

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT: MAYOR DARIAN HUSKILSON, DEPUTY MAYOR ALONZO TOWNSEND, COUNCILLOR ERROL LEIGH WILLIAMS, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY AND COUNCILLOR JOANN SWIMM**

**Call to order**

The Regular Council Meeting of Monday, January 14, 2013 was called to order by Mayor Huskilson at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

**01-14-13-01**

**The agenda was approved with the following additions under Other Business: Identifying motion movers and seconders, Expense reimbursements and Street Light outages.**

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of previous minutes**

- *Regular Council Meeting, Monday, December 10, 2012*

**01-14-13-02**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 10, 2012 be approved as distributed.**

**Motion Passed**

**Presentations** – There were no presentations this evening

**Recommendations from Other Committees**

- *Recreation Committee*

**01-14-13-03**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Recreation Committee, Frances Scott, Dayle Eshelby and Mabel Mayo be authorized to attend “Recreation Rising” being held at Cornwallis on January 30 and 31, 2013 at a registration cost of \$100 plus the mileage for one vehicle.**

**Motion Passed**

**01-14-13-04**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Recreation Committee, the Recreation Department be authorized to partner with the Municipality of the District of Shelburne on a “Take the Roof off Winter” campaign for the month of February at a cost of \$200.**

**Motion Passed**

**Finance**

- *Invoices already paid in the amount of \$188,544.82*

**01-14-13-05**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the invoices already paid in the amount of \$188,544.82 be approved as presented.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Wilderness Survival Guide Ad*

It was the consensus of Council that due to the fact that this ad campaign was not included in the current year budget, that it be given consideration during the 2013/2014 budget deliberations.

- *Tourism Projects*

Council had received a request from Suzy Atwood, Shelburne County Tourism Manager, for additional funding for the Town of Lockeport's share of project costs she has incurred.

**01-14-13-06**

**It was duly moved and seconded that \$590 be approved as the Town of Lockeport's share of costs associated with Tourism projects completed by the Shelburne County Tourism Manager.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Region 6 2013/2014 Budget*

**01-14-13-07**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the proposed Region 6 operating budget for the fiscal year 2013/2014 be approved as presented.**

**Motion Passed**

**Other Business**

- *Regional Economic Network Meeting*

An introductory meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 15 in Bridgewater regarding the proposed Regional Economic Networks. This is an opportunity to ask questions, identify concerns and opportunities and ways to move forward to promote economic development in our communities.

**01-14-13-08**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Mayor plus one additional person be approved to attend the Regional Economic Network meeting scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup> in Bridgewater.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Growth starts here*

Councillor Eshelby reported to Council that she had been asked to participate in the Growth Starts Here initiative involving the Community Business Development Corporation, Nova Scotia Community College, Municipality of the District of Shelburne, Southwest District Health Authority and the Shelburne and Area Chamber of Commerce as representing the Women's FishNet and the Town of Lockeport.

It was the consensus of Council that it is up to Councillor Eshelby to make a decision as to whether or not she will participate as a member of Women's FishNet. More information will be collected to allow Council to decide whether or not Council will be appointing someone to represent the Town of Lockeport in this Advisory Group. The Clerk/Treasurer will endeavour to collect the required information and will present it to the Committee of Whole on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

- *Shelburne County Senior Safety and Services*

Information was received pertaining to a new pilot project through Senior Services focusing on low income seniors. The project involves providing small inexpensive safety tools and resources that can eliminate or prevent many of the reasons why seniors need to leave their home, such as falls, theft, isolation, costly home renovations and house fires. The Clerk/Treasurer was directed to contact Shawna Symonds, the coordinator, to request posters and to determine what other methods are in place to get word out to qualifying individuals.

- *UNSM Appointments to Minister's Round Table on Environment & Sustainable Prosperity* – Information purposes only. If any Council member is interested in participating then they are to contact the UNSM directly.

- *Appointment to NS Building Advisory Committee*– Information purposes only. If any Council member is interested in participating then they are to contact the UNSM directly.

- *Western Counties Regional Library Project*

The Clerk/Treasurer has received information from Joann Head of the Western Counties Regional Library regarding a proposed project whereby signage will be placed along our walking trail. The signs would be of a story book nature with pictures and easy to read text. Council's approval is requested along with a letter of support for their project.

