the past. Councillors McGee and Risser will meet to discuss this further and report back to Council at a future meeting.

(b) Protective Services

- (i) Lunenburg and District Fire Department request to withdraw donated funds from the Town/Fire Department Joint Account to purchase equipment for the LDFD fire/rescue boat

Motion: moved by Councillor McGee, seconded by Councillor Croft to approve LDFD's request to withdraw donated funds from the Town/Fire Department Joint Account to purchase equipment for the LDFD fire/rescue boat (Schedule "G"). Motion carried.

8. In camera meeting portion - *motion to meet in camera to consider the lease of municipal property and pursuant to Municipal Government Act, section 22.*

Motion: moved by Deputy Mayor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Carnevale to meet in camera to consider the lease of municipal property and legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege pursuant to Municipal Government Act, section 22. Motion carried.

7:52 p.m. - 8:52 p.m. - Council recessed to meet in camera.

9. Resumption of Council meeting in public session

Motion: moved by Deputy Mayor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Bachman that the lease of municipal property and legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege was considered at the in camera meeting pursuant to section 22, Municipal Government Act. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment

Motion: moved by Deputy Mayor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Bachman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Bea Renton, CAO for Ann Covey, Recording
Secretary