

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2020
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Mayor George R. Harding, Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Councillor Kent Balish, Councillor Cory Nickerson, Town Clerk/Treasurer - Joyce Young and Recording Secretary – June Harding
Councillor Dayle Eshelby arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Also in attendance was Constable Calvin Wells from the Shelburne RCMP Detachment

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

02-10-20-01

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.
Motion Passed

4. Approval of minutes

- *Regular Council Minutes from January 27, 2020*

02-10-20-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of January 27, 2020 be approved.
Motion Passed

- *Emergency Council Minutes from January 28, 2020*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer read the Emergency Minutes aloud and the following motion was made:

02-10-20-03

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from the Emergency Council Meeting of January 28, 2020 be approved.
Motion Passed

5. “Open Mic”

There were several residents of the Town present in the gallery this evening and are as follows: Del and Darlene MacIntosh, Calvert and Rosemary Mullins and Chris Morash.

These residents all live in close proximity to the intersection of Hall and Beech Streets and the Irving Oil vacant lot on that corner. They expressed concerns regarding the ongoing actions of several young people who have been hanging out at this location for some time now.

The citizens group raised concerns, stating that the young people have not just been sitting in their vehicles but have been creating a great amount of noise by speeding, blaring music, spinning tires and doing burnouts and donuts in the middle of the road and in the fire hall Parking lot. The past two weeks have been the worst yet.

In addition to the above, there has been damage reportedly done to these resident's properties (Trailer Lights being smashed/Rocks damaging siding on house) and they have become afraid to leave their properties to go anywhere for fear of repercussion to their properties. The citizens group stated that they feel they are being harassed and they are feeling victimized and intimidated and are even afraid to go out for a walk.

It was suggested that if the camera was fixed that is on the Lighthouse stage building this may help capture film for the RCMP to use as evidence to help in this situation. These residents just want to live in peace and be able to enjoy their homes.

Constable Wells addressed the concerned citizens and informed them that the RCMP cannot enforce Town By-Laws unless the Town of Lockeport writes a formal request for legislation from the Department of Justice for them to do so.

Constable Wells suggested that they could use video/photos of license plates, etc.

Constable Wells stated that to report harassment they would need a victim statement and the property damage would need proof to press charges. As far as the "No Loitering" signs go, they are parking in a marked zone so this can be enforced.

The Town Clerk/Treasurer related a story from when a former Sergeant was at the helm of the Shelburne Detachment and he was able to have a young person's license revoked for some of the same actions as we are seeing now after he received enough complaints about said actions.

Town resident, Allan Iannone, had arrived half way through the Meeting and suggested that the gymnasium at the High School should be opened up to the teenagers in the evenings and this may help alleviate some of the current problems.

Mayor Harding thanked Constable Wells for attending and he left the Meeting.

6. Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled for this evening.

7. Finance

- *List of Invoices already paid in the amount of \$50,555.15*

The list of bills was reviewed with no questions arising.

- *Motion to make application for ACOA Funding*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer explained that we now have the option to apply for funding to use toward the Trestle Trail Remediation Project through ACOA. If approved, this would greatly benefit the Town, providing additional funding. A motion of Council is required to proceed with application.

02-10-20-04

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve moving forward with making application for ACOA Funding to help with the Trestle Trail Remediation Project.
Motion Passed**

8. Other Business

- *Invitation to Joint Council Meeting from Town of Shelburne*

02-10-20-05

It was duly moved and seconded that as requested by the Town of Shelburne, due to their financial situation, Council of the Town of Lockeport agrees to re-engage in dialogue with the Town of Shelburne, the Municipality of the District of Shelburne and the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the topic of possible consolidation.

Motion Passed Unanimously

- *Public Washrooms during off season*

There was a short discussion regarding the lack of availability of washroom facilities throughout the Town during the winter months.

It was decided that this item will be put forward to the February 24, 2020 Council Meeting so Council will have some time to ponder the issue and possibly think of some solutions.