**01-14-13-09**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the implementation of the proposed story book project along the walking trail in Lockeport and that a letter of support be provided to the Western Counties Regional Library.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Request for Fence*

A request was received at the Town Office from Donna Crosby who resides in property owned by Robert Redding, next door to the Town's Cultural Park on North Street. The request was for Council to consider erecting a fence dividing the Town property from the Robert Redding property. The Clerk/Treasurer will contact Ms. Crosby to enquire as to why she has made this request.

- *Assessment Roll Report*

Assessment notices were sent out today, January 14, 2013 for the upcoming taxation year. Overall, there was an increase in taxable residential assessment of 3%, an increase in taxable commercial assessment of 1% and this is the first year for there being no Business Occupancy.

- *Feral Cats*

There are ongoing problems regarding feral cats in Lockeport. There has been an extensive amount of time spent debating what can be done to control this situation.

**01-14-13-10**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council form an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to find a solution regarding feral cats in Lockeport.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Town's Birthday Plans*

February 26, 2013 will mark the 106<sup>th</sup> birthday for the Town of Lockeport. It was decided that Council would like to honour Lockeport seniors who are ninety years and over. The Clerk/Treasurer will work with the Community Coordinator to put plans in place.

- *Identifying motion movers and seconders*

For the past three years it has been the practice to not identify who has moved and seconded motions put on the floor within the minutes, rather the motion reads "It was duly moved and seconded". This has created debate regarding whether or not this practice is to continue.

**01-14-13-11**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Williams that in future, all motions recorded will include the name of the individual moving and seconding the motion.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Expense reimbursements*

There were some concerns identified with regard to when expenses are paid to Council and staff as per the Travel policy of the Town of Lockeport. It was suggested that the wait for reimbursement is extensive to some individuals and the policy should be revisited.

**01-14-13-12**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Swimm that the Town of Lockeport's Travel Policy be amended to indicate that expenses incurred by Council and staff may be reimbursed within seven days.**

**Motion Passed**

*Pursuant to section 48 (1) of the Municipal Government Act, before a policy is passed, amended or repealed the Council shall be given at least seven days notice, therefore this motion is to be considered notification to Council and the policy amendment will be considered at the next Regular Council Meeting.*

- *Street Light outages.*

There have been several instances lately when we have experienced extensive delays in streetlights being repaired after the outages have been reported to Nova Scotia Power Inc. by Town Office staff. This practice has resulted in many phone calls to the Town Office complaining about this fact.

**01-14-13-13**

**It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Deputy Mayor Townsend that a letter be sent to Nova Scotia Power Inc. informing them of Council's dissatisfaction with the recent quality of service provided to the Town of Lockeport.**

**Motion Passed**

**Council Reports**

- Deputy Mayor Alonzo Townsend

- *Dave Levy Internet/Communications Meeting (Attached as schedule "A")*
- *Roseway Manor Finance Committee Report (Attached as schedule "B")*
- *Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation*
- Deputy Mayor Townsend gave a verbal report on the recent Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation meeting he attended. Some items discussed were:
  - Investments
  - Equipment Expenses
  - Final payment on Rehab Centre
  - Doctor scheduled to relocate here in August – will need additional equipment
  - Delays in renovation project for Medical Centre due to funding shortfall

- Councillor Eshelby
  - *Roseway Manor Board meeting Report (Attached as schedule "C")*
- Councillor Joann Swimm
  - *Shelburne County East RCMP Advisory Board Report (Attached as schedule "D")*

***Policing Priorities:***

1. Minimal visibility of RCMP in Community
2. Excessive speeding through Brighton
3. Increase interaction with schools needed
4. Excessive speed during shift changes at local employers
5. Continuity of RCMP members

**Correspondence**

**01-14-13-14**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Williams that Council approve acceptance of the correspondence.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Letter from Don Hill re: Residential Speeds*
- *Letter from Drs. O'Sullivan & Keeler re: Medical Clinic Funding*

**01-14-13-15**

**It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Eshelby that Mayor Huskilson compile a letter to the Minister of Health encouraging the Province to work with the Shelburne area in securing funding to allow for the completion of the required renovations to the Shelburne Medical Clinic. This letter is to be reviewed and approved by Council before it is sent out.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Letter from Premier Darrell Dexter re: Provincial Projects*
- *Letter of Appreciation from June Harding-Scott*

**Date of next meeting**

- *Regular Council Meeting - Monday, February 11, 2013*

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Time 9:53 p.m.

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**Darian Huskilson,  
Mayor**

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**Joyce Young,  
Town Clerk/Treasurer**