

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT: Mayor George R. Harding, Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Councillor Kent Balish, Councillor Cory Nickerson and Recording Secretary, June Harding**

**Councillor Dayle Eshelby arrived at 6:15 p.m.**

**1. Call to order**

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Harding at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Silence Electronic Devices**

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**01-13-20-01**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following additions under Other Business (a) Dog Park and (b) Date for Property Assessment (Dangerous & Unsightly Premises) Committee Meeting.**

**Motion Passed**

**4. Approval of minutes**

**01-13-20-02**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of December 9, 2019 be approved.**

**Motion Passed**

**5. "Open Mic"**

Becky Williams was present for "Open Mic" and spoke to Council about several issues that she considers important regarding the Town of Lockeport and are as follows:

1. The morale in the Town of Lockeport is very low and it is very difficult to motivate residents.
  2. There are still dilapidated properties in the Town that need to be addressed by Council.
  3. Potholes in the streets and unfit sidewalks.
  4. Trees hanging on electric wires on private properties causing power outages.
  5. Some residents seem to have no pride in their own properties.
  6. The section of the boardwalk torn up by Hurricane Dorian has not yet been fixed. Becky understands that it is covered under insurance but wonders why the Town has not fixed it and just recover the money when the insurance pays.
  7. The Trestle project has caused Becky some confusion and she feels the Town should be able to recover some money from what we paid the engineer that originally misjudged the cost of the project.
  8. The Future Proofing Lockeport Group continues to meet and has a meeting scheduled for January 14, 2020. Becky continues to encourage residents to participate.
- Becky thanked Council for their time and left the Meeting.

## 6. Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled for this evening.

## 7. Finance

- *List of Invoices already paid in the amount of \$96,224.87*

The list of invoices was reviewed with no questions arising.

- *Region 6 Solid Waste-Resource Management budget for 2020/2021 (Attached as Schedule "A")*

### 01-13-20-03

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Region 6 Inter-Municipal Committee Budget for 2020/2021 in the amount of \$833,272.00 be accepted as presented.**

**Motion Passed**

## 8. Other Business

- *Atlantic Fisheries Fund (AFF) request*

### 01-13-20-04

**It was duly moved and seconded that Brennan Goreham, Director of the Atlantic Fisheries Fund be contacted to schedule a presentation to Council at a 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month afternoon Council Meeting.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Notice: Police Act*

Mayor Harding reviewed the highlights of the notice of anticipated changes to the Police Regulations made under the Police Act.

- *Request from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne re: Accessibility Committee*

### 01-13-20-05

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council of the Town of Lockeport agree to work with the Municipality of the District of Shelburne in establishing a Joint Municipal Accessibility Committee to develop an Accessibility Plan for all the Municipal Units in Shelburne County. Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor and Councillor Balish would like to be members and participate on this Joint Committee.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Request from the Municipality of Barrington for a letter of support*

### 01-13-20-06

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council of the Town of Lockeport send a letter of support to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development asking them to provide a personal development credit to students who join a Volunteer Fire Department and complete the required training.**

**Motion Passed**

Council of the Town of Lockeport feel that a personal development credit would really benefit the Town of Lockeport students and the Fire department.

- *Fire Services Agreement (Revised) (Attached as Schedule "B")*

**01-13-20-07**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council of the Town of Lockeport approve the revised Fire Services Agreement as presented.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Committee appointments*
  - o *July 1<sup>st</sup> Committee*

**01-13-20-08**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor Nickerson be appointed as a member to the Recreation SubCommittee (July 1<sup>st</sup>).**

**Motion Passed**

- o *Roseway Manor Board*

**01-13-20-09**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor Cory Nickerson be appointed to represent the Town of Lockeport on the Roseway Manor Board along with Mayor George R. Harding and Councillor Dayle Eshelby.**

**Motion Passed**

- o *Change of Property Assessment Team (Dangerous & Unsightly Premises) name*

**01-13-20-10**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the name of the Property Assessment Team (Dangerous & Unsightly Premises) be changed to Property Condition Assessment Team (Dangerous & Unsightly Premises).**

**Motion Passed**

Councillors are happy with all other Committees that they serve on and do not wish to change.

- *NSFM Spring and Fall Conference Session topics request*

Mayor Harding encouraged Council to think of topics they would like discussed at the NSFM Conferences this year and it will be placed on the agenda for the January 27, 2020 Council Meeting.

Mayor Harding also encouraged Council members to think about one or more members of Council attending either the Spring or Fall Conference this year.