- *Order of Nova Scotia*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer briefly reviewed the criteria for this award.

9. Council Reports

- *Councillor Dayle Eshelby*
 - o *January 13, 2020 – Council Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 20, 2020 – Recreation Committee Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 21, 2020 – Roseway Manor Board Meeting (Shelburne)*
 - o *January 27, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 28, 2020 – Emergency Council Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 28, 2020 – Roseway Manor Board meeting (Shelburne)*
 - o *January 29, 2020 – Roseway Manor Tour (Shelburne)*
- *Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor*
 - o *January 13, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 20, 2020 – Recreation Committee Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 24, 2020 – Nova Scotia Health Authority Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 27, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 27, 2020 – Property Condition Assessment Team Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 28, 2020 – Emergency Council Meeting (Lockeport)*
- *Councillor Kent Balish*
 - o *January 13, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 14, 2020 – Future Proofing Lockeport (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 27, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 29, 2020 – Aquatic Centre Feasibility Group (Lockeport)*
- *Councillor Cory Nickerson*
 - o *January 13, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 16, 2020 – July 1st Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 21, 2020 – Roseway Manor Board Meeting (Shelburne)*
 - o *January 27, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - o *January 28, 2020 – Roseway Manor Board Meeting (Shelburne)*

- *Mayor Harding*
 - *January 6, 2020 – Meeting at Roseway Manor (Shelburne)*
 - *January 6, 2020 – Interview with CBC (Lockeport)*
 - *January 7, 2020 – Office Hours (Lockeport)*
 - *January 8, 2020 – Meeting at Roseway Manor (Shelburne)*
 - *January 9, 2020 – Office Hours (Lockeport)*
 - *January 13, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - *January 14, 2020 – Office Hours (Lockeport)*
 - *January 15, 2020 – Meeting at Roseway Manor – (Shelburne)*
 - *January 16, 2020 – Office Hours (Lockeport)*
 - *January 17, 2020 – Dept. Of Health & Wellness Teleconference (Lockeport)*
 - *January 20, 2020 – Meeting at Roseway Manor – (Shelburne)*
 - *January 21, 2020 – Meeting with Department of Health & Wellness and Nova Scotia Health Authority (Shelburne)*
 - *January 21, 2020 – Roseway Manor Board meeting (Shelburne)*
 - *January 22, 2020 – Meeting at Roseway Manor (Shelburne)*
 - *January 23, 2020 – Meeting at Roseway Manor (Shelburne)*
 - *January 24, 2020 – Nova Scotia Health Authority Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - *January 27, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting – (Lockeport)*
 - *January 27, 2020 - Property Condition Assessment Team Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - *January 28, 2020 – Office Work (Lockeport)*
 - *January 28, 2020 – Emergency Council Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - *January 28, 2020 – Roseway Manor Board Meeting (Shelburne)*
 - *January 29, 2020 – Meeting at Roseway Manor (Shelburne)*
 - *January 29, 2020 – Aquatic Centre Information Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - *January 30, 2020 – Office Hours (Lockeport)*
 - *January 31, 2020 – Roseway Manor Tour with MLSs and Deputy Minister of Health (Shelburne)*

10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence this evening.

11. Information Only

- *Restaurant Accessibility Requirements*

It was noted that it will be difficult both structurally and financially for many small businesses that fall under the guidelines of the Food Safety Regulations.

- *Municipal Minimum Planning Requirements*

Councillor Eshelby suggested that Council should perhaps schedule a working session to address the components of Bill 58 regarding minimum Planning Requirements.

Council will schedule a working session regarding Bill 58 in the Spring of 2020.

12. Date of next meeting

- *Monday, February 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.*

13. “In Camera”

There were no items for “In Camera” this evening.

14. Adjournment

02-10-20-06

**There being no further business to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned.
Time 7:00 p.m.**

Motion Passed

**George R. Harding,
Mayor**

**Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**