

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

PRESENT: MAYOR GEORGE R. HARDING, DEPUTY MAYOR JOANN SWIMM, COUNCILLOR DAWN DEMINGS-TAYLOR, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY, COUNCILLOR KENT BALISH AND RECORDING SECRETARY, JUNE HARDING

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

01-14-19-01

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Under Other Business: (1) Tiles made by Wendy Harris and Eva Romanczak and (2) Unfinished Dugout.

Motion Passed

4. Approval of previous minutes

- *Regular Council Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2018*

01-14-19-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of December 10, 2018 be approved.

Motion Passed

5. Open Mic

- ½ hour Maximum time allowed
- Each person is allowed a maximum of 5 minutes
- The individual is to speak directly to Council
- There will be no interaction by Council at this time
- If questions are posed by residents, the question will be recorded to be researched

6. Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled for this evening.

7. Finance

- *Mileage and reimbursement claim from June 5 – November 29, 2018 for Frances Scott in the amount of \$649.51*

Considering the amount of time that this claim covers it was decided that Mayor Harding will remind Frances of the terms of the Travel Policy.

01-14-19-03

It was duly moved and seconded that the mileage and reimbursement claim covering the period June 5 – November 29, 2018 for Frances Scott in the amount of \$649.51, be approved and paid.

Motion Passed

- *Bank transfers required*

01-14-19-04

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town Clerk be authorized to transfer \$94.67 from the Town’s Tax Sale Surplus account to the General Operating Account.

Motion Passed

01-14-19-05

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town Clerk be authorized to transfer \$6387.35 from the Town’s Operating Account to a Tax Sale Surplus Account (2018 Tax Sale).

Motion Passed

- *Two quotes for Asphalt Paving at the Lockeport Elementary School*

The reason these quotes came to the Town of Lockeport is because this subject was brought up at the recent public Meeting held by the Town. Andy Stuart is attempting to find avenues of funding for repairs to the basketball court at the Lockeport Elementary School so gave Mayor Harding copies of the quotes. The discussion included the fact that although the Town of Lockeport owns the schools they are being leased by the Tri County Regional Centre for Education and the agreement states that they are responsible for any maintenance to the schools and grounds. The following motion was made:

01-14-19-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Harding write a letter to Andy Stuart reminding him that any maintenance work needing to be done to the Schools or School property is the responsibility of the Tri County Regional Centre for Education.

Motion Passed

Councillor Eshelby expressed concern that the Town does not have money to help out in these situations. It was decided that Council members will give some thought to budget items and the things the Town would like to be able to help out with. Prioritizing budget items will be discussed as well.

8. Recommendations from Other Committees

There are no recommendations from other Committees.

9. Other Business

- Civic Numbers

Mayor Harding reported that he has been approached by citizens of the Town regarding houses that have no civic numbers posted.

The Town of Lockeport recently developed a Civic Numbering By-Law so it was suggested that Mayor Harding add civic numbering to his Spring Newsletter as a reminder to people to post their numbers. It has become a huge concern to First Responders when there is no civic number posted.

If this does not work we may want to think about using one of our summer staff to go around the Town to find out who is missing their civic numbers and compile a list. Council will then take it from there.

- Begin process to make Committee of the Whole Meeting a Council

There was a discussion regarding Council's wish to have the Committee of the Whole Meeting become a second Council Meeting so there will be no wait for motions to be passed. The following motion was made:

01-14-19-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Council move ahead with researching the feasibility of making the Committee of the Whole Meeting into a second Council Meeting every month.

Motion Passed

- No Overnight Parking signs

Mayor Harding would like to see the "No Overnight Parking" and "No Overnight Camping" signs removed and replaced with more positive and inviting signage. One suggestion for new signage was "We value our Children, Please Drive Carefully".

We want to make visitors feel welcome in our Town. Trash receptacles would have to be placed in areas where people would stay overnight and regularly emptied. The following motion was made:

01-14-19-08

It was duly moved and seconded that any “No Overnight Parking” and “No Overnight Camping” signs in the Town of Lockeport be removed and look to replace them with more positive signs in the future.

Motion Passed

- *Tiles made by Wendy Harris and Eva Romanczak*

Council are all aware that Wendy and Eva painted seashells and gave them away to visitors during the 2018 tourist season. Mayor Harding showed maps where the seashells ended up all over the world.

Mayor Harding showed samples of tiles with scenic Lockeport photos made by Wendy and Eva. Council were very impressed with the work.

These ladies would like to have these tiles for sale this summer at the Crescent Beach Centre with part of the profit going as a donation to the Beach Centre.

It was decided that this discussion should continue at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 28, 2019.

- *Unfinished Dugout*

Councillor DeMings-Taylor reported that she has been approached by residents of the Town who are concerned about the state of the dugout that was started to be rebuilt last year and is still not finished. Council agreed that Councillor DeMings-Taylor should take it to the next Recreation Committee Meeting to find out the status of the Dugout.

At this time Mayor Harding suggested that he write a letter from Council to Bernadette Jordan before we meet with her in February to inquire as to the status of the erosion problem on South Street in Lockeport. This issue was brought to Ms. Jordan’s attention at our last meeting with her.

Mayor Harding has also had contact with a Councillor from another Municipality who he has discussed other vulnerable sites in Lockeport with. Mayor Harding took this gentleman around Town and he took photos of some of the vulnerable areas. This Councillor is a member of a Committee working on Sea Level Rise and will be travelling to Ottawa soon and will bring these concerns forward at that time.

Councillor Eshelby reminded Council about the upcoming session on February 6, 2019 being presented by the Centre for Local Prosperity and asked that they all attend.

10. For Information

- *Canadian-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board Update*

11. Council Reports

- *Councillor Eshelby*
- *Councillor DeMings-Taylor*

- *Councillor Balish*
- *Deputy Mayor Swimm*
- *Mayor Harding*

12. Correspondence

01-14-19-09

It was duly moved and seconded that the correspondence be accepted.

Motion Passed

- *Response to Mayor Karen Mattatall's letter from the Honourable Kelliann Dean, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs*
- *Response to Mayor Harding's letter from the Honourable Chuck Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs*

13. Date of next meeting

- *Monday, February 11, 2019*

14. "In Camera"

15. Adjournment

01-14-19-10

There being no further business to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned.

Time 7:25 p.m.

Motion Passed

**George R. Harding,
Mayor**

**June Harding,
Recording Secretary**