- *Dog Park*

Mayor Harding reported to Council that he has been approached by the dog owners in the Town of Lockeport who are looking for a fenced in area for their dogs to run free. Mayor Harding reviewed the history of the "Dogs in Town Owned Fenced Playing Fields" policy. Mayor Harding feels that we need a designated Dog Park in the Town of Lockeport and would like for Council to investigate cost and placement of such.

Suggestions for placement of a dog park included the corner of Beech and Howe Streets with the fence connected to the existing play park fence, the Anglican Church property on the corner of Beech and Hall Streets and Rood's Head Park. It was suggested that a Dog Park Committee be established and there should be meetings with the public regarding input for a Dog Park. The following motion was made:

**01-13-20-11**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council explore the possibility of creating a gated Dog Park in the Town of Lockeport.**

**Motion Passed**

Mayor Harding understands that tennis players have no concerns about dogs being present on the tennis court property for this off-season. Mayor Harding would like Council to make an exception to the "Dogs in Town Owned Fenced Playing Fields" policy for this winter season only so dogs would be allowed to be off-leash in the tennis court.

Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor questioned this decision as it relates to insurance liability. In 2016 this subject was discussed extensively and she feels there was an insurance liability issue with the Town's Insurance Company and asked if this decision could be postponed until the Council Meeting scheduled for January 27, 2020 when the Town Clerk/Treasurer will be present. Mayor Harding does not feel it is necessary to wait on this and he will research the liability issue. The following motion was made:

**01-13-20-12**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the tennis court temporarily, for this tennis off season only, be opened for use as a Dog friendly area while Council investigates the possibility of creating a proper Dog Park. MaryAnne Turner will oversee the proper care of the tennis court while it is in use as a Dog friendly area.**

**Motion Passed**

**In Favour: Councillor Balish**

**Councillor Nickerson**

**Councillor Eshelby**

**Against: Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor**

- *Date for Property Condition Assessment Team Meeting*

Council decided to set the date for a Property Condition Assessment Team Meeting for January 27, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

## **9. Council Reports**

- *Councillor Dayle Eshelby*
  - o *December 9, 2019 – Council Meeting - Lockeport*
  - o *December 13, 2019 – Tree Lighting - Lockeport*
- *Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor*
  - o *December 13, 2019 – Meeting with RCMP - Lockeport*
  - o *December 13, 2019 - Tree Lighting – Lockeport*
- *Councillor Kent Balish*
  - o *December 5, 2019 - Western Counties Regional Library - Yarmouth*
    - *Report attached as (Schedule "C")*
  - o *December 9, 2019 – Council Meeting - Lockeport*
  - o *December 17, 2019 - School Advisory Committee - Lockeport*
    - *Report attached as (Schedule "D")*

- *Councillor Cory Nickerson*
  - o *December 9, 2019 – Council Meeting - Lockeport*
  - o *December 13, 2019 – Tree Lighting – Lockeport*
  
- *Mayor Harding*
  - o *December 9, 2019 – Office Hours - Lockeport*
  - o *December 9, 2019 – Council Meeting - Lockeport*
  - o *December 10, 2019 – Office Hours - Lockeport*
  - o *December 11 – Interview on CBC Radio – Lockeport*
  - o *December 12, 2019 - Office Hours – Lockeport*
  - o *December 13, 2019 – Meeting with RCMP - Lockeport*
  - o *December 13, 2019 – Tree Lighting –Lockeport*
  - o *December 14, 2019 – Fire Department Christmas Dinner – Lockeport*
  - o *December 17, 2019 – Meeting with MODS – Lockeport*
  - o *December 17, 2019 – Office Hours – Lockeport*
  - o *December 18, 2019 – Roseway Manor Meeting – Shelburne*
  - o *December 19, 2019 – Office Hours – Lockeport*
  - o *December 23, 2019 – Roseway Manor Meeting – Shelburne*
  - o *December 23, 2019 – Office Work – Lockeport*
  - o *December 31, 2019 – Office Hours - Lockeport*

**10. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence this evening.

**11. Information Only**

- *Nova Scotia Power upgrading to smart meters*

**12. Date of next meeting**

- *Monday, January 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.*

**13. “In Camera”**

**14. Adjournment**

**01-13-20-11**

**There being no further business to discuss, it was duly moved and seconded that the Meeting be adjourned. Time 7:23 p.m.**

**Motion Passed**

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**George B. Harding,**  
**Mayor**

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**Joyce Young,**  
**Town Clerk/Treasurer**